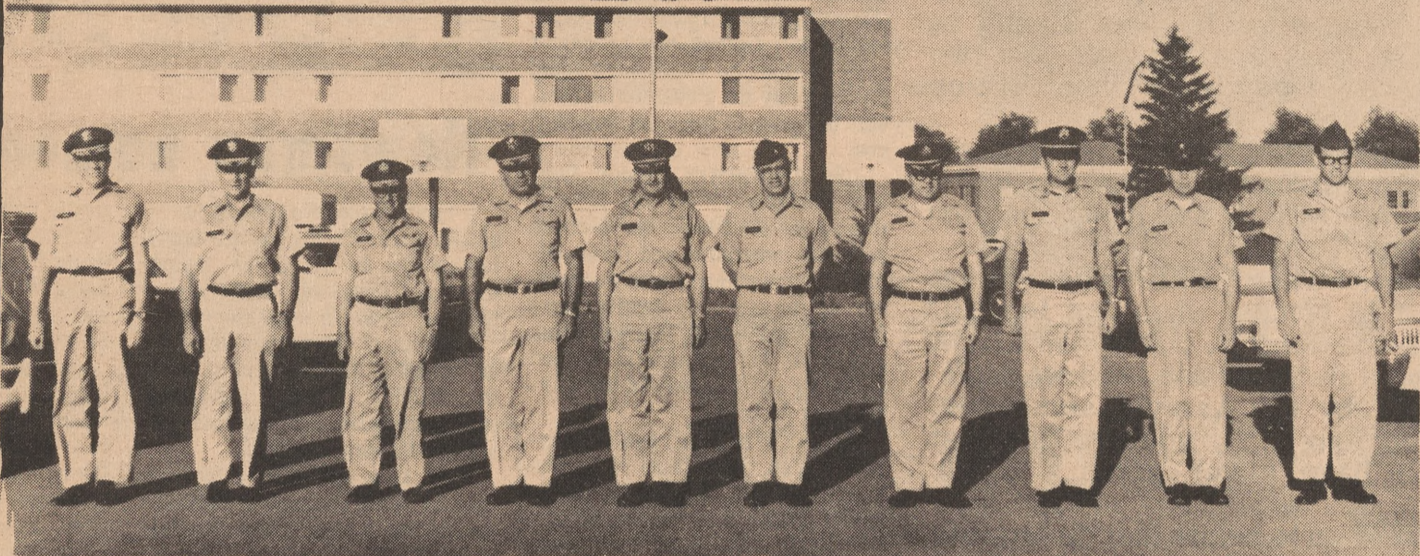


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In Wingfield Park

Parents watch as kids roused

By LEE HARLAN

"Mommy, there isn't anything wrong with sitting together, is there?" the pretty little 13-year-old girl wanted to know.

But how could the mother answer her now? She had just watched helplessly as the Reno policemen roused her daughter and some of her young friends for sitting together in a small group in Wingfield Park.

It was a hot Saturday, July 26, and Rosemarie O'Carr, her mother Inga and little brother Jamie were spending the afternoon in the park with another family and friends.

As people do in parks, they were sitting around in little groups. With the O'Carr family were Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Rucilez, 1030 Gentry Way, their sons David Lynn, 17, and Jess, 16, a girl friend, Julie Hankins, 18, visiting the family from Santa Cruz, and a Reno friend, Roger Turner, 15.

There were other groups in the park too, sitting in threes and fours, young people, neat, orderly and quiet. They were all subject to the same experience.

Both families have recently moved to Reno from California, the O'Carrs from Marina and the Rucilez family from Santa Cruz. This was their first experience with Reno police hospitality. They didn't like it.

Rosemarie related after the incident that she had been sitting

with David Rucilez and a couple of other youngsters when they were approached by the police.

"They had been around the park quite a few times during the afternoon. I guess they came up to us because we were in a group." Coincidentally, David, a bandleader, has long hair.

In addition to asking for names, addresses and ages, the police were curious as to why they were in the park: "They asked us if we didn't have air conditioning at home, and things like that.

"Then they told us to move, not to hang around in a group," the girl said. "They don't leave anyone alone."

Jess Rucilez said when he and Julie Hankins saw what was happening they walked over and met with the same caustic reception. Jess, also a member of the rock band, has shoulder-length hair.

Julie said one of the policemen greeted them with the remark, "Can you tell which is which?" to his partner. Then came the crucial question of the young couple, "Do you have a permit to breathe city air?"

Jess said because he didn't have any identification on him (it was in the car), they were threatened with arrest. Then the police pronounced that, "This time it (staying out of jail) is free. But the next time we take you in. Don't hang around."

Jess said there had been as

many as five police units around the park at one time during the afternoon. Now, towards evening, there were just two policemen. They had left their paddy wagon parked in the curbside traffic lane of busy Arlington Avenue and were now walking from group to group, checking identification cards, asking questions. As the people thinned out, they left.

J.R. Rucilez and the others by the tennis courts, watched the action as they talked.

There were comments of irritation and outright resentment from other people gathered around

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The University of Nevada campus took on the appearance of an army post two weeks ago when the Sixth U.S. Army made Reno the site for a summer extension course in tactics.

More than 800 Army Reserve and National Guard officers and enlisted men will have invaded the campus in three successive two-week assaults through August 30. An average of 275 soldiers will camp at Nye and Lincoln Halls during each session.

An Army spokesman said the university was chosen for the program because of the excellence of its academic facilities and dormitories, its long and harmonious relationship with the military and the ROTC program, as well as for its central location in the Sixth Army area.

The first two week session was attended by officers from the Presidio in San Francisco, Calif. Currently studying is a group from Boise, Idaho; they will be followed

by officers from the Spokane, Wash. area.

Bob Kersey, director of Auxiliary Enterprises, said the training courses are centered around "setting up occupational governments in devastated areas." He said Col. Robert Gunlach, former commandant of cadets at Nevada (ROTC), was instrumental in bringing the extension of the Army's Command and General Staff College to Nevada for the summer.

A college campus was chosen, said Kersey, because it was deemed more conducive to study. As far as he knows, there was no apprehension on the part of the administration in bringing in the Army. Nevada is a peaceful school. "Obviously, they're not going to pick Berkeley," he said.

A few students expressed dismay, however. "It's a little unnerving," said one, "to look up the street and see them in 10 abreast. They're all over the place."



RENOVATION—Youths create rock sculptures in Truckee River next to Wingfield Park.

Small step, giant leap?

Recent reports of police harassment of young people in and around a downtown park don't even begin to match the purge which took place last summer, but they are just as disturbing. (See story, page one.)

While the official line out of the police department this summer appears more conciliatory (see story, page three), there are apparently a few disgruntled cops still waving the big stick.

While Capt. Frank Better has organized encounter-group meetings between members of his force and students, and also with black youths in neighborhoods where there have been minor incidents tagged "racial," his approach apparently does not have the wholehearted support of the boys in blue.

Consider another incident, related to us by a student at this university. He was sitting in Wingfield Park a week ago Sunday with two friends. All have longer hair than Elmer Briscoe.

They were approached by two policemen, one of whom is a former university policeman, and told, "get out of the park; the next time you go to jail."

Said the student: "They questioned me about my hair (which is almost shoulder length). One said, 'It is too long . . . we don't have long-haired people in this state, and we don't want them . . . by the Army's standards, your hair is too long . . . you are the first long-hair that I have never given a ticket to.'"

The student went on to relate that three girls sitting together across the park were also approached for identification cards and asked to leave. The men left the park, "to avoid arrest."

"The winos slept through it all," the students said. He asked why drunks were allowed to snooze in the park without harassment.

Police Chief Briscoe has made his position clear (hippies are garbage). He doesn't want an undesirable element in his town. But a police facelifting is going on at the moment and massive arrests and haircut orgies have been curtailed this year. What seems to be happening is that a few policemen are taking it on themselves, knowing they will not be disapproved of by their chief, to apply selective harassment when and where they can.

This type of harassment goes on unchecked and unreported. The downtown newspapers don't bother to cover the action; the community at large looks on, occasionally, with overwhelming apathy; the American Legion, among others, points with pride to our quiet city and prepares no doubt another banquet and another medal for the stalwart defender of community morality.

There are basic questions of civil liberties here that are unanswered. Why are no voices raised in protest? Why are the police allowed to enforce moral codes no one really subscribes to any longer? What is the role of the police, anyway?

These are questions that could be raised at the next encounter session between students and police, scheduled for Friday (at the Center for Religion and Life, 7:30 p.m.), but so far haven't, or at least haven't been answered.

For the police to attempt to establish and enforce moral codes at a time when the values of a society are changing so rapidly as to be beyond recognition is a dangerous trend. For out of the muddle could come a police state, creating "order" out of apparent chaos.

Critics will now scoff and say we are a long way from becoming a police state. Perhaps. But a few years ago we were a long way from the moon. Each related incident may be one small step for fascism, and a giant leap (backward) for mankind.

Kennedy accident

Students show mixed reaction

Edward Kennedy announced last week he will remain as the U.S. Senator from Massachusetts for the remainder of his term and seek re-election in 1970. He emphatically stated that he will not seek the 1972 Presidential nomination of the Democratic Party.

Sagebrush staffer GEOFF DORNAN asked students around campus if their opinions of Kennedy were changed by the fatal accident.

GEORGE GOMEZ, senior, history major: "I thought a lot more of the guy before. I don't think his explanation was a complete explanation. I don't think he told the whole story. I think he's holding back." Gomez said he wasn't sure whether he would have voted for Kennedy for President before, but that he is sure he wouldn't now.

JIM ANDERSON, senior, English literature: "I'd say it reinforced it. It showed me a cross between indecision and irresponsibility." Anderson said his opinion of the Kennedy family came from what he had learned about some of the "financial deals" made by Joe Kennedy in the thirties and forties.

KATHY WARNER, senior, English: "Yes, I had sort of an illusion about him, the family." When asked if she would vote for him for President, she said "not right now. Maybe he can redeem himself."

JAMES WOOD, sophomore, anthropology: "yes. He'd make a bad president because a lot of people wouldn't trust him." He said he liked Robert Kennedy, but not Ted because of several things he had heard, going back to the time Ted Kennedy was caught cheating at Harvard. He added that before the accident, he liked him "for the reason, of course, he was a Kennedy."

NANCY REY, graduated with a degree in languages: "If he could wait all that time before reporting the accident, how would he react as president. I think he was afraid for his career."

GLEN BATES, grad student, physics: "It raised some doubts as to his suitability (to be president). It's kind of hard to tell how he would react as a president." He said, however, that any morality involved "has no bearing as far as I'm concerned."

GARY LEE, grad student, chemistry: "I don't think it changed my opinion of him as a politician at all. The only question

I have is whether he lost his head or not."

MIKE LINDELL, junior, political science: "If he did have any chances for the presidency, they're shot. I wouldn't have voted for him (before)." He said his opinion wasn't changed much because it wasn't that high before.

LARRY FRANK, junior, business administration: "It didn't change my political opinion of Kennedy. It has weakened him slightly politically."

DIANE BRIGNAND, graduated with a degree in elementary education: "I think his politics are separated from his private life. I like their (the Kennedy family's) ideas, their politics." She said whether she would vote for him

for president would depend on what the investigation into the accident discovered.

CLAIRE BLACK, senior, education-history: He said he wrote a letter to the senator last week asking him not to resign from the senate. "I believe in the liberal elements in the senate and he's a very influential voice in that area. It's a pretty bad situation. I don't think it has any appreciable affect on his ability as a senator."

ALICE PLANT, senior, social psychology: "Basically no." She said she thinks the accident might have been planned in an attempt to put him in "a bad light" by the CIA.

Newsman named prof

A newsman with a broad professional and academic background is joining the faculty of the Department of Journalism, University of Nevada, Reno, in September.

William C. Metz, now teaching at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., will be handling reporting, photojournalism, journalism ethics and history courses.

Metz is a graduate of the University of the Redlands, and holds the master's degree from the University of California at Los Angeles. In addition, he has done doctoral work at the University of Wisconsin.

The former publisher of the Pismo Times and Grover City Press in California has held nearly every editorial position on newspapers during his 15 years of professional experience.

Metz was associated with the Honolulu Star-Bulletin for nine years. He covered all phases of Honolulu city government as a reporter and later was copy editor, sports editor, and news editor of the Star-Bulletin.

In his work with other Cali-

fornia newspapers, Metz was city editor and sports editor of the Santa Paula Daily Chronicle, managing editor of the Hemet News, and copy editor of the Santa Monica Evening Outlook.

During his eight years at Bradley, Metz served a term as journalism department chairman. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, the national professional journalism society, Illinois Valley Press Club, Association for Education in Journalism, and Kappa Tau Alpha, national honorary journalism society.

Students complete trip

Sixteen students of the Mackay School of Mines, University of Nevada, have returned from an extraordinary summer field course, involving study of the complex geology of the Owens Valley and its adjacent mountain ranges in California, and the presence of two women.

Probably the most unusual feature of the traditionally all-male summer field camp was the inclusion this year of the two women students, both geology majors, who shared the hardships and responsibilities of the camp along with the men. The two girls, Maren Teilman, 21, of San Francisco and Margaret Johns, 20, of Las Vegas, are the first women to participate in a summer field camp in Mackay School of Mines history.

Under the direction of Dr. David B. Slemmons, Chairman of the Department of Geology-Geography at the Nevada mineral college, the student group was assigned professional-level projects in the hopes of helping to unravel some of the geologic problems of the region. After a month and a half of intensive field work, the students returned this week bringing with them data and maps that provide new information on one of the most geologically challenging areas in the western United States.

Heavily faulted, the Owens Valley lies between the snow-capped timbered Sierra on the west and the hot, barren Inyo Mountains on the east. Stratigraphy of the area ranges from plutonic rocks of probably Triassic Age (about 200 million years) in the Sierra to highly intruded metavolcanics in the adjacent Alabama Hills and complexly faulted sedimentary sequences of up to Cambrian Age (some 600 million years) in the Inyos.

The Mackay School of Mines base camp was located on Tuttle Creek at the foot of Mount Whitney.

Baring calls for halt to flow of pornography

Rep. Walter S. Baring, in an effort to put an end to the flow of pornographic literature into the homes of American citizens, introduced a bill today to require the sender to pay double postage when the unsolicited literature is returned by individuals who did not request them.

Rep. Baring said, "The exorbitant rise in the amount of pornographic material being sent to Nevada homes, which is being forwarded to me with complaints from my constituents, is appalling to me. It reaches both adults and our youth. While the amount of this literature has increased sharply, the derogatory nature of the contents of these brochures is increasing also. This is disgusting and especially degrading to the morals of our young people. The action called for in my bill must be taken to control the wanton distribution of this material."

Baring's bill would provide for the Postmaster General to return to the sender pandering advertisements refused by the addressee. The sender would pay the charge of the cost of the return of such pornographic advertisements plus an additional charge determined by the Postmaster General.

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Kersey: drinking hard to stop

Director of Auxiliary Enterprises Bob Kersey said Sunday in spite of a university policy prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus, enforcement is difficult during the summer because of the completely different make-up of the student body.

He said his office has received few complaints about reported drinking in Nye Hall by justices attending the first session of the College of State Trial Judges. He said he "had heard about" a going-away party the group threw that lasted until early morning, and referred the matter to Laurance Hyde, dean of the college.

Kersey said self-enforcement is the watchword during the summer; complaints are usually sent on to the appropriate instructor of dean.

"Trial Judges, workshops, and such are almost all composed of older people," Kersey said. "There's a tremendous mix of people. Generally speaking, there is absolutely no trouble."

Kersey said he saw some hypocrisy in the situation. "There are some students who get caught under these rules," he said. "But there is also a tremendous number of students drinking during the regular school year. I get reports

all year about the number of bottles coming down in the trash. And what about the fraternities? The same rules supposedly apply to the College Inn and the married students housing. The rule is broken all the time. Everybody turns their heads.

"What this points up to is that sometime in the foreseeable future, there's got to be a change of policy. Responsible students will just have to take it by the horns and push for a solution. There has already been some effort in this direction."

Kersey referred to Dean of Students Sam Basta's proposal last spring that the policy be changed to allow students over the age of 21 to drink on campus, provided adequate controls were maintained to see that younger students were not allowed the same access. Realizing the problems inherent in such a system, Basta also made a plea to the state legislature to consider lowering the drinking age to 18 in Nevada. He asked that the university get behind such legislation.

Basta also proposed a campus pub, to be located, perhaps, in the student union. Then the prohibitive policy was brought up and the matter apparently dropped.

Kersey said he had heard from a source that a resident assistant in Nye Hall had threatened to call in the police the next time his studies were interrupted by a party in Nye Hall. He said such an incident would "be unfortunate if it happened, but the student would be within his rights, and I wouldn't blame him."

Kersey said once the complaint was passed on to a dean or instructor there wasn't much his office could do.

Dean Hyde could not be reached for comment at press time.

Pictured at right is Kerry "Fireball" Cartier, zooming down the stretch Saturday during an exhibition race at the Carson Speedway which featured local newsmen.

Representing the SAGEBRUSH, Cartier leads briefly in this photo.

Two laps later he spun out of control. Grayson Harmon of the Carson Appeal won.

'Fireball' took fourth, encased in \$99 worth of flying steel.



Police attend riot seminar on U.N. campus

A seminar for policemen, "Problems of Civil Disturbances," is being held on the University of Nevada. It was organized by University Police Chief Bob Malone and Vince Swinney, coordinator of law enforcement training at Stead after discussion in several meetings of the Washoe County Public Safety Coordinating Committee.

Its purpose, according to Malone, is to learn about the problems police have in civil disturbances and help reduce or eliminate them in the Reno area, to

learn from those who have learned the hard way.

The series of four weekly meetings started July 23 with Ted Von Minden, deputy chief of the LA County sheriff's office speaking on organizing and using the patrol force in the case of a disturbance. It was a lecture by a cop for cops — both technical and detailed. He discussed the problems the LA sheriff's office had and handled during the Watts riots: communication, supply, moving men and materials and leadership. The second lecture was given

by Larry Waddington, deputy district attorney for LA County. He spoke on the legal aspects of civil disturbances, a more understandable topic for a layman.

More meetings set

Police and students met for the second time on July 25 and went away understanding each other a little better.

About 40, including eight policemen, attended the meeting in the Center for Religion and Life coffee house.

The discussion rambled over many topics, but centered on two main areas; the difference in values between students and others, particularly police; and respect for law.

Inspector Jim Johns of the Reno police said he would have given anything to be able to go to college, after a student said "Quite a few people think that piece of paper is worth nothing."

They seemed to agree that many of those in college don't take full advantage of it: "People are scratching the surface and calling it an education."

They disagreed on whether a law should be obeyed because it is a law.

The police maintained even a bad law should be obeyed until it can be changed. The students disagreed loudly.

The students said they disagree with laws that "really don't have any victims."

Both cited the marijuana laws as examples. The police asked why the emphasis on marijuana laws and someone replied, "Pot has become a symbol of something."

As before, nothing concrete was accomplished, but both students and police said the meeting was a success and so they scheduled another for August 8.

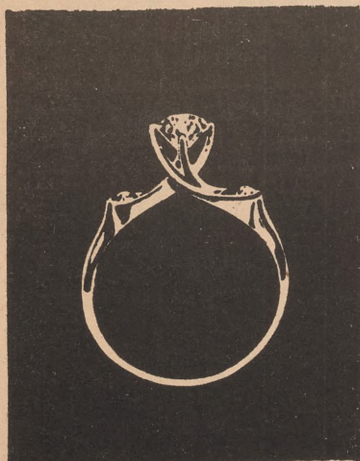
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at what they considered "unprovoked police harassment."

Rucilez said he interceded in behalf of his sons and the other youngsters that were being questioned.

"When I asked one of the policemen what was wrong, he said 'Nothing was wrong.' But then he told them to split.

"Never before in my life have I seen kids harassed for no reason at all. Here, we come to this park and see this — we can't even sit in this park.

"Where else can I take my kids on a Saturday afternoon . . . what could be better for them than the park?" His tone was one of disbelief at what he had seen, that it could really happen. "This police approach is beyond reason."

This "unreasonable approach" that Rucilez and his family had been the victim of is the shotgun-style police purge of what they consider the "undesirable element — hippies" which they feel threatens the security of Reno.

This concern had more merit last year when large numbers of transient youth did converge on Reno. Many of these young people were arrested and fined on various charges, shorn of their long hair and told to get out of town. Many local people were caught up in the police dragnet.

And what do the police say? "When you see dirt on the street, you sweep it off," officer Jim Fergoda was quoted as saying during the height of the "invasion" last July. His sentiment was echoed by Robert Garlock, police chaplain, this month.

"They are not going to clutter up the sidewalks and parks of this town," Chief Elmer Briscoe said a year ago of the hippie-types. "We have an obligation to keep our city free of undesirable persons."

When questioned this spring as to whether the same tactics would be renewed this summer, Briscoe said yes.

"They're transients. Twenty-five years ago, we called 'em bums, the people you arrested to get 'em out of town. It's not because of long hair. They cause health problems.

"They're not going to seek employment. They'll beg, mooch or even steal. They'll sleep in the public parks. Where do they come from? Why don't they stay there?"

But now while the transient element has been less evident this summer, and there have been fewer known arrests, the stereotype and fear apparently remain in the official minds.

This year the brunt of the continuing preventive "enforcement" is being borne more by the local youth and young adults. Last year

the police complained that "decent" Renoites could not get in the parks. Now they are told to get out or be arrested.

Yet the police have promised publicly that these "types" would not be bothered if they did nothing wrong.

Rucilez, who works for Harker & Harker, a major general contracting firm in Reno, said he and his whole family had been active in community service in Santa Cruz, and they hoped to be of service here in Reno too. He said the boys' rock band, the Plymouth Rock, had helped raise money for crippled children, youth centers and other charitable causes.

"These kids here," he said pointing to his sons and their friends, "— and I can say the same for all the others too until they have proven themselves different — have always been very useful and respectful everywhere they have been."

Mrs. Rucilez added some information about her boys that the police had failed to inquire about. She said the boys were star baseball players as their former California school, and they didn't necessarily like having long hair: "But they have to have long hair for their show contracts."

On the police action against her children that she had also witnessed, she said she could see a need for it "if kids were down here in the park carrying on or something But for them to be just sitting there and the police come up and harass them?"

"What right do they have talking to these kids like that?" she asked.

Inga O'Carr tried to reason out the incident. "Why, when the children want to be good and sit around and talk, then for them (police) to come along and harass

them . . . ? Right there is the reason . . ." She left the thought unfinished, then continued, "Yes, they've got the privilege to sit in one group if they want to!"

But across the way the police were still making their rounds, dispersing people who obviously only wanted to sit in friendly little groups on a hot Saturday afternoon in the park.

Rosemarie's question sort of lingered over the park: "Mommy, there isn't anything wrong with sitting together, is there?"

Nevada baby boom cited by Bible

Nevada is one of only two states whose baby populations are still booming, according to Senator Alan Bible, D-Nev.

Speaking before the State Apprenticeship Awards Banquet, Bible noted the nation's birthrate has been falling steadily since 1960—except in Nevada and Alaska.

"In 1967, the most recent year for which U.S. Census Bureau figures are available, these were the only two states to show increases in the number of children under the age of five," he added.

"And since 1960, Nevada's under-five population has increased at the same explosive rate as our population as a whole—58 percent."

By contrast, Bible said the nationwide birthrate since 1960 has actually declined five percent.

He interpreted the Nevada baby boom as evidence the state is attracting a greater proportion than ever before of young married couples who become permanent residents.



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