

Ag College tests statewide telephone conferences

Experimentation in the College of Agriculture with conference telephone hook-ups could ultimately result in considerable savings in time for the staff and money to the state.

This is the intent of Dale Bohmont, dean and director of the college, who initiated the first communications conference yesterday in order to evaluate the effectiveness of such an approach.

The activity involved a Wats line conference telephone call in

which the dean, other administrative staff of the college, and specialists in various subject matter areas conferred with a number of county Cooperative Extension agents on a two-way basis. The conference took place at noon, when the lines were not busy. The call went to staff in Clark, Elko, Washoe and White Pine Counties.

Subsequently under such experimental conferences will be made involving county agents on a regional

basis. That is, it will be possible to contact four or five neighboring county agents at one time and in one area using the regional approach.

"Utilizing this technique of modern and rapid communications," Dean Bohmont said, "we hopefully can cut down on the amount of 'live' conferences needed and the travel involved in getting to and from them. For example, when a number of county agents come into Reno for a conference, travel, per diem and the

man hours spent on the road are all identified as costs of the program."

Currently a conference call a month to the various regional areas is being planned. Such calls will involve those items of current interest that the county agents need information about. As new audio and video equipment and techniques are developed, Dean Bohmont concluded, they may also contribute to more efficient communications and training programs.

Sagebrush

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Silver Bells?..

For the most part, the sounds of Christmas have given way in recent years to the bustling of automobiles and the clanging of cash registers. But for those students with keen hearing and classes on the south end of the campus, Christmas is alive and ringing from the Morrill Hall Tower.

Thanks to the efforts of a few sentimental people, and monetary contributions of the ASUN in 1963-64, the sounds of Christmas are echoing out over the campus from amplified carillions. The carillions replaced the outdated bell, which has become a trophy fought over between UNLV and UNR, with electronically magnified 'Silver Bells' and other carols heard on the hour.



Courses on women offered

Two new courses of special interest to women will be offered this spring in the College of Arts and Sciences. Political Science 354, "Politics and Women" is scheduled Thursday evening from 7-10 p.m. MSS 116. The class work will feature guest lecturers, panel discussions and selected readings on women in the political process. The course will examine past and current political movements, differential political socialization processes and the economic and legal status of women. The class curriculum will focus on an area of political significance that has often been overlooked. Instructors, Barbara Thorton and Mimi Goldman plan to incorporate varied teaching techniques to stimulate students interested in women's studies.

English 423-723, Themes and Ideas — "Woman Writers" will also be offered. Anne Howard will instruct this class MWF at 1 p.m. The material will cover 200 years of writings by Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte, Emily Bronte, George Eliot, Virginia Woolf, Doris Lessing, Muriel Spark, Mary McCarthy, Iris Murdoch, Joan Didion and others. In addition to novels, the class will include short stories and poetry. English 291 or Howard's permission is a prerequisite.

Eng.Tech. classes cover "How to's"

Non-engineering majors are invited to enroll in the following classes offered by the Department of Engineering Technologies. CET 110, Architectural Design I, will discuss elementary work in architectural design, architectural logic, planning and aesthetics with relation to structures. Architecture will be dealt with as an art form. Concepts of visual disturbance and construction liveability will be discussed.

EET 113, D.C. Circuits, is a basic electronics course covering theory and application of electronics and devices. This is a foundation course in the general field of electronics. It requires some knowledge of algebra. Some general areas of concern will be television function and basic electricity.

ENG 191, Home Technology, will discuss the How To's of house construction, including practical knowledge about financing, architecture, equipment in home, site planning, materials, etc. This class is of interest to students planning to build their own homes.

All of these classes are three credits. Further information may be obtained in Room 120 of Scrugham Engineering.

Opinion

Yes, Virginia

Editor:

I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Yours truly,
Virginia O'Hanton

Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus! Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. **Alas! How dreary would be the world if there would be no Santa Claus.**

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your Papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10 thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis P. Church

reprint New York Sun
December 21, 1897

Letters

A good hunter is ...

Editor:

In reply to S. Yorks' letter on "The Joy of Killing," I believe that there are some fallacies that need to be cleared up. The following letter is my attempt to do so:

S. Yorks, wherever you are, please reveal your true identity and put some facts behind your poorly written letter, "The Joy of Killing." It must be out of sheer naivety that you speak of the American hunter.

You say that there is no need for deer hunters or the likes of them. Little do you realize that these outdoor sportsmen contribute more money for wildlife conservation than any other group in America. Money from taxes on guns and ammunition are used for wildlife research programs. Hunting licenses sales are responsible for the funding of state game departments. The majority of the nation's waterfowl refuges were purchased and are maintained with funds received from the sale of Duck Stamps. As a matter of fact, hunters are now paying over \$145 million a year for conservation. The wildlife refuges and conservation programs thus funded by hunters have benefitted both game and nongame species.

You, S. Yorks, speak of the hunter as if his single goal is to kill. I should

hope that you, being a reformed killer yourself, will someday realize that days spent afield while hunting and fishing are laced with wonderful memories of resting beside a mountain stream or smelling the fragrance of the pungent forest air on a crisp autumn morning. Hunting is that catalyst that transforms man the intruder into man the predator, making him a part of the natural world as he once was eons ago. It lures man afield in the wee hours of the morning making him aware of things he has never observed before.

Hopefully, you and others like you may realize that hunters are not that bad of a lot, after all. The good hunter is a trained naturalist, a dedicated conservationist and the kind of guy who would rather be looked upon as a benefactor of wildlife rather than a natural enemy. As in any other sport there are those who misuse their rights creating a black name for the true sportsman. It is no more right to judge all hunters by the acts of a few irresponsible people than to judge humanity by observing its criminals.

(P.S.—when was the last time you bought a duck stamp?)

Mike Sevon
Wildlife Management student

A good sportsman is

Editor:

When a man wantonly destroys the works of man, he is called a vandal;

when he wantonly destroys the works of God, he is called a sportsman.

Joseph Wood Krutch

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UNPD Merry Christmas

Editor:

Recently, there has been a lot of criticism leveled at the University Police. These criticisms have come from various sources and some have appeared in "letters to the editor" and in the opinion columns.

UNPD officers have definitely made mistakes; some serious, others being "terrible" things such as not giving deserving souls parking tickets. It seems easier for people to criticize than to praise, thus little is heard about the good UNPD does for this campus.

Things such as showing up when someone gets ripped off in the dorms. Or giving stupid asses like Ted Dawson a hard time for turning the campus into their own little playground.

I am against many of the questionable things police do, just like anyone else, but I also realize their mistakes are human, and face it, (even you, Ron Jones), they are humans. Anyway, even if no one else will, I want to wish the UNPD, including Shumway, a Merry Christmas.

Bill Etchemendy

Give of yourself

Editor:

"I was waiting for mama to go to sleep and then I was going to shoot her and then me. We can't stand the hunger no more." This is what food bringers last Christmas were told upon finding an old couple nearly starved outside of Reno, in their one room house. And, only ten miles away, people were opening thousands of dollars worth of presents.

Finance Control Board has given me \$100 to buy food for the hungry. This is not nearly enough. More money is needed. I will match, or see that a downtown firm will match, any money given by university students to help the hungry. I will be in the Ingersoll Room of the Student Union Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and again from 12 noon until 2 p.m. to accept

donations. I will give receipts and account for every penny. I hope the students can give up something of themselves so that others won't have to give up a lot, maybe everything. Instead of buying a new record, or some new clothes, I plead with you to give the money to the hungry.

I will start by donating \$20 and not buy new gloves this winter. Any followers?

Anyone interested in helping, call me or come to the student union Wednesday.

Please give of yourself for others.

Charles T. Ross—786-7731
ASUN Food Drive chairman

Against the grain



by Dennis Myers

Buddha will understand: Being a Christmas collection of political questions, my present to our readers, designed to instill respect for and confidence in our public leadership.

DON'T SUGARCOAT IT, TELL IT TO 'EM STRAIGHT

"There have been many deaths. If you want to be killed, you have just to follow those who want to die. Just follow. The police, the gendarmerie, the soldiers will answer: Death, death, death. I am warning the parents and the students. If you want to stay alive, be careful. Pay attention. One thousand, two thousand, five thousand, one hundred thousand; tack, tack, tack. They will shoot everyone. This is your last warning."

—Philibert Tsiranana,
President of the Malagasy Republic,
in a broadcast to striking students
following the killings of thirty
students by the government, 1972.

WELCOME TO MALAGASY WEST

"If it takes a bloodbath, let's get it over with. No more appeasement."

—Ronald Reagan,
Governor of California,
on campus unrest, 1970

WALLACE HAS A BETTER IDEA

"If any demonstrator ever lays down in front of my car, it'll be the last car he ever lays down in front of."

—George Wallace,
1968 campaign

IF ANYONE EVER LAYS DOWN IN FRONT OF MY IDEOLOGY . . .

"If we have to start over again with another Adam and Eve, I want them to be Americans and not Russians, and I want them on this continent and not in Europe."

—Richard Russell,
U.S. Senator, advocating construction
of an anti-ballistic missile system.

OH WOW

"Dig it: First, they killed the pigs, then they ate dinner in the same room with them, then they even shoved a fork into a victim's stomach. Wild!"

—Bernadine Dohrn,
on the Sharon Tate murders

AS OPPOSED TO WHAT?

"Violence is necessary; it is as American as cherry pie."

—H. Rap Brown

AND A PIECE OF CHERRY PIE FROM IKE

"Unfortunately, there are some civilians around these targets."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower,
defending U.S. bombing tactics
in Vietnam.

A MESSAGE FROM HIS FATHER'S SON

"(I) like to see the arms and legs fly."

—Col. George Patton 3d,
referring to his South
Vietnamese "enemy."

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO GENERAL HERSEY? AND WHO CARES?

"I've lived under situations where every decent man declared war first, and I've lived under situations where you don't declare war. We've been flexible enough to kill people without declaring war."

—General Lewis Hersey,
Director of the Selective Service.

WELCOME TO MALAGASY MIDWEST

"I have conferred with the Superintendent of Police and given him the following instructions which I thought were instructions on the night of the riot that were not carried out. I said to him very emphatically and very definitely that an order must be issued by him immediately to shoot to kill any arsonist or anyone with a Molotov cocktail in his hand, because they're potential murderers, and to shoot to maim or cripple anyone looting."

Richard Daley,
Mayor of Chicago, 1968.

PARADISE GAINED

"You can't beat short tours like this for boosting spirit in a war like this, especially when the short-tours themselves are broken by a five day free vacation to some exotic place like Hawaii or Hong Kong or Tokyo."

PARADISE REGAINED

"The fish are all back in the lagoons; the coconut trees are growing coconuts; the guava bushes have fruit on them; the birds are back. As a matter of fact, everything is about the same except the land crabs. They got minerals from the soil, I guess through their shells, and the land crabs were a little bit 'hot' and there's a little question about whether you should eat a land crab or not."

—Gen. Curtis Lemay,
describing the results of the
reconstruction of Bikini atoll
after 20 nuclear tests.

RIGHT

"It became necessary to destroy the town in order to save it."

—Unidentified U.S. military
commander at Ben Tre, Viet Nam, 1968.

OH! WHAT A LOVELY WAR

"People used to dance in the streets to see the boys go away."

—Roger Branigan,
Governor of Indiana, on WWI.

OBSERVATIONS



by Jeff Menicucci

Last Thursday *The Advocates* presented a television debate on the subject of abortion. The program is due to be aired again this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. on KVIE, Channel 6, Sacramento, and I recommend it to your attention. During the course of the debate it became evident that the opposing sides of the abortion controversy view the issue from distinctly different perspectives. It is in their analyses of the dispute which proponents and opponents of abortion-on-demand differ. Each side, fastening on what it considers the crucial aspect of the problem, bases its position on a moral judgment.

For the pro-abortion forces, the critical issue is freedom. Why, they ask, should a woman bear an unwanted child? Why should her activity be limited by the painful, lengthy process of pregnancy, when such process can easily be aborted in its early stages? The advocates of abortion-on-demand reply that there is no justification to place such constraints on a woman's behavior. A woman's body, they reason, is her own, to be used as she chooses. The fetus is viewed as merely an appendage to the female body, certainly not as a separate entity.

If one's primary concern is freedom of the woman, the arguments pro-abortion are internally consistent: once the life of the fetus is denied, it logically follows that abortion of pregnancy is an acceptable means to increase the liberty of the woman.

But not everyone is certain the fetus is lifeless. Many maintain the unborn baby possesses, if not independent life, then at least the potential for such life. Birth, they point out, is only a dramatic incident in the continuum of development. Clearly, then, aborting a fetus is not merely the

removal of a bit of tissue from the pregnant woman; it is the curtailing of a human life.

Reasoning from this axiom, abortion is unacceptable in all cases, save when the mother's life is endangered by pregnancy.

So therein lies the disagreement. The disputants diverge on the question of human life: is the fetus merely a product of fertilization, or is it a baby? Religion is only secondarily or tertiary involved. And since, on this basic issue, neither side can prove its position to the satisfaction of the other, there can be no conciliation, no compromise.

Still, the pro-abortion forces try to wear the mantle of magnanimity: "We're not forcing anyone to have an abortion," they argue, "it should be a matter of individual choice." But this argument can sound good only to sympathizers, for if abortion is the taking of a human life, society can hardly allow individual discretion to determine the fate of the unborn. Murder, after all, is a crime whether the murdered feels morally justified or not. Thus, there are no prospects of an equitable solution to the abortion dilemma. Each time the battle is waged, one side must lose.

. . . unless the much-despised technology can provide the means to compromise. Already, 18-and-20-week-old fetuses occasionally have been successfully incubated outside the mother's womb. Perhaps in some future time the developing baby can be surgically removed from the mother and implanted in artificial life-support machinery. But would even this be a final answer? Would not there be still more profound questions to resolve? As 1984 approaches, these are questions to ponder.

Announcements

Today

9 a.m.-3 p.m.—Arts Fair. Travis Lounge, Student Union.
 Noon—UNR concert jazz band. Travis Lounge, Student Union.
 2-5 p.m.—Staff Employees Council. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 4-5 p.m.—Christian Science. Nevada East-West Room, Student Union.
 4:30-7 p.m.—Activities Board. Ingersoll Room, Student Union.
 6-7 p.m.—Spurs. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 6:30-10 p.m.—Winter Carnival Committee. Las Vegas Room, Student Union.
 7-8 p.m.—AWS. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 7-10 p.m.—Finance Control Board. Ingersoll Room, Student Union.
 8 p.m.—Basketball: UNR vs. Chico State. Centennial Coliseum.

Wednesday

2-3:30 p.m.—Bahai College Club. Las Vegas Room, Student Union.
 3-5 p.m.—University Community Relations Committee. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 6-7 p.m.—Community Affairs Committee. Sierra Room, Student Union.
 6:30-7 p.m.—Academic Affairs. Truckee Room, Student Union.
 7-9 p.m.—Delta Sigma Pi. Ingersoll Room, Student Union.
 7-10 p.m.—ASUN Senate. Travis Lounge, Student Union.
 7-10 p.m.—American Indian Organization. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 Instruction ends.

Thursday

5:30-8 p.m.—Student Judiciary. Ingersoll Room, Student Union.
 6-7 p.m.—AWS. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 7-10 p.m.—Nye Hall Judiciary Board. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 8 p.m.—Basketball: UNR vs. Portland State. Centennial Coliseum.

Friday

Semester ends.
 Final grades to registrar by 9 a.m.
 8 p.m.—Reno Philharmonic Christmas program. Pioneer Theatre Auditorium.

Jan. 2

Basketball: UNR vs. Sacramento State. Away.

Jan. 4

Basketball: UNR vs. Loyola. At Los Angeles.

Jan. 6

Basketball: UNR vs. Pepperdine. At Los Angeles.

Jan. 13

Basketball: UNR vs. Seattle. Here.

Jan. 16

4:30-7 p.m.—Activities Board. Ingersoll Room, Student Union.
 8 p.m.—Basketball: UNR vs. St. Mary's. Here.

Jan. 17

3-5 p.m.—UNPD Parking Board. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 7-10 p.m.—ASUN Senate. Nevada East-West Room, Student Union.

Jan. 18

Upper division registration.

Jan. 19

Lower division registration.
 8:30 p.m.—"Private Lives." Reno Little Theatre.

Jan. 20

1-4 p.m.—Metropolitan opera auditions. Church Fine Arts Theatre.
 8:30 p.m.—"Private Lives." Reno Little Theatre.
 Basketball: UNR vs. UNLV. Las Vegas.

Jan. 21

2 p.m.—Faculty chamber music recital. Church Fine Arts Theatre.
 7 p.m.—ASUN movie: "The Birds." Room 107, Thompson Education Building.
 7:30 p.m.—"Private Lives." Reno Little Theatre.

Jan. 22

Second semester instruction begins.
 Basketball: University of California at Berkeley. There.

A critical need for off-campus housing has arisen due to the closing of school. If you know of a vacancy, it would be appreciated if you would inform the Student Services staff at 784-6118. Your call will be placed on the self-service listing board which is open to the university community.

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Majestic
 Hammersmith Is Out, 1:09,
 4:49, 8:30
 Where Does It Hurt, 3:02,
 6:40

Keystone Cinema
 Roommates, 7:00
 Goodmorning, Goodbye, 8:45

Granada
 The Valachi Papers, 1:00,
 5:30, 9:45
 X, Y and Zee, 3:20, 7:40

What's playing

Cinema I
 Go For Broke, 1:00, 4:40, 8:25
 The Player, 2:50, 6:35, 10:15

Cinema II
 Klute, 1:05, 4:55, 8:45
 Summer of '42, 3:00, 6:50,
 10:40

Century 21
 The Bible, 12:50, 7:00
 The Ten Commandments,
 3:20, 9:30

Century 22
 Lady Sings The Blues, 12:15,
 4:20, 8:30
 Play It Again, Sam, 2:50,
 7:00, 11:00

Midway I
 Bullitt
 Bonnie and Clyde
 Local Gunfighter
 Opens 6:30

Crest
 Son of Blob, 1:15, 4:20, 7:25,
 10:35
 Equinox, 2:50, 6:00, 9:05

Midway II
 The Woman Hunt
 Big Bird Cage
 Night Call Nurses
 Opens 6:30

El Rancho
 Her Majesties Secret Service
 Thunderball
 You Only Live Twice
 Opens 6:30

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Snowmaker valuable in atmospheric physics studies

Snow is something skiers pray for, motorists curse at and, for the most part, neither group knows how it is formed; or particularly cares.

John Hallett and his assistant Kurt Gamara are currently engaged in a project to determine specifically just how that snow forms.

In the laboratory researchers can simulate atmospheric conditions existing in the Sierras.

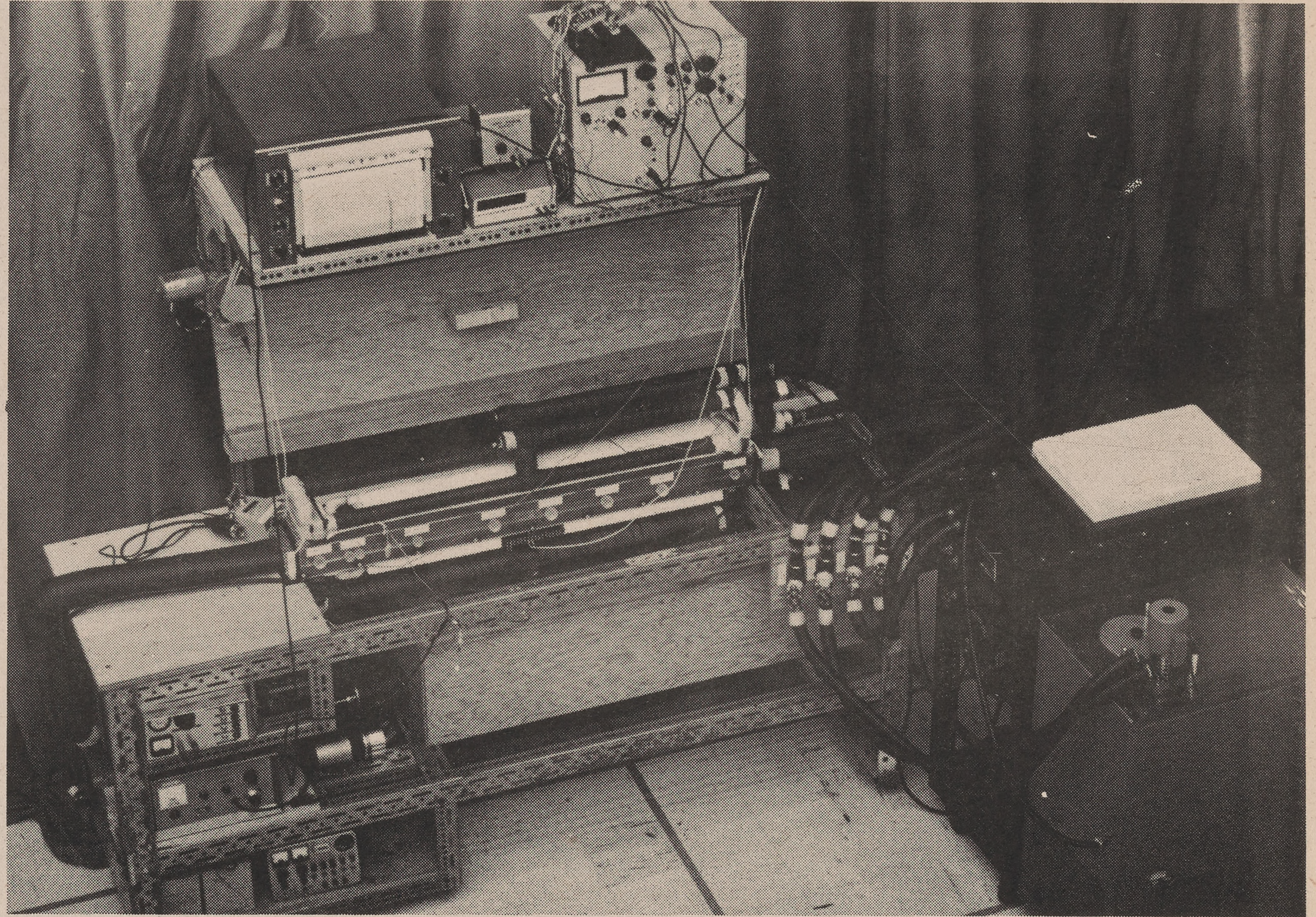
Under varying conditions different forms of snow crystals can occur varying from hexagonal plates and needles all the way to dendrites which are the variety most commonly found in Reno and on Christmas cards.

At the Atmospheric Physics laboratory the scientists have built an apparatus that looks like it was taken from a science fiction movie, consisting of a wind tunnel, refrigeration equipment and an entire complex of recording devices.

The research studies three variables of snow crystals: wind, temperature and the amount of water vapor.

By determining the exact conditions causing the greatest growth rate of snow crystals, other DRI scientists use the information on the institute's cloud-seeding program. The cloud-seeding program attempts to increase the snowpack in the Sierras and prevent water shortages and the depletion of Pyramid Lake.

"Nucleation, the process of how water vapor freezes into ice crystals, can occur in several ways," explained Hallett. "The vast majority occur when they come into contact with small impurities in the atmosphere. Without impurities, water vapor could cool down to -35 degrees Cen-



tigrade and not freeze. The impurities raise the freezing point to -10 to -15 degrees Centigrade."

"When there are too many impurities present, the water vapor freezes to form snow crystals so small

they lack sufficient weight to fall." Hallett said Reno receives more of the dendrite snow because as the storm comes over the Sierras "riming" occurs.

Riming is when water vapor in

the clouds starts freezing to snow crystals that have already formed. The increased weight causes them to fall on the west side of the Sierras and only the lighter dendrite form reaches the east side.

photo by mike connor



For most Nevadan's, the storm that dumped Reno's first snow was not a welcome thing. But for Benjamin Attech Okai and his brother Solomon Okoe Okai, it was a new thrill in their lives.

The Okai brothers are from Ghana and have never seen snow before. They are attending UNR's School of Medical Sciences and are studying pre-dentistry.

Film planned during Xmas break

A motion picture workshop is being offered as a one credit course during the Christmas break. The class will participate in the production of "Plato's Cave", directed by Arthur Gould of the Journalism Department.

Regularly registered students can take the work shop and receive one semester unit without charge as Journalism 490- Special Problems. Others wishing credit for the course must pay a fee of \$22. Registration will take place in the Journalism Department Office during the week of December 18th. Further details will be given at an orientation session at 8 p.m., December 20 in Bldg 5302 Stead campus.

The building is located on Cocoa Avenue between Mt. Charleston and Mt. Lola.

Gee thanks Eve...
just what I needed...
a clothesbrush...



Police and B&G remain on campus during break

"No more pencils, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks." This old verse will probably come to many minds as the month-long Christmas break begins, bringing a welcome change of occupation at UNR. But it will be business as usual for at least two departments on campus between semesters. Just ask University Police Chief Bob Malone, or Buildings and Grounds Superintendent John Sala.

"There is no problem during vacations in the police field," said Malone. "We work the holidays."

Malone noted the department does cut back to allow for vacations. "We do run certain shifts with fewer personnel," he commented, "but the patrols remain the same. The responsibility is just as great."

According to Malone, nine people in the department will be working during the vacation. He added that since there will be fewer calls for assistance and no traffic enforcement, patrols can devote more time to checking the security of

buildings.

"The value and protection of university property and student belongings left in the dorms is just as great," said Malone. "Unauthorized persons found in closed buildings are naturally subject to trespassing laws."

"We'll also be doing administrative work on our annual activity report." The report is a statistical record of citations, arrests, vehicle registrations, and other departmental data.

B and G Superintendent John Sala echoed Malone's outlook concerning his own department.

"To us it'll be a 40-hour week," commented Sala. "We've got enough remodeling and reconstruction work waiting to last us three years."

Shawn Murphy, a painter with Buildings and Grounds, said major painting jobs in the Physical Plant building and the Dining Commons kitchen will keep him busy. "Actually we'll be able to get more things done this year because of the longer

break."

Repair work in the dorms and the married student housing awaits Food and Housing repairman Jack Hart. "I'll be doing the jobs put off because they couldn't be done during school," said Hart.

And what about the people who will work on Christmas Day and the New Year's Day? Malone said, "Some of the men want Christmas off and some want New Year's off, so it works out pretty favorably." He added, "I'm not certain exactly who is on duty Christmas and New Year's as of yet." Malone did mention Sergeant Shumway and Officers Wood, McCall, Antunovich, and Martin as probably seeing duty throughout the day, swing, and midnight shifts.

"While most of the student officers will be home on vacation," he added, "Student Mike Long will remain to perform relief duty."

The B and G department's sole duties on Christmas and New Year's are in the Central Heating Plant, where a handful of men alternate in lonely 12-hour shifts. These are the

plant enginemen, who maintain a constant watch over the myriad gauges, meters and dials controlling the university heating system's powerful boilers.

"The holiday duty is a fact of life for them," said Superintendent Sala. "We can't shut down, even in the summertime. By law there must be a man in attendance at all times with these high pressure boilers."

The heat plant enginemen themselves take the holiday work in stride. Engineman Red Schulz said the schedule is posted early enough so the men can make their holiday plans accordingly. Ed Szerwinski, one of the "lucky ones" whose day off happens to fall on Christmas and New Year's, said "This year I can plan for family visitors, but next year maybe not."

The enginemen on duty for the two holidays include Tom Mullen, Joe Weiss, Aron Baer, and Red Schulz. Perhaps Schulz summed it up best when he remarked, "None of us like that graveyard shift, but it has to be done. It's part of the job."

Santa Claus

by MAUREEN REILLY

"Santa Claus . . . Santa Claus . . . Santa . . . You know what I want? You know what I want? You know what I want? I'm bein' a good boy."

The little boy at one end of "Santa's Ranch" at Park Lane is trying to get Santa to pay attention to him. However, his monotone is no competition for the three year-old girl standing in front of Santa's knee and shouting, "Santy Claus give me a yo-yo."

It's the "pause for Claus."

Reporter: Tell me, Mr. Claus, what is the most amusing thing that has ever happened to you in your line of . . . ah . . . business?

Claus: Well, Ho, Ho, I guess I could say the funniest thing was when someone's pet bulldog took a leak on my lap. One out of 500 children get excited and do the same thing. But the next one dries you off."

Reporter: How many children do you see a day.

Claus: If the weather's good, perhaps 500 or more cross my knee in an 8-hour day. This is during the week. I'd say 800 cross my knee on week-ends, and one-half that if the weather is bad."

Reporter: My, it sounds like a regular assembly line.

Flash . . . the strobe for a \$2 print picture machine just went off. Up front of Santa's Ranch, a girl is busy taking down addresses for mailing prints.

Reporter: Well, Claus, in real life what is your name and age?

Claus: Ho\$ Ho! Don't you know I go by no name other than Santa? Or maybe St. Nick and Kris Kringle to my friends and the elves.

Reporter: That's very amusing, Santa. How did you happen to get this job in the first place?

Claus: I guess you could say it was a matter of contingencies. I was in the right place at the right time. As advice to men trying to get a job like this, I'd say apply three or four months in advance. They get a lot of applications.

Reporter: Why is that?

Claus: You see, a lot of men who apply are older men. And they do drink. So, the company is limited.

But a lot of other men are attracted by the pay. "Like, me, I'm in construction. But this time of the year, there's a slack season, so I like to do the Santa bit and earn \$100 a week for 24 hours of work.

Reporter: You seem to be an intelligent man, Santa. What do you say to the kids as they . . . "cross your knee?"

Claus: Why don't you listen in?

Santa threw the reporter off his knee and said Hello to a younger good-looking female.

Claus: Hi, how are you? What's your name? Well, Sharon's a pretty name. Turn around and I'll put you on my knee.

"Tell Santa what you want for Christmas. A doll? And what else? Oh, well that's fine. Have you been good all year? Do you do everything Mommy and Daddy tell you to do? If you're good, it will be a good Christmas for you . . ."

Another child approaches Kringle as soon as the four-year-old girl in paisly jeans gets off his lap.

"Hi, how are you? What's your name? Well, Becky's a pretty name. Turn around and I'll put you on my knee.

Reporter: They're all the same. Tell me, Santa, do you think you do a good job?

Claus: I just try to make the children happy. I'm sure there are many who don't come because they don't believe in me. But I've had children cross my knee up to 13 years old, and they believe.

Reporter: What is the typical request for presents?

Claus: You'd be surprised at how many kids request what they've seen advertised on television. They ask for what they've seen on the Saturday cartoons, by brand name. The specifics! No substitutes.

Once I had an eight-year-old who was very lucid. She asked me, "How can you be Santa Claus when he was on TV 10 minutes ago."

"The parents are very easy to please, though. They stand by and beam as their kids get on Santa's lap; they beam as if the tykes had just beat Marie Curie out of discovering radium.

They stand in line three or four yards long at Park Lane. It's almost debatable, who wants to see Santa more: the kids or the parents waiting with them.

And Santa sits in his "ranch," in plastic boots and Dynel beard, sporting a fake-fur tasseled cap.

"Ho, Ho, Ho, little girl. What do you want for Christmas?"

How about a shiny red Porsch Targa, a Nikon F and a red fox maxi-coat?"



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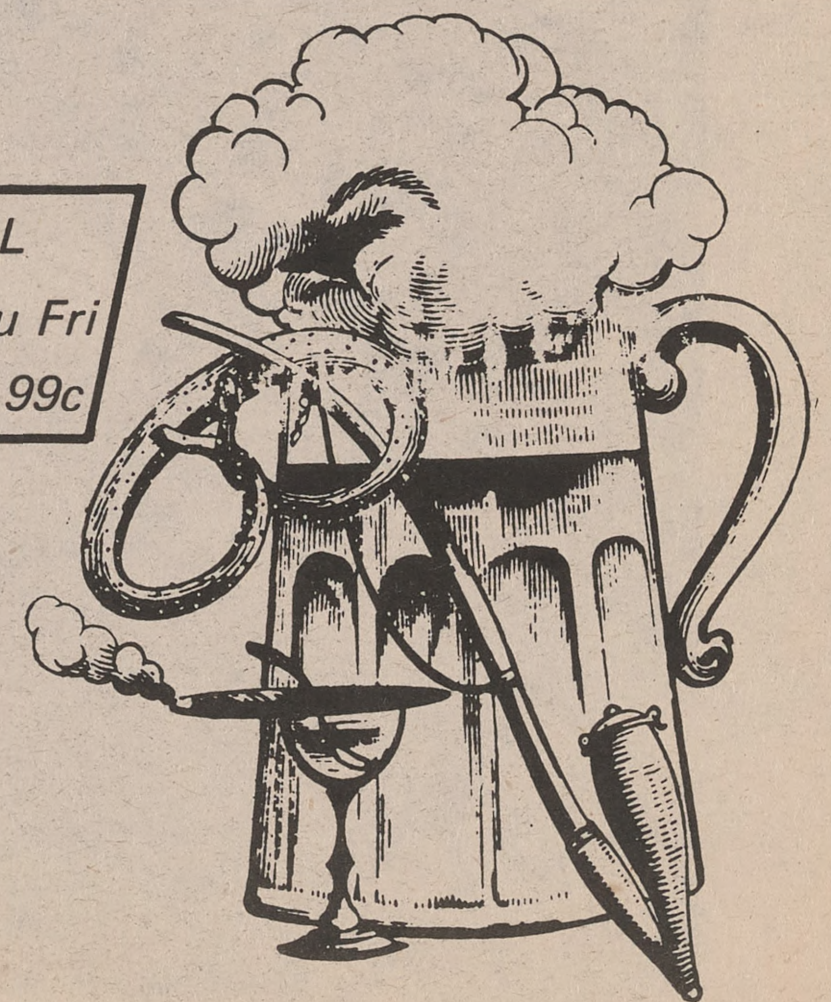
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Jewish holiday celebrates early struggle

Happy Hannukah!

If you're not Jewish, that's probably synonymous with Merry Christmas. If you are, the saying has a little more meaning.

This year, Jews throughout the world celebrated the holiday of Channukah (han-na-ka) from Nov. 30 to Dec. 7. The holiday lasts eight days and falls on a different date yearly because it is determined by the Jewish lunar calendar.

Essentially, it is a remembrance of the first struggle for religious freedom in the world.

Whether a Jew lives in the small towns of Iraq, the large cities of Israel, the Jewish ghettos of Eastern Europe or in suburban America, he knows of the time about 2,000 years ago when his ancestors struggled successfully against occupiers who wanted to deny the pious the right to worship in the Holy Temple of Jerusalem.

The time was 168 B.C. The place was the Land of Judea (now Israel). The characters were the Assyrian occupiers, their King Antiochus and the Jewish warriors, the Maccabees headed by Judah.

King Antiochus decreed the Jews abandon their religion and adopt Assyrian paganism instead. To emphasize that point, statues of Antiochus were placed in the Temple in defiance of Jewish law.

The Temple was desecrated by the Assyrians. Jews were made to convert from their religion and history's first purge of the Jews as a religious group began.

Judah Maccabee and his eight brothers organized a ragged band of supporters and went to the hills to train for guerilla warfare against the Assyrians.

When they were ready to attack, the Maccabees, as they were called, led the band of Jews against the militarily superior Assyrian forces.

Although the Jews were on foot, they fought a bloody but successful

battle against the Assyrians.

The first act of the Maccabees was to clean the Holy Temple of Jerusalem, the one built about 500 B.C. by the Jewish returnees from Babylon (now the area of Iran).

The Maccabees found broken and defaced holy objects in the Temple. Idols of Antiochus were strewn about and the eternal light above the Ark of Covenant was extinguished.

After a search, the Jews could find only enough oil to relight the lamp and keep it burning for one day. It would take eight days for them to receive more oil.

The miracle of Channukah, and the symbolisms behind today's lighting of the candles in the Menorah, is that the small amount of oil lasted the eight days needed to resupply the light and thus kept the eternal flame going.

The Menorah is symbolic of the torch in the Temple and has eight candles to commemorate the days in the Temple. The tiny Channukah candles are lit after dark. On the first night of the holiday, only one candle is lit, the number being increased daily until on the final evening, all eight candles are burning brightly. The lighting process proceeds from left to right and candles are added from right to left.

The word Channukah is Hebrew meaning rededication. It refers to the ceremony by the Maccabees when the Temple was re-dedicated.

Channukah is not Judaism's (judy-ism) major holiday, although it is important. Its significance in America is because it is so near Christmas and a good time for Jewish children to receive presents. There is no connection, however, between Channukah and Christmas.

In Israel, Channukah is a time of celebration though presents are not usually exchanged.

Look for the holiday next year and until then, Happy Channukah.



UNR guitar instruction

Although the history of guitar goes back to the early 16th Century as a concert instrument, it has only been in the past few years that American universities have considered guitar as a serious instrument, worthy enough to be included in the curriculum. The UNR Music Department can now be noted as one of the few that has taken progressive steps in the study of guitar by offering classic guitar instruction. This opening isn't only a reincarnation of a once-popular instrument, for statistics show more people play guitar today than any other instrument. Furthermore, the sales of classical guitars are higher than all others.

Bob Clark is currently teaching classic guitar. He began his studies in Rio de Janeiro at the age of 13 after his introduction to some of the recordings of Andres Segovia. He studied for a time at the Escola de Musica do Parana and later under Ralph Sheffield a protege of Segovia. In the spring of 1969 he again began serious studies under the instruction of Christopher Parkening, considered to be one of today's best guitarists.

Bob will perform Vivaldi Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra at a UNR Faculty Recital Jan. 21.

America's favorite cereals

Cereal Mfr.	Percentage of market volume
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Kellogg	
Wheaties	4.0
General Mills	
Raisin Bran	3.3
Kellogg	
Total	3.0
General Mills	
Post Raisin Bran	2.8
General Foods	
Cap'n Crunch	2.7
Quaker Oats	

Young snake charmer

An 18-month-old boy swallowed most of a poisonous snake in Perth, Australia and apparently suffered no ill effects.

The snake, however, did not recover. Paul Jess had swallowed eight inches of the live, foot-long snake-head first—when his mother found him with the tail wriggling in his mouth.

"The doctors never heard of a child eating a live snake," said Mrs. Jess.

She was worried when she saw blood in Paul's mouth, but it turned out to be the snake's.

Pot pourrie

Something new in the way of a tip was received by a young carhop at a drive-in restaurant on Prater Way Friday night.

Theresa Chase, 17, told police she had served a young woman an order to go, and the woman in the car paid the \$2.77 bill and then, reaching down into her purse came up with the tip which she dropped in her hand.

It consisted of a 25-cent piece, and a marijuana cigarette.

Chase, apparently a non-smoker, said she was stunned by the incident, and did not get the license number of the car as it drove off. She told Sparks police she had never seen the young woman before.

The police took the marijuana cigarette in evidence.

Beer-batching banned

The California State Alcoholic Beverage Control Department has held a beer bust at San Jose State University.

That is, the ABC has "busted" beer-making at the university.

Beer-making, and the teaching thereof, is against the law, it seems. Perhaps it's a hangover from the days of prohibition?

It all began with the university's concern for its students.

What with all those heady books students have to pour over, university officials offered the opinion that young men and women might like to pour something with a different kind of heady effect.

Ergo: "Wine and Beer Making" was offered as a noncredit course by an SJS entity called the Consumer and Leisure Arts Group, an informal organization of students from the industrial studies department.

Announcement of the course was duly reported in the campus newspaper, the Spartan Daily.

And that was when the beer course fizzled.

Seems the ABC reads the Spartan Daily.

The university promptly received a call from the ABC, with the information that beer-making without a license in California is illicit.

Winemaking's okay, but beer-batching is banned.

The ABC threatened that it was "prepared to take action" if beer were made on campus.

SJS and ABC were at lager-heads over the issue until the university decided to call off the class.

Thus ended the story of the skoal-ding of SJS.

A panel of drug abuse educators, who reviewed 220 films shown in schools around the country, concluded Tuesday that 84 per cent of the documentaries are "scientifically and conceptually unacceptable."

The majority of the antinarcotics films, the panel said, are "so psychologically unsound that the only conclusion we can draw is that drug abuse films available today are doing more harm than good."

In most cases, according to the National Coordinating Council on Drug Education, it would be far better to show nothing to the students than show the existing drug abuse films.

The Nation's largest police department, New York, rocked by the theft of 57 pounds of "French Connection" heroin worth \$12 million from police headquarters, revealed yesterday that 23 additional pounds—worth \$4 million—also is missing.

The 23 pounds, part of the same case but confiscated in separate raids ten years ago, apparently was taken from a headquarters storeroom where evidence is kept and where only authorized police personnel have access.

Police Commissioner Patrick Murphy said the drug was replaced in part with white powder with no heroin content.

The heroin was never burned—as is the usual procedure—because some of the cases resulting from the seizures were still open.

News notes

Sadie Hawkins it isn't

A vigilante group of at least 40 young male students at the Southwestern college in Memphis patrolled the campus in response to one of the most bizarre criminal cases in Memphis history—the homosexual rape of 17 young men by a gun-carrying attacker on or near the campus since the beginning of the year.

Cuba cancels Christmas

Cuba officially abolished Christmas Friday.

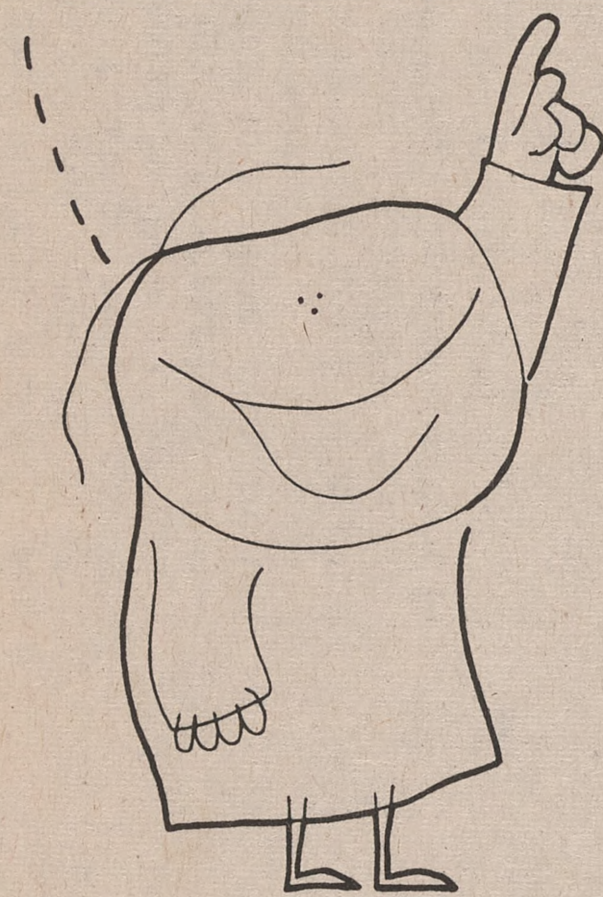
A new policy established July 6 as Children's Day, when presents are to be exchanged; thus, freeing workers for winter sugar harvests. It made no provision for Santa Claus and Christmas.

January 6, when the Day of the Three Kings generally is celebrated in Catholic countries, will be the last time children will receive toys on that date.

From then on, the observance will be in July, the Communist party's Revolutionary Orientation Commission decided.



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