

Judicial Council rules against two-year senators

The Student Judicial Council has ruled against two at-large senators on their right to senatorial seats during the 1973-74 academic year. The council's majority decision recommends, however, that Senators Peggy Kent and Thom Collins, be granted advisory positions within the senate, pending the approval of the senate-elect.

Kent and Collins had asked for a council ruling last week, after they learned their at-large seats were in jeopardy under the new student constitution. The constitution was adopted earlier this spring but failed to specifically mention the two-year at-large seats.

In a vote of three-to-one with one abstention, the council ruled:

(1) Offices created by a constitution

may be abolished by a constitution;

(2) An incumbent officer may have a term cut short by the adoption of a new constitution, and;

(3) The intention of the authors of the constitution, as well as those who ratified the constitution, was to eliminate the at-large seats so the senate would not consist of more than 20 senators. "There were to be no at-large senators . . .," the ruling states.

Terry Reynolds, associate chief justice of the council and ASUN president-elect, submitted the majority opinion. He stated "the most important consideration" which the majority of the justices used in their ruling was that the intention of the authors of the constitution was to provide for a senate body of not more than 20. To

seat the senators in question would increase the body's membership. "This would be in violation of the new constitution" and "the council feels that the re-seating would, in effect, cause double representation of a population of students" which would also be in violation of the constitution.

In addition to this objection, the majority opinion also believed it was the intention of those who ratified the constitution to do away with the at-large seats, and "they cannot be denied in this successful effort to do so."

The only member of the council who ruled against the opinion was chief justice George Kaiser. He maintained that no provisions were made in the new constitution "to specifically eliminate" the at-large seats, and at-large seats are for two-

year terms, so the senators should be allowed to hold the seats for the length of their elected terms.

Kaiser contended that unless the seats "posed a direct hindrance" to the student government, and "in this instance, I believe they do not," the seats should be continued.

If the senate-elect chooses to follow the council's recommendation in allowing the senators to serve on the senate in advisory capacities, they would not be allowed to vote nor would they receive scholarships.

Kent would not comment upon the council's ruling and she would not commit herself as to whether or not she would accept an advisory position within the senate.

Collins could not be reached for comment.

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Educational television planned on campus

by MIKE CONNOR

Educational television is coming to northern Nevada. Channel 5, has applied for, and received a license from the Federal Communications Commission, and is scheduled to begin broadcasting in September of this year.

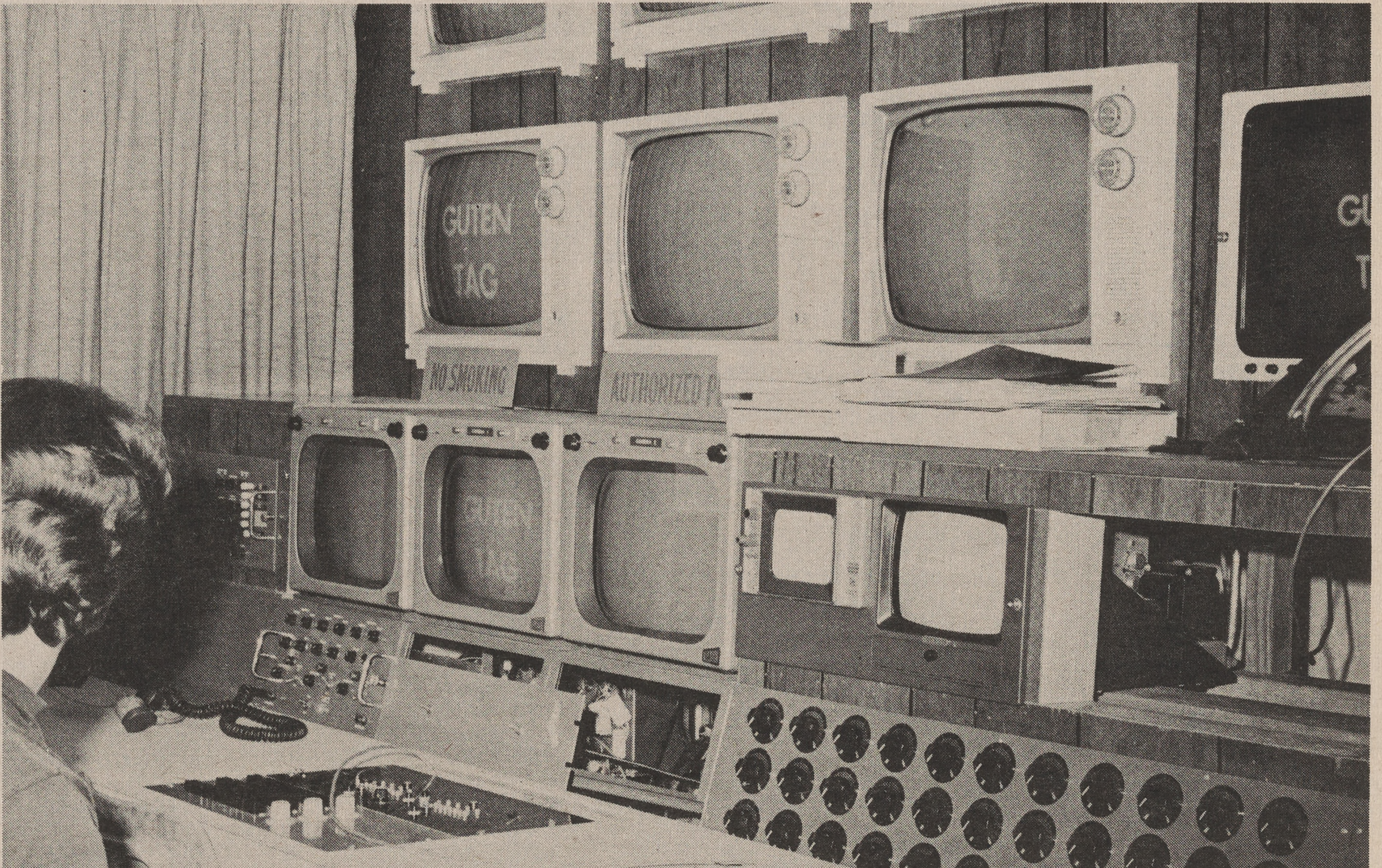
"Friends of Channel 5" held a public meeting Thursday evening in the new education building to outline what has been done so far and what the plans are for the future.

Eleanor Waugh, president of Friends of Channel 5, said those familiar with educational TV are very enthusiastic about getting the program off the ground. "Preservation of the cultural environment is just as important as that of the physical environment," she said.

To date, \$56,000 has been accumulated in cash contributions, with a defunct Chicago station donating its equipment to the new station. "School districts have been the major contributors of cash with over \$40,000", said Hugh Smith, director of the Nevada Educational Communications Commission.

This commission was created in 1967 by the Nevada Legislature for the purpose of developing non-commercial educational television, radio and other communications systems. The commission is the licensee of the station and all policies for the station will come from a board of directors appointed by the commission.

The station will use the studios at UNR for its production having five hours of educational programming during the day and cultural programs during the evening hours. The station is also planning to hook up with KLVX (Channel 10) the educational channel in Las Vegas. KLVX has been in operation since 1968 and is the only other educational station in Nevada.



The station will have seven translators across the state along Interstate 80 to transmit its programs as far east as Elko and reaching south to Yerington.

"Educational television is neither pay nor cable TV," stressed Waugh. "Channel 5 will provide standard on-the-air open broadcasts. It will also be carried by every CATV system in northern and central Nevada, but reception of Channel 5 in your home is not dependent upon a secondary CATV system."

"The ability to provide a public broadcasting service is a valued adjunct to

the cultural, educational and social life of a community," adds Smith. "It is a symbol of healthy community development and is a factor when recruiting professional manpower and new business. Many community stations also provide programming for secretarial, vocational and management training, as well as continuing education for employees generally."

With the federal administration clamping down on the public broadcasting system in an attempt to regulate its programming, Waugh doesn't seem

worried. "Our application has already been accepted by the FCC and we are now waiting for our license."

The next meeting for the Friends of Channel 5 is scheduled April 10 at 237 S. Sierra St. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and Waugh invites anyone who has any suggestions or is interested in the project.

"I am amazed at how many well-educated persons, including legislators, are ignorant of educational television," concluded Waugh. "We're looking for both spiritual and financial help right now, the more people involved the better."

Opinion

Newsman

stolen from Art Buchwald

David Eisenhower had just revealed that when he gets out of the U.S. Navy he does not want to study law. He said he might want to pursue a career as a newspaperman and do investigative reporting.

I don't know how David's father-in-law, President Nixon, greeted this news, but it still is no crime to imagine what happened.

"Sir," says David, "I just got my first job as a reporter."

"That's wonderful," the President says. "Some of my best friends are newspapermen."

David says, "It's with the Washington Post."

The President gulps on his meat loaf. "The Washington Post?"

"Isn't it wonderful?" Julie Nixon Eisenhower says. "That means we can live right here in town. And we can see you when you have to come to Washington on business."

"What sort of a job do you have with the Washington Post?" the President asks.

"They've made me an investigative reporter, and my first story is to find out what really went on with the Committee for the Re-Election of the President."

Julie says, "The Post told David if he comes up with anything good, they'll give him a byline."

"They want me to see Maurice Stans and ask him what he did with all the cash he collected before April 7," David says.

"I wish you wouldn't bother your Uncle Maurice," President Nixon says, "He's an awfully busy man."

"I spoke to him at last Sunday's prayer meeting, and he said he really didn't have anything to do except to talk to his lawyers. He said he'd help me in any way he could."

"David," the President asks, "are you sure this is really what you want to do in life? Investigative reporting is hard work, requiring long hours, and it doesn't pay very well. Now, I promised when you married Julie that I wouldn't interfere in your future, but I didn't know you were thinking of becoming a newspaperman."

Julie says defensively, "David will make a wonderful newspaperman. He's already spoken to Gordon Liddy, Charles Colson and Dwight Chapin, and they've told him some fantastic things about the Committee for the Re-Election of the President. David might even win a Pulitzer Prize when his story comes out."

"David, when you talked to these people, did you tell them you were working for The Washington Post?"

the President asks.

"Of course not. The Post told me the very best way to get a story is not to tell your sources who you're working for. This thing is really interesting, Dad. It takes in Mexican bank accounts, ex-CIA employes, bugging equipment, FBI files . . ."

"I know what it takes in," the President says angrily. "But it also involves people in my administration, and it could easily embarrass me."

"Don't worry, Dad," David says, "I checked into that with Ron Ziegler, and he assured me no one in the White House had anything to do with any of the committee's nefarious dealings. You have nothing to worry about."

"David," the President says, "I'm not worried about myself. I'm worried about you and also Julie. Suppose they call you in front of a grand jury and demand you reveal your sources?"

"I'll refuse—and go to jail," David says.

"Do you realize," Mr. Nixon says, "that would make me the first President in history to have a convict for a son-in-law?"

"Oh Daddy," says Julie. "You're ruining everything. David is a natural reporter, and the Washington Post has great faith in him. Don't spoil everything when we're both so happy."

"All right," the President says. "I don't know what your grandfather would say about this, but I'll give you my blessing."

Julie hugs her father, and David shakes his hand. "But," says the President, "I have one favor to ask of you."

"What's that?" David asks.

"Don't tell your Uncle Spiro what you're doing. He takes these things to heart."

Against the grain



by Dennis Myers

I wrote my first column of the year in September on the subject of David Towell, then the GOP nominee for Congress, and have not returned to the subject since then. Part of the reason I've avoided discussing him is that in that first column, I predicted smooth sailing for Towell at a time when all the other political analysts in the state were saying that Democrat Jim Bilbray had the race all wrapped up. That's a good record of prognostication, and I wanted to quit on the subject of Towell while I was ahead.

But after meeting with him not long ago for the first time since the election, I jotted down some thoughts which form the basis for this column. Looking towards 1974, some of the things he had to say were quite interesting.

It is clear Towell is moving back to the more liberal stance he espoused before the primary election. In the general election campaign, he ran a coattail race—all issues defined in terms of Nixon-Towell and Bilbray-McGovern—and he adapted his views to that strategy. Now he is moving back, for whatever reason, such as trying to pre-empt the positions of a potential Democratic opponent, or even because his views really are liberal (some politicians really do have convictions, you know).

He is also putting distance between himself and the Nixon administration. I believe he thinks the election—particularly given the Demo showing in congressional races—did not indicate any real Nixon popularity, but was rather a rejection of McGovern. This would mean that Nixon might be extremely unpopular and more difficult to run with in an off-year election, in much the way LBJ had dozens of anxious candidates clinging to his coattails in 1964 only to have the LBJ identification become the kiss of death by 1966. Towell was caustic when he mentioned that Nixon's "full employment budget" means the "acceptable" (as the ad-

ministration calls it) unemployment level of four per cent. He is also not enchanted by the Vice-President, perhaps remembering that Agnew sort of botched the last off-year for the GOP. ("Mr. Agnew's been more concerned about the press than I have.")

Towell is going to continue to take care of Nevada. That is one certain factor in his incumbency. This was, in fact, the basis for his most outspoken difference with the Administration, over impounding of highway funds. (I gather, however, that he supports the President's "right" to impound funds appropriated by the Congress.)

One possible weakness exhibited itself which I had noticed in my first interview with him last October. He has a habit of saying things which in the heat of a campaign could be damaging. He may have a Romney-type problem here. In the last campaign he had sort of a free ride because the strategy of the Bilbray campaign was to ignore him. That won't happen again. Once during the meeting he said, with regard to Clark County's financial needs, "They always seem to need an extra something." If he said such a thing during the fourth week in October of 1974, Harry Reid or Spike Wilson or Joe Neal would not allow it to pass unnoticed. Nor, for that matter, would Clark County.

There is a tendency among Democrats around Nevada, I've noticed, to believe Towell's win was a fluke brought on by factors which won't exist next time, such as the impact of Walter Baring's endorsement. I disagree. Towell is proving tough and shrewd. Consider the matter of Dorothy Powell. She used to work for Walter Baring in Washington. She is a real pro who knows her way around Capitol Hill. She is also exactly what an inexperienced Congressman from Gardnerville needs. He may not know his way around, but she does and her guidance will help him avoid mistakes which could hurt.

Towell hired her.

the American public—and I say this with all respect—that if they want meat prices to go down, they must eat cheese . . . or "less" . . . or nothing at all. And that, I feel, is how we will solve the problem of this."

ARLENE: "What?"

JOHN DALY: "That's \$50 down and \$50 to go. Dorothy Kilgallen?"

DOROTHY: "I very much enjoyed the Azores, John . . . Now Mystery Guest, your service seems rather involved. Does it concern any transactions with other businesses?"

MYSTERY GUEST: "Candidly, I would just say: I have never heard of ITT."

DOROTHY: "Oh. How about any transactions with other governments?"

MYSTERY GUEST: "Candidly, I have never heard of Chile, either."
DOROTHY: "Well, then, does it involve dealings with any governmental organization of America?"

MYSTERY GUEST: "Candidly, I am extending executive privilege to the CIA."

JOHN DALY: "I'm sorry, Dorothy. Your time is up. That's \$75 down. We now move on to our special guest panelist, Spiro Agnew."

SPIRO: "To tell the truth, John, I could have done without my trip to Southeast Asia . . . Now listen here, Mystery Guest, you sound rather secretive to me."

MYSTERY GUEST: "May I say this . . ."

SPIRO: (blows whistle) "Phweeeet!" "No, you may not. Now, from what you've told us, it sounds like you're hiding something. Your answers are evasive; you've said you've never heard of a giant American corporation; and you've said that your service reaches everyone. (becomes angry) You know, it sounds to me like you're involved in some international conspiracy. That's right, some filthy, conniving conspiracy of whining and wanton wraiths of woe. You! Merchant of Mephistopheles!"

MYSTERY GUEST: "Candidly . . ."

SPIRO: "Phweeeet!!" (to John Daly) "He certainly sounds like a communist to me, John. I'll guess it's Alger Hiss."

JOHN DALY: "I am sorry, Spiro. You're wrong. I'll have to turn over all the cards now. It's Richard M. Nixon!!"

SPIRO: (terrified) "Oh, God no!"

NIXON: "Candidly, Spiro, you're fired."

from your Government In Exile



ANNOUNCER: And now, it's time once again to play . . . **What's My Line!** Will our Mystery Guest enter, and sign in please!

MYSTERY GUEST: (writes) "Richard M. Nixon"

JOHN DALY: "Blindfolds in place, panel?"

PANEL: (together) "Yes, John."

JOHN DALY: "Splendid. Our guest tonight deals in a service. And we'll begin the questioning tonight with Bennett Cerf."

BENNETT: "The Riviera was marvelous, John . . . Mystery Guest, does your service reach a lot of people?"

MYSTERY GUEST: "Let me be perfectly clear on this point. I think I may safely say, without contradiction, that my service reaches everyone. That is my judgment on this."

BENNETT: "Yes, well, then how does the public react to your service?"

MYSTERY GUEST: (frowns) "Let me be candid. There are many who say I have not done the best job possible, and they have criticized me for this. And I do not criticize them for criticizing me. But I've always believed, rightly or wrongly, that in my capacity, one must stick to his course. And that is my right. And that is what I believe."

BENNETT: (puzzled) "Did he answer my question, John?"

JOHN DALY: "I'm sorry, Bennett. We must move on. That's \$25 down. And now on to Arlene Francis."

ARLENE: "I just loved Tahiti, John . . . Well, Mystery Guest, if I wanted to use your service, what should I do?"

MYSTERY GUEST: "Let me say this about that. I have always believed (smiles) in helping others, (frowns) yet the American public must seek, not shirk, responsibility. And may I add to that, this: On some requests for my service there is a transgression on the separation of powers. And in these cases, it is my duty, rightly or wrongly, to employ executive privilege. And this, candidly, must be respected. But let me also say this: There are those who disagree with me. (smiles) And they have been called wrong for doing this. But understand this, (frowns) I have not called them wrong. Others have. I personally have never said they were wrong. Yet I believe it is their choice to be wrong if they so desire. That is their right. But I have never called them wrong."

ARLENE: (puzzled) ". . . uh . . . I'm sure that is food for thought . . . (?)"

MYSTERY GUEST: "Food? I must state that I firmly believe that if

Announcements

Today

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.—ASCE meeting. Las Vegas Room, Student Union.
 9 a.m.-4 p.m.—Navy. Truckee Room, Student Union.
 3-4 p.m.—Christian Science Organization. Sierra Room, Student Union.
 3-5 p.m.—University Community Relations Committee. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 4 p.m.—Activities Board. Ingersoll Room, Student Union.
 6-7 p.m.—Spurs. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 7:30 p.m.—Tryouts and a clinic for all girls interested in becoming songleaders. Reno High School Gym, corner Booth and Foster.
 7-9 p.m.—Institute for Comparative Study. Truckee Room, Student Union.
 7-9 p.m.—Outdoor Recreation Club. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 8 p.m.—English Department lecture: Professor Ziff. Travis Lounge, Student Union.
 8:15 p.m.—Nevada Repertoire Club. Church Fine Arts Theatre.

Wednesday

- 8a.m.-2 p.m.—ASCE meetings. Las Vegas Room, Student Union.
 9 a.m.-4 p.m.—Navy. Truckee Room, Student Union.
 Noon-1 p.m.—Gamma Theta Upsilon. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 2-5 p.m.—Outdoor Recreation Club first aid course. Nevada East-West Room, Student Union.
 2-5 p.m.—Staff employees council. Las Vegas Room, Student Union.
 3-5 p.m.—University Police Parking Traffic Board. Mobley Room, Student Union.
 4-7 p.m.—Finance Control Board. Ingersoll Room, Student Union.
 7 p.m.—Ananda Marga Yoga Society. Orvis School of Nursing.
 7 p.m.—ASUN Senate. Travis Lounge, Student Union.

Thursday

- 9 a.m.-4 p.m.—Navy. Truckee Room, Student Union.
 9 a.m.-11 a.m.—Academic Standards. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 Noon-1:30 p.m.—UNR Vets. Ingersoll Room, Student Union.
 3-5 p.m.—Delta Sigma Pi. Sierra Room, Student Union.
 6-7 p.m.—Sagens. Student Union.
 7-9 p.m.—College Republicans. Hardy Room, Student Union.
 7-9 p.m.—Nye Hall Judiciary. Las Vegas Room, Student Union.
 p.m.—Art Department film series. Scrugham Engineering Building.
 8:15 p.m.—Music Department brass choir ensemble concert. Travis Lounge, Student Union.

The deadline for filing an application of Miss University of Nevada candidacy is April 3. Candidates must be 18-years-old, a student at UNR, and never married. Applications are available in the ASUN office.

Majestic
 The Godfather, 2:50, 8:00
 The Gang That Couldn't Shoot
 Straight, 1:05, 6:10, 11:00

Keystone Cinema
 Perfect Arrangement, 8:30
 Wild Gypsies, 7:00, 1:00

Crest
 Judge Roy Bean, 1:30, 5:46,
 10:03
 J. W. Coop, 3:46, 8:02

Cinema I
 Rainbow Bridge, 1:30, 5:35, 9:40
 Mad Dogs and Englishmen, 3:25,
 7:35

What's playing

Cinema II
 Walking Tall, 1:10, 5:30, 9:55
 The Wrath of God, 3:30, 7:55

Century 21
 Up the Sand Box, 7:00, 10:00
 War Between Men and Women,
 8:40

Century 22
 Sounder, 7:00, 10:00
 Bear Country

El Rancho
 The Train Robbers, starts at
 6:45
 The Lawman

Reno-Sparks Cinema
 The Thief Who Came to Dinner,
 1:30, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45

Midway I
 Slaughterhouse Five, starts at
 6:45
 Catch 22

Midway II
 Group Marriage, starts at 6:45
 Private Duty Nurses
 Big Dollhouse

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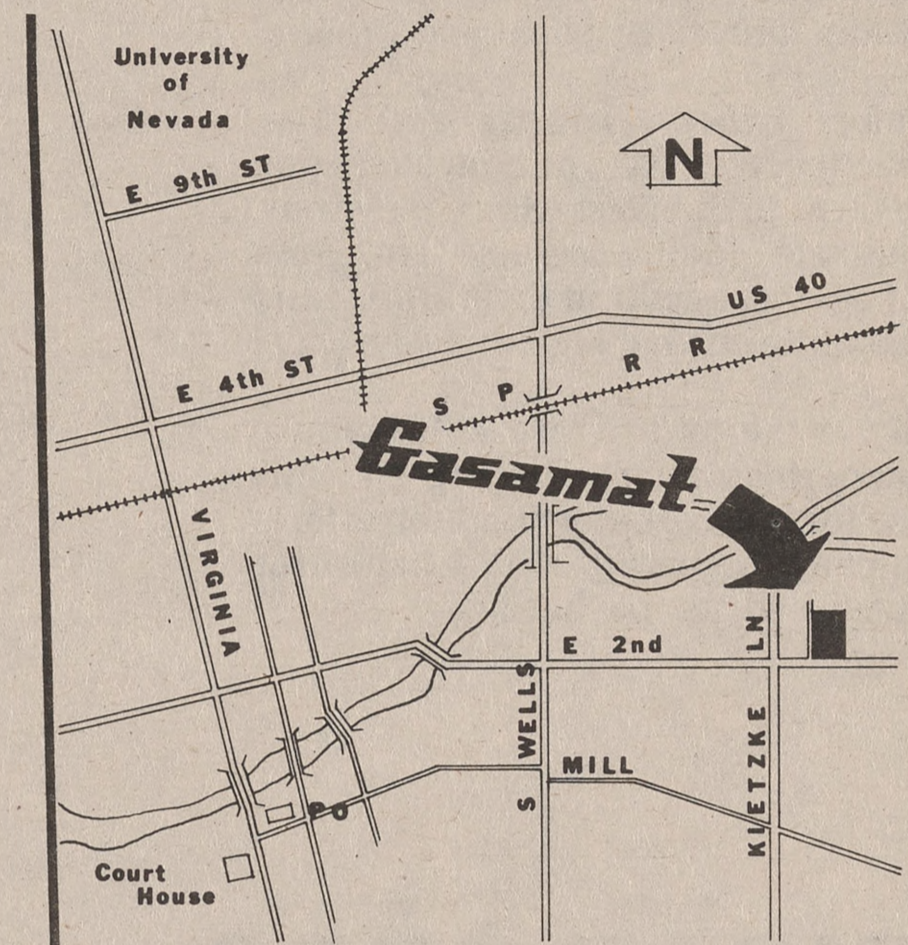


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The NAVY

White scalps

Many whites still stereotype Indians as being savage scalpers, but research indicates that Indians themselves were the first victims of white scalping in the "new world."

The scalping spread because of the "barbarity of White men rather than to the barbarity of Red men," writes Peter Farb in *Man's Rise to Civilization*, (E. P. Dutton and Company). Farb is Curator of American Indian Cultures at the Riverside Museum in New York City.

White settlers offered bounties on dead Indians and scalps were actual proof of the deed. Scalping first became popular among the Greeks who took Scythian hair as trophies and proof of prowess.

Plains Indian tribes, Dakotas and Cree, learned the practice from the white invaders and carried it with them to the West where they were forced to immigrate. Plains Indians (ancestors of Wounded Knee) were swift in their killing and looked upon the white custom of hanging as cruel and barbaric.

It was only in the mid to late 19th Century that Indians undertook much scalping and this was in response to massive extermination efforts by whites and came a century and a half after the whites introduced the barbarism.

News notes

and other absurdities

No go for Yoko

(AP)—An attorney for John Lennon says the former Beatles singer apparently will appeal a federal decision ordering him to leave the country within 60 days or be deported as an undesirable alien.

Lennon, 32, and his Japanese wife, Yoko Ono, were declared "deportable" Friday, but an immigration judge granted Yoko Lennon permanent resident alien status, allowing her to remain here.

Lennon's application to stay in this country

was denied because of his 1968 conviction in England for possession of hashish.

Following the decision, Lennon said in a statement from Los Angeles: "Having just celebrated our fourth anniversary, we are not prepared to sleep in separate beds. Peace and love from John and Yoko."

Leon Wildes, the couple's attorney, said: "My impression from their statement is that they're staying and they're going to see it through."

Appeals in Lennon's case, according to immigration law experts, might take months or years to resolve. He could remain in the United States until they were settled.

Mail-in meat

(CPS)—The People's Party, a radical political organization, is sponsoring a mail-in of one-pound packages of ground beef to Congressional leaders.

The idea came from a local Seattle chapter of the group. The national office joined in the action and sent "around a dozen pounds to selected Congressional leaders," according to a spokesperson. The only response was from Speaker of the House Carl Albert who noted he had received the gift and agreed inflation was pricing many commodities out of reach of the average consumer. Albert did not say how he disposed of the package which was mailed first class mail, allowing it several days to "ripen" in transit.

A letter accompanying the surprise package told the Congresspeople, "The average citizen may not be able to influence you by the amount he or she contributes to your election campaign, but they are not without their own powers to raise a stink when things get out of hand."

Guilt feelings?

(AP)—President Nixon called on American businessmen today "to make the recruiting and hiring of Vietnam veterans a top priority."

In a statement issued at the Florida White House, Nixon said the unemployment rate for veterans in their twenties had dropped to 5.7 per cent last month from 8.3 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1971.

"This is important progress, but we must do even better," he said.

"No group of American fighting men was ever called on to demonstrate their bravery, their endurance or love of country under more trying circumstances . . . We must demonstrate the gratitude we feel by the actions we take," Nixon said.

Damn students

(CPS-ZNS)—A survey of college campuses has found that most students simply don't give a damn about student government.

The publication "On Campus Report" polled students on 30 college and university campuses, ranging in enrollment from 2,500 to 35,000 students. They found that the average campus election draws only 6.2 per cent of the student body to the polls—or one out of every 15 students. Apathy was found to be so prevalent that some positions on various ballots were left blank because no one had bothered to file as a candidate.

Military spending?

(CPS)—In their March newsletter, the group, Another Mother for Peace asks some questions about military spending:

How come the 1973 military budget is \$4 billion higher than it was last year when the Vietnam war was going on?

How come with the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) going on, we are still building three nuclear bombs every single day?

How come the Pentagon is already asking for \$34 million more to develop an entirely new laser nuclear bomb?

How come in this time of budget-cutting, the Pentagon's public relations program gets \$93 million of our tax dollars to take a Congressperson to lunch?

Yearbook secretary

Could you use an extra \$10 a week?

A secretarial position is now open on the Artemisia, campus yearbook, at \$40 a month for five hours work a week.

The position would involve typing, light filing and handling phone calls. Interested persons should contact Maureen Reilly, Artemisia editor, at 786-6475 (home) or care of the ASUN office.

Engineering Day

The 58th annual Engineering Day will be held at the College of Engineering March 30 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The annual event promotes the engineering profession, particularly among high school students, and to develop a closer community relationship.

Albert Wigchert of Carson City, student chairman of the Engineering Science Council, the sponsoring organization, said Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering as well as the Departments of Physics and Chemistry, will display an exhibit competing for the rotating "Bronze Boot" award.

Student tours will begin at 9 a.m. and tours for the general public are scheduled for 7 p.m.

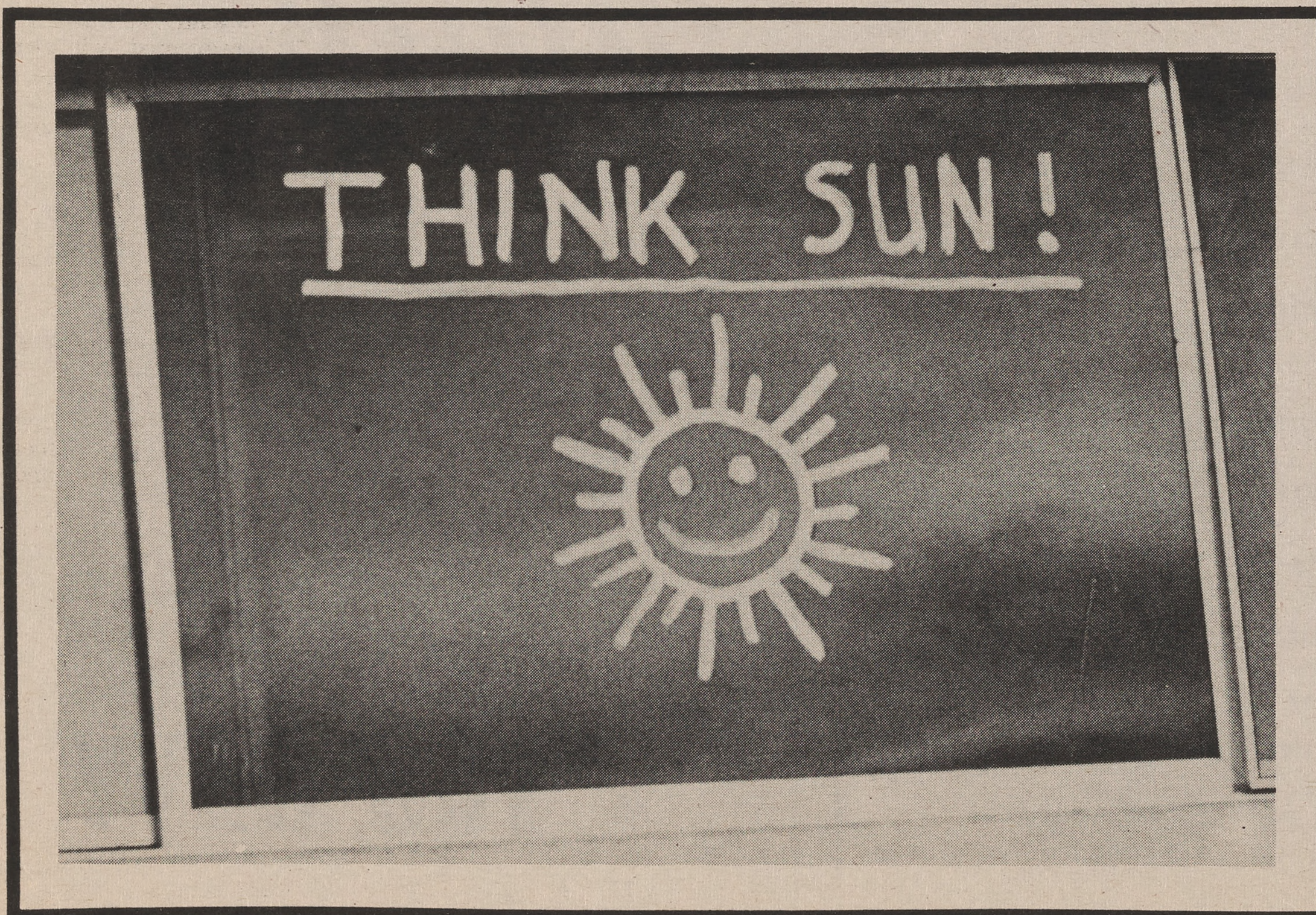
Miss UNR

Miss UNR will be chosen at 8 p.m., April 23, in the Church Fine Arts, according to Cindy Pyzel, Associated Womens Students (AWS) president.

All UNR women, 18 or older who have never been married, are eligible to enter the pageant.

Pyzel said the contest will be based on talent and the winner will receive a scholarship award by AWS. The scholarship is a new aspect of the pageant initiated by the AWS. In addition to the funds provided by AWS, the money earned from the \$1.50 admission charge will be contributed.

"Our aim will be to raise a lot of money for the winner. A person must be very strong to enter a contest like this; it requires a great deal of work and something should be done to reward that effort," said Pyzel.



“..you just have to be ambitious enough”

by Linda Nagy

Camel racer . . . sports broadcaster . . . radio announcer . . . master of ceremonies for beauty pageants . . .

If that sounds like a list of occupations which Walter Mitty might have day-dreamed about—guess again.

In actuality, it is a list of activities which has won local fame and recognition for UNR student, Steve Ranson.

At 20, Ranson has not only gained local acknowledgment but he has also been praised by CBS radio for his coverage of the D. B. Cooper hi-jacking.

In fact, CBS has been so impressed with Ranson that last year they aired a five-minute segment on his accomplishment.

Ranson began his broadcasting career at 15. He simply went to a local station and asked if it was okay to stick around and watch. By the end of the summer, Ranson was a cameraman.

“It is my belief that experience is more important than getting money,” he said. And although his time at the station was donated, “I learned a lot,” he said.

After a time, Ranson moved to a radio station and was given the opportunity of interviewing nationally-known celebrities, such as: Ed Ames; the Osmond Brothers; Buck Owens; Liberace; the mentalist, Kreskin; and Phyllis Diller.

Phyllis Diller proved to be Ranson’s most successful interview because “we took a lot of time with it and really worked,” he said.

He continued, “She is an extremely funny person, even off the stage.”

Ranson recalls Liberace as being “tremendously intelligent,” and very enjoyable.

“Liberace really knows his business,” and Ranson understood why afterwards.

He believes that Kreskin, the mentalist, is a very unique personality to interview.

“Before I had a chance to ask the next question, he would tell me what I had been thinking about,” Ranson said. It was, needless to say, a very “strange” experience.

Usually during interviews, Ranson would be asked by the entertainers why he was doing such work at his young age.



people

Steve Ranson



“That was a switch,” Ranson said, “because I was the one supposedly doing the interviewing.”

He believes, generally, all of his interviews with the personalities were successful.

“I would prepare 20 questions beforehand,” he said, “so I usually always knew what I was going to say next. This prevented awkward moments.” It also helped because he compiled unique questions “which made them think.”

Ranson believes the art of interviewing is to let the subject know “you have a genuine interest in him.”

For the past three years, he has donated his efforts to the Miss Nevada Beauty Pageants.

At first, he was helping with the scenery and lights but this year he advances to the capacity of master of ceremonies. This will not be altogether foreign with him, though, because Ranson has done other master of ceremonies work.

Last fall, he was selected to preside over the annual Homecoming Wolves’ Frolic, and as the host, he presented a 12-minute oration of the University which he wrote and memorized.

Of all Ranson’s activities, he most enjoys riding and racing camels. In 1970, he placed first in the annual Virginia City Camel Races and in 1972 he placed third. Last year, he was injured and unable to compete.

“Some people may not think riding in the camel races to be much of an accomplishment,” he said, “but I am particularly proud of this because it’s something I did on my own.”

As a journalism major and an active journalist, Ranson also has thoughts on journalism and society.

“I think it’s essential for people to know what’s happening in today’s society,” he said, “and a journalist tells people what’s happening. I think journalism is a profession in which people look to the journalist for advice.”

Ranson believes his general philosophy on life is to “remember that a thing can always be done. I was told a long time ago there is no such word as ‘can’t’ and I’ve always remembered that. If you want something bad enough you should go out and get it because there’s always a way. You just have to be ambitious enough.”

Trong critical of South Vietnam government

by DENNIS MYERS
Political Editor

Truong Dinh Dzu was once a South Vietnamese attorney who represented American, Vietnamese, and Chinese corporations in South Vietnam. In 1967 he ran for President against Nguyen Van Thieu on a platform which called for a bombing halt, direct negotiation with the National Liberation Front, (NLF), and a coalition government as the method for ending the war. In an election in which most citizens were not permitted to vote—all neutralists, for example, were barred from using their franchise—Dzu ran second in a ten man field. He was then sentenced to five years at hard labor, not for his candidacy but for his platform. He is still in prison and has just had five more years added to his sentence. Left wing groups in the United States have pointed to the situation as proof of the undemocratic repressive nature of the Thieu Presidency. Last Thursday, Dzu's son, David Truong, came to UNR to talk about his father and about the Vietnam situation.

Truong said he learned about two weeks ago that the Thieu government is reclassifying all its political prisoners, and that most of them—including his father—are being reclassified as common criminals. "This enables the government to give them new sentences. My father's was five years." Dzu has already been imprisoned for five years.

A second reason for the reclassification of political prisoners, Truong said, is that it permits the government to keep in jail men whom it was supposed to release at the end of their terms.

One incredulous member of Truong's audience

asked, "How is this possible? They can't just go along and say, Well, this one is a murder and this one..."

Truong smiled and answered, "Well, people here always think in terms of democratic institutions. They forget that such things just don't exist in South Vietnam."

Truong left Vietnam in 1964, he said, because his association with the noncommunist opposition to the government had become known to the authorities. He is a graduate of Stanford. In 1968, he was a foreign policy consultant to Senator George McGovern during the South Dakota Democrat's short campaign for the Presidential nomination that year. Since 1969, he has been an associate of the Vietnam Resource Center in Washington. Also in 1969, with the help of columnist Drew Pearson, he established the Vietnam Political Freedom Committee in Washington, a lobby on behalf of the political prisoners.

Truong's lecture took place in the Lecture Building before a crowd of about thirty persons.

He said he has made three attempts to return to Vietnam. In 1967, 1969, and 1971, he made his application to the South Vietnamese government. The first time, he was told he could go back if he joined the army. He agreed, he says, and was then told he could not return because he was a threat to the national security. He has just made a new application for reentry into South Vietnam, this time with both South Vietnamese governments, the Thieu administration and the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG).

Truong believes that this is a crucial interval in the history of the Vietnam war. "The longer the agreement holds," he said, "the more difficult it would become for

Nixon to reintervene, although I'm not saying he will not." But whether or not the agreement holds is dependent, Truong contends, on whether or not the political prisoners are released. "If Thieu can be pressured to release those political prisoners, the agreement could hold." If not, "I foresee a breakdown of the peace agreement and a resumption of full scale hostilities." Truong describes Thieu as fearful that a coalition between neutralists, moderate, and PRG elements would develop if the prisoners were released. "The NLF troops will not stand for detention of the political prisoners, and if Thieu keeps detaining them, it will lead to a resumption of the war."

Truong is convinced that if the cease fire agreement is carried out in all its provisions, Thieu will cease to be a factor. "If the provisions of the agreement are followed, we can get rid of Thieu quite easily and smoothly. If they are not followed, then it will mean a resumption of hostilities." Noting that the agreement calls for free elections, Truong added, "I think if most provisions of the agreement are implemented, Thieu wouldn't have a chance."

He said he was not opposed to U.S. aid to Vietnam for purposes of rebuilding, but "to allow aid to be used as a political weapon, that's a different thing altogether. We're not about to accept that."

In answer to a question, Truong said he has been able to maintain a bi-weekly correspondence with his father since his imprisonment. Several times he spoke soberly of his concern that political prisoners would be "liquidated."

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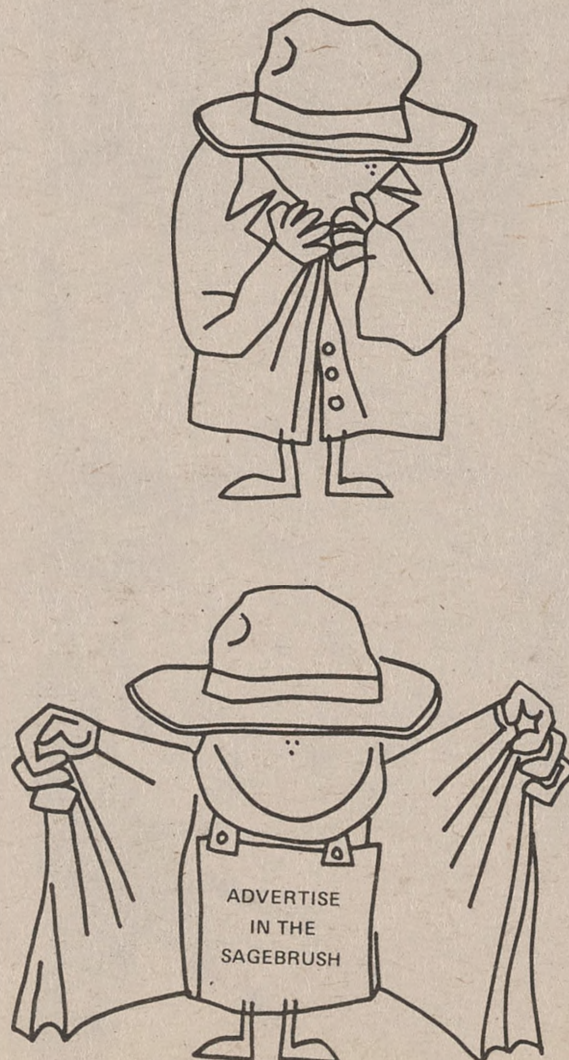
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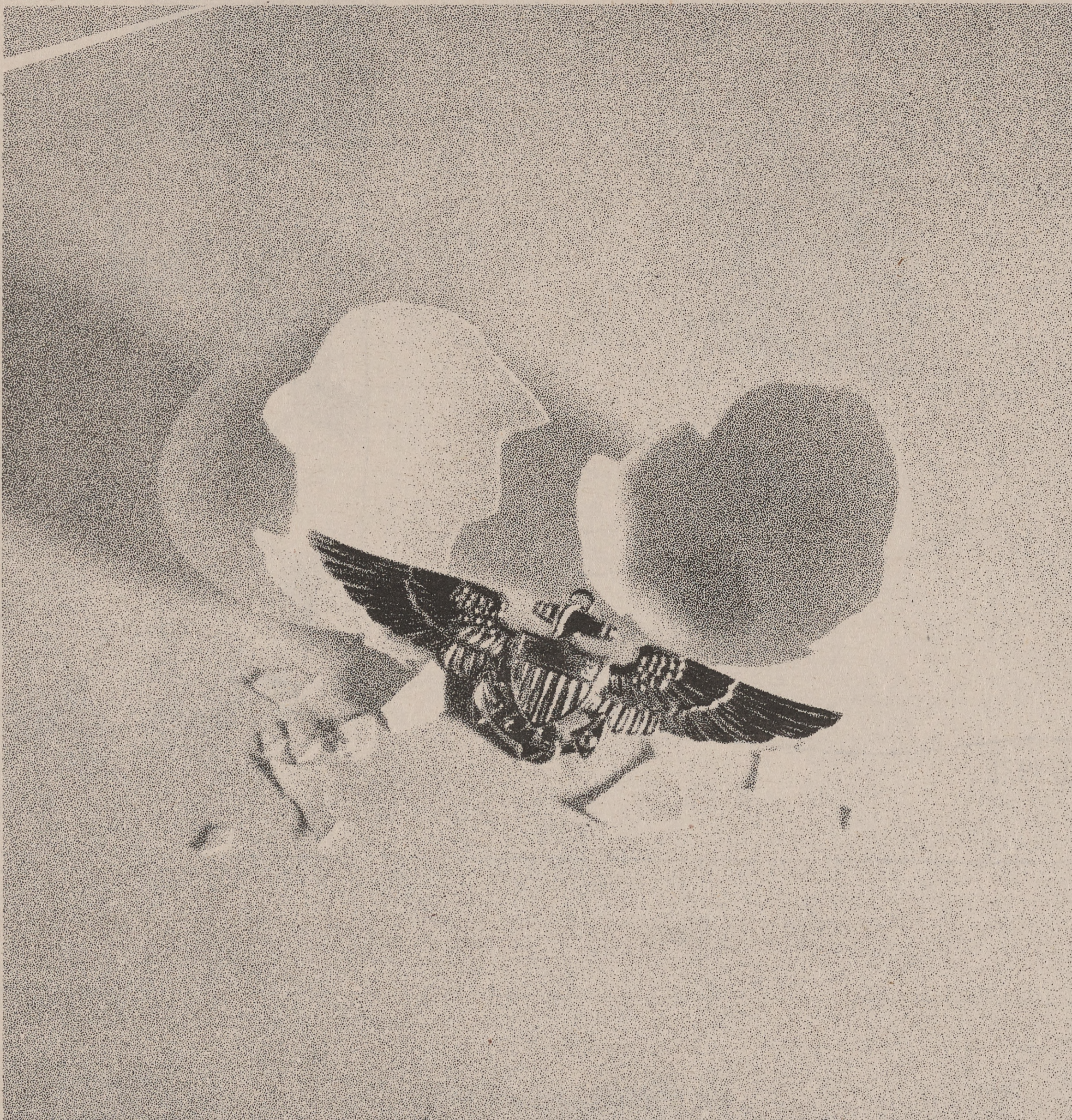
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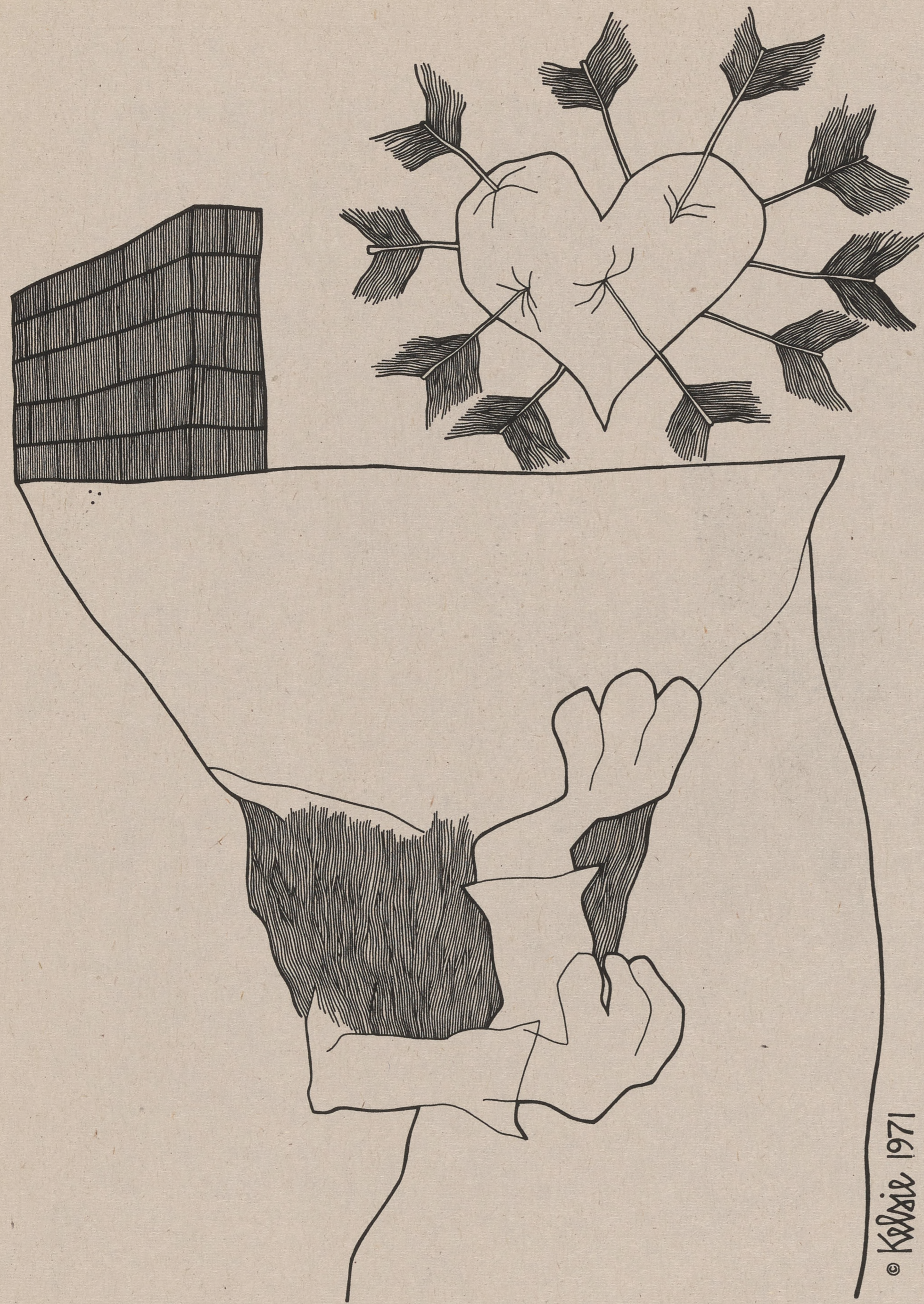
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