



Elmore announced Sunday

...some top priorities

Rick Elmore, ASUN president-elect, announced Sunday items which he plans to deal with as top priorities during the first part of his administration.

This week Elmore is meeting with food services officials, in an attempt to discuss problems in the dining commons.

"I also want to talk with as many students in the dorms as possible and discuss the dining commons with them," he said. "That is an area of definite concern."

Elmore also plans to encourage the Student Senate to start making a list of priorities for the state legislature.

Throughout his campaign, Elmore said that students should decide areas of concern on campus, such as library hours, and more money for faculty positions and the addition of classes. He maintained that any change in these areas would be with money from the legislature, so he is anxious for the senators to decide campus priorities.

Another area under review by Elmore will be the athletic department. He plans to make a "personal evaluation" of the athletic fee (every student is assessed \$7.50 per semester).

The bookstore has been an issue-area this spring and Elmore is con-

cerned with that too. He hopes to meet with Cris Cufflin, the bookstore manager, within the next two weeks.

Elmore said a report should be prepared to explain to student the profit system used in the bookstore and the store's status on campus.

"Lots of people on this campus think the bookstore is a big rip-off and they should have the store's situation explained," he said.

Elmore is also interested in getting people involved in student government, especially those who talked to him during his campaign. He is hoping people with new ideas will "get into the swing of things" and become involved.

Even though he is sure it may sound repetitive, Elmore also urges students with problems, solutions to problems or just those who have a general interest in something to come and talk with him.

"It's something that is said every year by every candidate," but he wants student input.

"I would like senators to meet with their constituencies and have students become familiar with the executive branch. The most important thing we have to do is convince people that we can do something and that the ASUN can accomplish things. . . I am optimistic," he said.

Sickle cell anemia: a black killer in the land

by Fred Atwell

There is a black killer in the land! All over America, there is rising concern about sickle cell anemia, a hereditary disease which is killing too many black people.

Sickle cell anemia is a genetic disease which results in the occurrence of an abnormal hemoglobin in the red blood cells. This disease occurs predominately in the black race. It is also found in some members of the white race whose ancestors came from the Mediterranean area. And it had been detected in other population groups in India, South America, and the Middle East. Inasmuch as sickle cell anemia is a disease of genetic origin, it may be transmitted from one generation to the next.

The disease occurs essentially in two general forms. The trait (carrier) or heterozygous form represents a single dose or inheritance from both parents (homozygous).

The pain crisis is the most distressing of the consequences of sickle cell anemia. The disease is an abnormality which causes the red blood cells to become crescent-shaped and rigid, making it difficult for them to flow through the smaller blood vessels.

An Ebony magazine article stated because sickle cell anemia usually kills early, most patients you see will be children or young adults. The one

thing they will all have in common is the memory of excruciating pain. The article further stated the patients bodies have become cramped and contorted with pain until, mercifully, they have perhaps lost consciousness.

Sickle cell anemia is a tragic and bigoted disease—99 percent of its victims in the United States are black. Approximately one in 12 blacks carries the trait, with the chance of both parents carrying the trait being one in 144. National statistics show that 10 percent of the black population in this country carry one of the genes for the trait, while .25 percent of the total black population has two abnormal genes.

One percent of all black couples are at a risk of having a sickle cell child. Based on genetic findings, of every four children from the union of two carriers, there will be one sickle cell child, two carriers, and one normal child.

Last October, at a hearing before the Subcommittee on Public Health, Education, Welfare, and Safety, Congressman Walter Fauntroy, (Rep-D.C.) reported "one out of every 500 black births produces a child afflicted with sickle cell anemia. This is an incidence far greater than several other severe childhood diseases, such as acute leukemia (one in 2,800), cystic fibrosis (one in 2,940), muscular dystrophy (one in 5,000)."

The disease kills half its victims before the age of 20; few live beyond

40, and most are crippled long before death.

Unfortunately, there is no cure for this disease at the present time nor is there any way to prevent the pain crisis. One major temporary aid is that of control: screening individuals for the disease and public education. Simple and inexpensive tests exist that identify the sickle cell trait.

Screening will allow black parents to learn whether the combination of genes presents a high

chance of their passing the disease on to their offspring. What must be done is to give them the odds and let them elect the option of either limiting the number they have or adopting or not having any at all—it must be left to them.

It is interesting that the public awareness of the disease is relatively low. Even now with the publicity by radio, television, and newspapers, there are still many people who have a very hazy idea about the true nature of sickle cell anemia.

BLM on campus this week

Employees of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be on campus this week to present a new concept in public land management called a Management Framework Plan.

The plan they're presenting could better be called a guide for management, since they are here to find out what students think about it. Two presentations of their plan were given yesterday in the student union.

The plan tells multiple ways to use some 8.2 million acres of public land in the BLM's Winnemucca District, which takes in Humboldt, Pershing, and northern Washoe counties.

If interested in how the BLM

proposes to manage what amounts to about 12 percent of the state's area, go to the Las Vegas Room in the student union between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily through Friday. BLM employees will be available to explain the plan and hear your comments.

Classes or special interest groups can schedule special meetings during those times or evenings by appointment. Call John Artz, extension specialist, at 784-6763. Appointments aren't necessary, however, unless the group is large.

The presentation on campus is sponsored by the department of renewable natural resources and the cooperative extension service in cooperation with BLM.

Tennis team riding high

The Wolf Pack tennis team is riding high. Coach Bob Fairman's netters stopped Sonoma State 9-0 Saturday in Reno. It was the third victory in succession for UNR.

Mel Baleson and Greg Reeves paced the victors.

Both posted easy singles wins and then the two combined for a romp in a doubles match.

Nevada will host College of Idaho in Reno Saturday at 10 a.m.

The results:

Singles—Mel Baleson (N) def. Ron White (S), 6-1, 6-3; Gregg Reeves (N) def. Jeff Farnum (S), 6-1, 6-0; Dave Jolivette (N) def. Fred Staub (S), 6-4, 6-2; Tom Wood (N) def. Larry Sinclair (S), 6-3, 6-1; Randy Kimpton (N) def. Mark Robins (S), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Kyle Ramos (N) def. Bob Davidson (S), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

Doubles—Baleson-Reeves (N) def. White-Straub (S), 6-2, 6-0; Jolivette-Wood (N) def. Farnum-Heffernan (S), 0-6, 6-4, 6-2; Ramos-Kimpton (N) def. Sinclair-Robins (S), 6-3, 6-2.

Track team triumphs

Despite an injury list that could keep Dr. Marcus Welby busy for weeks, the UNR track team rolled to a 125-28 dual meet triumph over Southern Oregon Saturday.

The Nevadans took their third straight victory at Mackay Stadium.

Southern Oregon distance runner Larry Miller was the individual standout of the meet.

Miller broke the Mackay Stadium record

in the six-mile run by over a minute. He completed the 24-lap event in 31:19.

He nearly lapped the third-place finisher three times. Miller gets in a lot of practice as he runs an average of 21 miles a day when in training.

Pete Duffy and Butch Johnson were double winners. Duffy finished first in both the mile and three-mile runs. Johnson took firsts in the 220 and 440 yard events.

New Navy programs offered

New three-year enlistment programs were announced today by Navy Recruiter R. E. Pritchett.

Two enlistment options, titled the "Seafarer" and "Airman" programs, are designed specifically for the young man who desires to serve at sea, without incurring the longer active duty commitment imposed by attendance at an advanced training school.

The programs can guarantee duty with one of the Navy's seagoing units—whether that be a guided-missile destroyer operating in the Pacific, or a sophisticated aircraft squadron embarked on an aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean.

The Navy has openings in March for 2,279

men in the Seafarer program and 1,456 in the Airman program.

Under the Seafarer program, young men will be guaranteed duty on board a ship operating from the coast of their choice. Rather than attending a class "A" or an advanced training school, after recruit training, men will receive on-the-job training in one of three apprenticeships: seaman (general shipboard duties); fireman (engineering assignments); or constructionman.

Additional information on the Seafarer and Airman programs is available from U.S. Navy Recruiting Station, 14 East 4th Street, Reno, Nevada 89501.

An evening of English poetry

"An Evening of English Poetry Set to Music," with Elizabeth Grotegut, mezzo soprano, will be presented by the department of English in the student union lounge Thursday, at 8 p.m. Willard Day, of the psychology department will be at the piano, and Robert Diamond, of the English department, will M.C.

The program will illustrate the musical treatment of English and American lyrical poetry and will include works of Dowland, Purcell, Schubert, Schumann, and Samuel Barber.

Grotegut is a performing member of the

Nevada Opera Company and has sung opera and concert, both in the United States and in Europe. Her major musical interest, however, has always been the art song, particularly the German Lied. She has been active in introducing little-known contemporary music, for example, "Das Lied der hangenden Garten" of Arnold Schonberg. She also sang the world premier performance of Ernst Krenek's "Ballad of the Railroad."

She has a Master's degree from the University of Michigan and is a former member of the music faculty of the College of the Holy Names in Oakland.

Announcements

Today

11:15 a.m.—Sociology movie: "Growing Up Female." Travis Lounge, student union.

6 p.m.—American Indian Organization. Ingersoll Room, student union.

Wednesday

8:15 p.m.—UNR concert band. Church Fine Arts Theatre.

Thursday

Noon—Baseball: UNR vs. Portland State University. Here.

3 p.m.—Baseball: University of Portland. Here.

8 p.m.—English department concert: Mrs. Elizabeth Grotegut, vocalist. Travis Lounge, student union.

8 p.m.—Asian American Alliance. Ingersoll Room, student union.

Spring arts and crafts fair

The Experimental College will sponsor a Spring Arts and Crafts Fair on the lawn outside the student union Wednesday and Thursday. Featuring free food, a voter registration booth, and a free band concert at noon, it will open at 10 a.m. and run into the afternoon.

Anyone wishing to sell his or her art or crafts is asked to contact Al Burnside or Deanne Page for information, or bring the items to the fair at 9 a.m. Any non-obscene enterprises are welcome.

American music offered by UNR

A combined concert of contemporary American music will be presented Wednesday by the university's concert band and the concert jazz band.

The free public concert, with both bands directed by Gene Isaef, will start at 8:15 p.m. in the Church Fine Arts auditorium.

The first part of the program will feature the concert band in three recently written compositions: "Emblems" by Aaron Copland, "Statement" by Brent Heisinger and "Music for Prague 1968" by Karel Husa. The three compositions have been acclaimed as outstanding representations of contemporary concert band literature.

The second half of the program will consist of original compositions played by the concert jazz band. The "America Suite" by Rick Davis, a study of the various styles of jazz around the U.S. today, will open the second half of the program. Also to be featured will be original compositions by Jim Milne, a former student at the university, and by Art Affonso, currently a member of the Concert Jazz Band.

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