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WHAT MEN WILL NOT ACCEPT

Man is willing to accept woman as an equal, as a man in skirts, as an angel, a devil, a baby-face, a machine, an instrument, a bosom, a womb, a pair of legs, a servant, an encyclopaedia, an ideal, or an obscenity; the one thing he won't accept her as is a human being, a real human being of the feminine sex.

D. H. LAWRENCE
[From *Assorted Articles*]



Alternatives

GRAHAM

+ Why is a fire engine Red? (Clue: sea lions)

+ I have noted a slight shift in the administration's position on early payment of residence hall fees. When the change in policy—from a \$25 deposit to hold room assignments for the spring semester to full payment of fees before the end of this semester—was first made public the Friday before Thanksgiving vacation the administration's stated position was clear.

The contract renewal forms stated, "Students not returning a renewal contract prior to (Dec. 16) will not be allowed to leave their personal belongings in their room after 6 p.m. on Dec. 23." An "addendum" to the contract renewal forms stated, "This contract must be accompanied by the appropriate room and-or board fees in order to be considered."

UNR president Max Milam said Wednesday that "the extent of (policy) change is perhaps not to the magnitude the language (in the contract) suggested." He said, "We will do everything to accommodate the students."

Milam said the administration was not changing the policies for time payments and that payment will be subject to negotiation. "Any student," he said, "who has difficulties has a chance to work out some type of payment schedule."

One question still remains clouded by murky answers, though. That is, "Does UNR Business Manager Ed Pine have the authority to make such a policy decision in the first place?" Milam said that he did.

"I think that Pine does have the authority to make this change," he said, "the catalog (which states that a \$25 deposit is required) is not binding as law would be binding." Of course, the university code of conduct states that a violation of a policy listed in the catalog stands as a violation of the code . . . , but that may be another matter.

The issue deserves clarification, and the person to do it is ASUN president Tom Mayer. Mayer said he will bring the issue of residence hall fees to the attention of the Regents during the board's meeting this weekend. It would be a good time to ask if Pine's action was legal, and if it is, to suggest that the Regents establish policies to prevent such decisions from being implemented without prior warning and discussion in the future.

+ Numerous stories on the Reid-Laxalt recount have cited the growing total of "questionable" ballots "discovered" by Reid supporters. According to the media, the Reid camp had a total of 1,000 such "challengable" ballots by Thursday morning. I wondered why similar "challenges" had not been noted from the Laxalt camp. Thursday I contacted a Laxalt spokesman to find out why.

Pat Cashill, a member of Laxalt's Carson City based law firm, said that Laxalt ob-

servers, where possible, were noting questionable ballots in much the same fashion as the Reid people. Cashill also said there were no provisions in Nevada statutes to "challenge" ballots and that Reid's claimed challenges are so much "political verbage" designed to cloud the issue.

According to Cashill, an election can only be contested, as the laws here now stand, before the U.S. Senate and only before the Senate can ballots be challenged. Cashill also said the current recount, stripped of all the frills, is nothing more or less than another tally of the ballots.

+ In the News: A Dec. 3 Nevada State Journal headline tells us, "Ford tells nation: gasoline rationing unlikely." Based on previous experience with government pronouncements of a similar vein ("I do not intend to resign."—Richard Nixon or Spiro Agnew), I expect a rationing proposal implemented within six months.

+ Observations: For those of you who like to nail the media on biased reporting, a UPI report headed "Springer also asks new count" published in the Dec. 3 edition of the Nevada State Journal should do nicely. It serves as a good example of one form of biased reporting—the use of emotionally-loaded terms. The report tells the reading public that Charles Springer, a local attorney, asked for a recount in his unsuccessful bid for a spot on the Nevada Supreme Court. The story appeared on the same page as a similar story announcing that a recount in the Harry Reid-Paul Laxalt Senate race was to begin that day.

In the Laxalt-Reid story, also filed by UPI, it was stated twice that Reid had demanded the recount. No reasons for Reid's demand were stated in the story. In the Springer story it was noted that he asked for the recount and cited several reasons. The story noted that Springer criticized "a variety of things involving the 'ugliness' of the campaign" and that he "complained of an alleged 'fraudulent sample ballot'."

Such terms as "demanded" and "complained" are loaded and tend to set an emotional bias for the story. "Complained" is a particularly nasty term in that it has strong negative connotations and serves to place Springer, in this case, in a negative and even illegitimate position. It is a good idea to watch for such terms in news articles and, hopefully, discount them.

+ We all know that fire engines are red because fire engines have eight wheels and four men; four plus eight is 12; there are 12 inches in a ruler; a ruler was queen of England; the Queen Elizabeth was a ship; ships sail on the sea; the sea has sea lions and fish; fish have fins; Fins fought the Russians; Russians are Red; fire engines are always rush'n', so fire engines are red. (Compliments of Laurel Smith, Carson City.)

Letters

Open Letter:

This letter shall serve as an official request for a report on the subject of dorm contracts for students.

I would like to know why the ASUN Office was not notified of the change in university policy affecting these dorm contracts. Further, I have been informed that the Office of Student Services was not aware of any immediate change so that they could have informed this office. It has been brought to my attention that Dean Carl Keeler did not know about this policy change being implemented this spring semester. I was informed that Dean Keeler understood the policy change to begin in the fall semester of 1975. I personally feel the failure to notify this office was a tragic mistake.

This problem is a perfect example of the lack of courtesy shown to ASUN by attempts to leave us in the dark about any problem, issue, or policy that affects the students or the university in general on this campus. In May of 1974, the Board of Regents officially declared the ASUN "an arm of the university." I would like to know why the ASUN has not been afforded the respect nor the proper notification to which we are entitled as an arm of this institution.

May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,
Tom Mayer
ASUN President

Editor:

"You're saints, God bless you all!" was one 73-year-old lady's tearful expression of thanks for the food we had just delivered in last year's ASUN Christmas Food Drive. The lady lived alone in a cold two-room shack here in Reno. Her refrigerator had a bottle of milk in it, and she had three or four cans of lima beans on her shelf, that was all. It was Christmas Eve, and in other areas across town, people were stuffing themselves at Christmas parties, and preparing to open thousands of dollars worth of gifts on Christmas Day.

In conjunction with the KCBN Christmas Toy Drive this year, the ASUN is sponsoring its annual Christmas Food Drive. We are planning to supply Christmas Food Baskets to as many families as possible, depending on the amount of food we collect. These families will be selected by the Economic Opportunity Board and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program. We are requesting \$250 from the ASUN to cover the cost of the turkeys and perishable items. We sincerely hope that students, faculty, and staff will all join in to provide these needy families with the rest (including toys for the toy drive). Canned vegetables, fruits, beans, powdered milk, and any other non-perishable food will gladly be accepted, as well as donations which will be used to purchase these same things.

A table will be set up in the student union from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. daily from Dec. 9 through Dec. 18 to accept food, donations, or toys. Anyone interested in helping sort, buy, or deliver these food baskets, can leave their name and phone number in the ASUN Office with Peggy.

I will start the food drive off by fasting this Saturday and Sunday and donating \$20.

Sincerely,
George Kaiser
ASUN Food Drive Chairperson

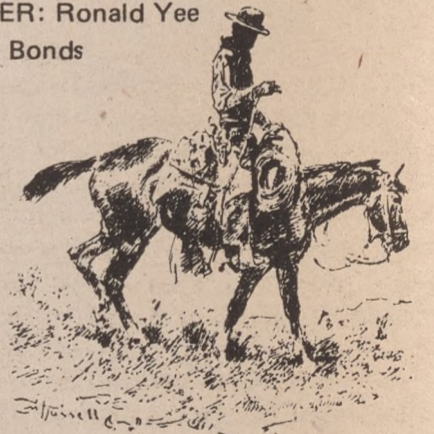
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The ASUN-KCBN-Radio Christmas party for needy children will be held Dec. 14 in the UNR Dining Commons. The ASUN and KCBN still need more toys for the children who will be attending this party.

Check your yard, ask your kid brothers or sisters, ask your neighbors for unused toys. The more toys donated, the more children who will benefit from the Christmas spirit.

Bring toys, or food and monetary contributions as well, to the ASUN office in the Union. Food donated will be distributed the week of Dec. 15-21 to families in the Reno-Sparks area which would not, without these donations, be able to experience a traditional Christmas dinner.



He maka da rule;
he playa da game.

Against the Grain

MYERS

A new federal law encouraging that students be given access to their own files at educational institutions has gone into effect, and schools all over the country have been scrambling to find ways of circumventing the law without losing federal funding.

The law, sponsored by Senator James Buckley (Conservative-N.Y.), is aimed at opening student files to students (and in elementary and secondary school, to their parents) and at closing the files to "third parties"—commercial institutions and law enforcement agencies. The law, called the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, took effect November 19.

In the weeks prior to the November 19 deadline, school officials throughout the nation had been complaining that the law would lead to legal and administrative chaos. A variety of ways of avoiding complete compliance with the law was devised and put into effect.

Harvard University stripped student files of materials it wanted kept confidential. Stanford provost William Miller requested the deans of that institution to strip the files of confidential letters of recommendation and store them "separately and securely." The University of California's legal office has advised its nine campuses not to allow students to look at such letters until the law is clarified, presumably by expected court action. UNLV vice president Brock Dixon said that 45-day waiting period, permitted by the law, might be used if the school's authorities consider a request to see the files to be of "doubtful merit." The Student Affairs Committee at UNR recommended records, which were confidential prior to the date the law took effect, be kept confidential.

Such actions to avoid complete compliance with the law are considered by supporters of the law and by some legal experts as unlikely to succeed. And consumer advocates and privacy lobbyists in Washington say that court actions will be quickly filed to force all schools into complete compliance or to revoke their federal funding.

William Rioux, representing the National Committee for Citizens in Education, told a hostile audience at the annual meeting of the College Entrance Examination Board that the era was ending when it was legitimate to protect individuals from themselves—a reference to actions taken to deny students access to letters of recommendation.

Rioux also compared the student's new rights to the access being sought by consumers to information compiled about them by credit bureaus and insurance companies.

Buckley's legislative assistant, John Kwapisz, said colleges had been telling him that compliance was possible by the November 19 deadline.

The law provides that students may inspect, challenge, and control use of the information in their files.

School administrators say the new law will hamper and perhaps alter school admissions policies. Stanford President Richard Lyman said that, "obviously, a personal recommendation is not likely to be candid if the writer knows it can be read by the subject." UNR's Student Affairs Committee (actually a body made up mostly of faculty members) made the same point.

Lyman said the new law "will make it difficult for institutions with selective admissions policies to do their job well."

"The pressure will be considerable to rely on phone calls and other less explicit and off-the-record methods," or simply give greater weight to grades and standardized test scores in admissions decisions, he said.

Supporters of the law, naturally, feel otherwise. They say it is important, regardless of the ultimate meaning and fate of the new law, that present policies of keeping letters of recommendation confidential be ended anyway. They contend that a student who is given a negative appraisal in such a letter is entitled to read it as a matter of right, and that no one should be able to provide a school with information about a student unless the student can face that person and challenge him and his assessment. They add further that such open policies are becoming more prevalent in credit and employment practices. "We're told that a lack of candor in the letters will result if the letters are opened to a student's eyes," said one professor. "Well, so what? If somebody can't make an honest appraisal and then defend it before the person he's appraising, then he shouldn't be doing it at all. And that points up the problem with the present policy of confidentiality: A lot of times all that policy does is foster the circulation of inaccurate information about a student without that student ever being aware of it."

School administrators also say the language of the new law is "unclear," but if anything, the reverse seems to be true; it is so excessively clear that even the bill's sponsor, Senator Buckley, is considering introducing refinements. As presently written, the law bars funds to any college "which has a policy of denying, or which effectively prevents" an attending student from inspecting "any and all official records, files and data directly related" to the student.

Opponents of the partial-compliance moves say the "any and all" language in the law makes stripping the student files, as Harvard and Stanford have done, a pointless move which will be invalidated in court. "A student file is a student file," said one. "The law makes no distinction as to where or how the files are stored. They're all covered (by the law)."

They also contend that it is equally pointless to keep confidential those student files which were confidential prior to November 19.

According to one attorney, "The 'effective prevention' and 'any and all' language is clear and inclusive. And schools which use separate files, retroactively, or similar subterfuges as justification for circumvention of the law are on shaky legal ground—and even shakier educational ground, when one considers that they're putting their funding in jeopardy."

Many schools were also considering requirements that students could not inspect the files unless a staff monitor were present to "assist and explain" the file to the student.

Supporters of the law feel that many of the maneuvers taken by the schools are a temporary delaying tactic, designed to protect the confidentiality of the records until new legislation can be passed to dilute the provisions of the law.

Letters

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Editor:

Chancellor Humphrey's proposal for assessing individual faculty work loads is essentially the plan I prepared several years ago for consideration by the Faculty Senate, a copy of which I forwarded to his office. I wish to point out two basic features that are essential to this plan that are not evident in the descriptions in either your article or your editorial.

In the first place, there is a wide variety of teaching methods and functions in the various colleges and departments. The trial run of the Purdue-type assessment method a couple of years ago showed this. There are lectures with and without discussion sections, laboratories with all degrees of faculty or T.F. supervision, seminars, workshops, and many other types. Thus no across-the-board rules can be made on the number of hours or units to be assigned to a course of a given number of student credits.

In the second place, in my version of the plan, the responsibility for defining the relation of units to duties was centered in the departments, to be worked out in negotiation between each faculty member and his chairman. All these important matters of judgment that your editorial discusses can be taken up there and worked out in the proper context.

It would be the responsibility of the deans to see that their department chairmen are reasonably able to make such judgments, and to give a second-level approval of the reported unit assignments. And of course the higher levels of administration would make third-level judgments on the overall results.

Faculty accountability is important, and it needs to be carried out at the point where responsibility lies. Simple across-the-board computerizable rules are bound at the best to be misleading and at the worst productive of too great restrictions on some faculty and too great latitude for others.

William T. Scott

1984 postponed

The administration is moving, according to UNR president Max Milam, to comply with the provisions of the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974."

The act, proposed by Senator James Buckley (Conservative-N.Y.) gives students or parents access to their own files at educational institutions.

Milam said Wednesday, "I have some reservations about the bill itself, but obviously we are going to comply with the law." He said the new law could affect students adversely in some areas, particularly those dealing with medical records. He said the law could pose problems for patient-client relationships between students and staff doctors as well as in certain medical areas, such as reports of a psychiatric examination.

Milam said the federal government will be sending out guidelines for implementing the act to all schools, and that there was a move in Congress to amend provisions of the bill at this time.

Dean of Students Roberta Barnes said Wednesday that all student services files, except for those in the graduate placement office, will be open to the individual student. Barnes said that the graduate placement files will be kept confidential because the letters of recommendation solicited for those files were submitted with the understanding that they would be kept confidential.

According to Robert Kinney, associate dean of students, the office of student affairs has all disciplinary files, which he said have always been open to those students concerned, and files on all undergraduates. These files, Kinney said—which cover currently-enrolled students, graduates and students who have withdrawn—are regularly destroyed after a student has been absent from UNR for five years.

Academic vice-president James T. Anderson said Wednesday that most of those files in the individual colleges are in the hands of faculty advisors and that most editors share the contents of these files with the student.

Registrar Jack Shirley said that "there do not appear to be any major conflicts in implementing the Buckley Amendment of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as the principles set forth seem to be consistent with those already in practice in the Office of Admissions and Records."

"However," Shirley said, "more will be known as additional information is released in the form of national guidelines."



Bugs at UNR

Guess who's coming to town? Bugs Bunny, Beany and Cecil, Porky Pig and Tweety-Pie!!

You don't believe it? Well, their creator, Bob Clampett, is coming—and he'll be giving a complete audio-visual program Tuesday night, Dec. 10, at 7 o'clock in the Travis Lounge at UNR.

The free presentation is sponsored by ASUN and will include a variety of attractions. Bob Clampett is an academy award winning cartoonist, best known perhaps for his Beany and Cecil characters who starred in their own Warner Brothers television show. He also created the famous Tweety and Sylvester, Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd cartoons.

Today Clampett makes TV films and commercials in his Hollywood studio, while his network cartoons are shown on television and movie theater screens across the world.

He will conduct a casual presentation, which will be followed by a question and answer period. Clampett will discuss the history of American animation, cartoon censorship (from Felix the Cat to Fritz the Cat), the Golden Age of Animation, and give a backstage peek at the Disney and Warner Brothers studios.

You can see Cecil in person (puppet form) and view an extensive art exhibit of several classic cartoonists' works.

The Clampett Film Festival is a humorous, informative and very entertaining program. It gives an insight into an art form which was at one time the highlight of every child's Saturday matinee excursion.

Seating will be limited in the student lounge, so come early. Phone the ASUN Office for additional information.

Announcements

TODAY, DEC. 6

Final date for filing approved thesis or dissertation for binding.

8 a.m.—Defensive Driving Course, Room 107, TSS.

10 a.m.—Peace Corps recruiting, McDermott Room, Union.

Noon—Academic Standards Committee, Ingersoll Room, Union.

1 p.m.—Managerial Science meeting, Tahoe Room, Union.

3:30 p.m.—Salary Committee, Hardy Room, Union.

8 p.m.—"Come Blow Your Horn," play, Travis Lounge, Union.

8 p.m.—Honor Band and Choral Festival, Pioneer Theater Auditorium.

9 p.m.—Live Entertainment! Adlai Alexander and Gerald Grenfell, The Blue Mailbox, The Center, 1101 N. Virginia. (Entrance to rear.)

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.—"The Psychology of Overeating," Center workshop, The Center, 1101 N. Virginia.

8 p.m.—"Come Blow Your Horn" play, Travis Lounge, Union.

9 p.m.—Live Entertainment! Adlai Alexander and Gerald Grenfell, The Blue Mailbox, The Center, 1101 N. Virginia. (Entrance to rear.)

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

9 a.m.—UNR Youth-Adult Program, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1660 Grandview.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—"The Psychology of Overeating," Center workshop, The Center, 1101 N. Virginia.

2 p.m.—"Messiah," music department production, Pioneer Theater Auditorium.

8 p.m.—"Go Ask Alice," ASUN film, Room 107, TSS.

8 p.m.—Graduate Student Association meeting, elections, Room 103, Frandsen Humanities.

9 p.m.—Open Stage, The Blue Mailbox, The Center, 1101 N. Virginia. (Entrance to rear.)

10 p.m.—Student-Faculty Mass, Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church, N. Virginia and Manzanita Way.

MONDAY, DEC. 9

7:15 a.m.—Medical Science breakfast, Hardy Room, Union.

12:30 p.m.—Student Affairs staff, Hardy Room, Union.

1 p.m.—Faculty-Senate Code Committee, East-West Room, Union.

2 p.m.—Human Relations Committee, Ingersoll Room, Union.

8 p.m.—"Loggins and Messina," ASUN concert, Centennial Coliseum.

NEWS

Loggins and Messina

Monday's the big night! Loggins and Messina are coming to Reno—and you don't want to be caught without a ticket.

Be sure to pick yours up today in the Activities Office. ASUN discount tickets are only \$3.50 (you'd pay \$5.50 or \$6 downtown).

The concert starts at 8 p.m. in the Centennial Coliseum. Appearing with Loggins and Messina will be Richard Torrence and Eureka, a California folk rock group.

Yes, No, Yes

Need some extra money? Know anything about audio-visual equipment? Like to see free movies every Sunday night?

The movie projectionist for ASUN flicks is graduating and a replacement will be needed for next semester. If you can work three or four hours every Sunday night and are available for occasional mid-week showings, the ASUN wants to talk to you.

Please contact Karl Hahn or Pete Perriera at the ASUN Office, or phone 784-6589. This can be through a work-study program if applicable.

—Bingham

Ag hits the Senate's dust

Attention Agriculture Majors:

Well—another one's hit the dust. Due to too strenuous a workload, Agriculture Senator Jerry Reinhardt has resigned. And that means a vacancy has to be immediately filled!

Agriculture undergraduates are urged to file for this ASUN Senate seat before next Wednesday at 5 p.m. Pick up application forms in the ASUN Office.

—Bingham

Miller makes it wrong

I worked so hard as a candidate for Vice President, and it turned out so badly that I decided I'd never work again.

William E. Miller,
Barry Goldwater's running mate in 1964.

Know why they're so bloated?

Pear-shaped men, according to an article in Director magazine, were those most likely to be world leaders; padded people, such as British Prime Minister Harold Wilson, Napoleon Bonaparte and General Charles de Gaulle, the article said, inspired trust and displayed success in business and politics. The shape was also described as the burgundy bottle look.

Still at large?

Spiro T. Agnew, former Vice President, signed an agreement with the government to pay \$1100 for nearly \$180,000 in improvements made to his Washington home at U.S. expense. Agnew recently sold the house for a reported \$300,000 after he bought it months earlier for \$190,000.

Still large?

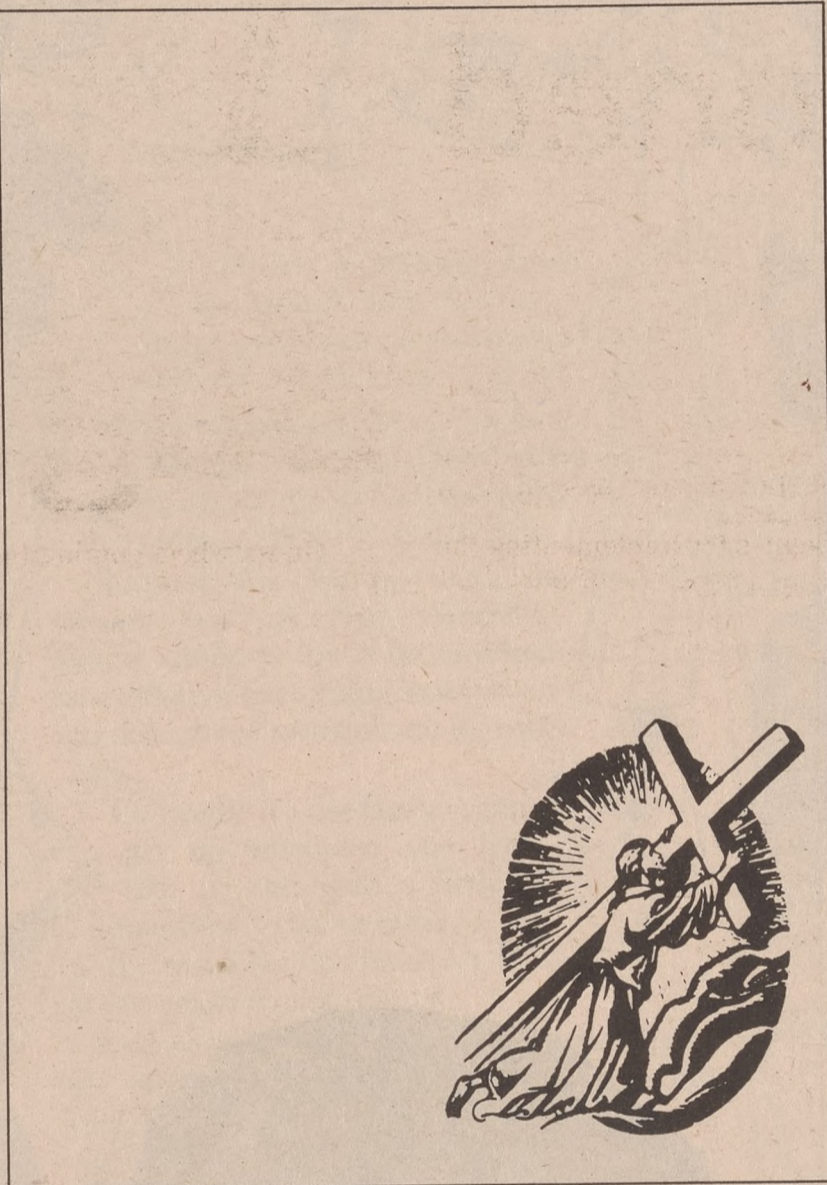
Sarah (Baby Doll) Cowan was arrested for prostitution for the 50th time in Peoria, Illinois. Her weight was reported as 200 pounds; her age, 73.

An author, whether good or bad, or between both, is an animal whom every body is privileged to attack: for though all are not able to write books, all conceive themselves able to judge them.



Artificial fruit

The faculty and students will present a showcase production of Neil Simon's hit comedy *Come Blow Your Horn* December 6 and 7 in the Travis Student Union. The comedy deals with the complications an artificial fruit manufacturer has with his two sons, one averse to work and the idea of marriage and a younger son eager to be his own man. The popular comedy has a universal metropolitan American appeal and should provide an evening of fun and entertainment. Curtain time is 8 p.m. and admission is \$1.50 for everyone. For further information call 784-6123 or 784-6659.



A pathetic showing

The trouble with apathy, said Tom Mayer, ASUN president, is that "nobody's interested in it."

Several weeks ago the student senate created a committee to study apathy at UNR and to recommend solutions.

Only five students have applied for membership on the committee. After some debate the name of the group was changed from the Committee on Apathy to the Committee on Student Awareness.

Mayer said he had expected about 20 students would join. "But maybe we didn't advertise enough. Or maybe some students don't see apathy as a problem, but as a way of life," he observed.

The student body president said he's "in favor of anything to open up lines of communication between the university and students." Although the committee isn't huge, it's going to meet anyway, Mayer said.

—Walquist

NOTES

Attention Viets

Muslims, Vietnamese Catholics and Indian nationals at UNR are being requested to provide information for national student directories, says the foreign students' adviser, Jack Selbig.

Students may submit their names, addresses and telephone numbers in the Foreign Students Office, Room 209 in the Thompson Student Services Building.

The information is being requested by the Muslim Students Association of the United States, the Vietnamese Catholic Students Association in America, and the Consulate General of India.

—Yribarren

When it all comes down

The Reno-Sparks YWCA is presenting its fourth winter sports clinic Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. Betty Wilson, special deputy, Washoe County, will feature a discussion on identifying potential avalanche areas while hiking, skiing or snowmobiling. Techniques of search and rescue will also be presented as well as a U.S. Forestry Dept. film on avalanche control.

The public is invited to attend and anyone interested should call the YWCA for registration information.

I am not a cook!

Forget going to stores for your Christmas shopping!! Stock up on AWS Cookbooks for those special people on your shopping list.

The Cookbooks are only \$3, and are full of well-tested, original recipes supplied by UNR faculty, staff and students.

Pick up yours today in the ASUN Office. We'll even mail them to your relatives if you like!

—Bingham

Uniform punishment

A new washing machine which the owner, Mike Wantz, county dog warden of Medina, Ohio had filled with his eight new pairs of uniform pants, was left to do its job while Wantz and his wife went to bed; it malfunctioned, however, and when the couple arose the next morning, they found the machine still running. "There was about a bushel basket full of lint and my pants were the consistency of a handkerchief," he said. The manufacturer fixed the machine and paid for the trousers.

Continental theater offered

"Seminar in Theatrical Periods," a new three-credit class will be offered by the Speech and Theater Department at UNR for the spring semester.

The undergraduate and graduate level course will focus on the continental theater from 1550 to modern times.

It will be offered at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. James Bernardi will teach the course.

—Mastrantuono

Mineral producers recorded

A list of Nevada's industrial mineral producers has been published by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology at UNR.

Compiled by Keith G. Papke, agency geologist, the four-page pamphlet lists by commodity the names of 55 companies engaged in nonmetallic mineral production in the state.

Ought to be a law

ENGSTROM

Qualified Nevada students who want to go to law school to study Nevada law or who don't have finances to pay out-of-state tuition often find they must change their career goals because there is no law school in Nevada.

This problem has been bothering several people throughout the state. As a result in the last session of the Nevada State Legislature, a resolution was passed for a study to be done concerning the feasibility of starting a law school in Nevada.

Unfortunately, politics entered into the discussion. The question became not if Nevada should have a law school but whether it should be Reno or Las Vegas. Since the majority of legislators are from Las Vegas, the feasibility study only discussed that location as a site for the school.

Before they definitely decide to build the law school in Las Vegas, it has to be determined if Nevada needs and could support it. The study, "Law School Study for UNLV," was authored by Dean Willard Pedrick, College of Law, Arizona State University, and Prof. Lorne Seidman, chairman of the Department of Finance at UNLV. The study discussed these questions.

They concluded that there is a need for the law school. In 1960, there were 17,000 first-year law school students in ABA approved schools. By 1970 this number had grown to 37,538. For the school year 1974-75 this number is expected to increase to 40,000. Most law schools are receiving 10-15 applications for each spot.

They discussed the need for one in Nevada by looking at past records of students who had applied. In 1972-73 Nevada students filed 968 applications for law school from 160 students (each student applied to several schools). Ninety-one were accepted and fifty to sixty enrolled as first-year students.

They said, "The fact is that fewer young Nevadans are trying to study law and fewer young Nevadans are securing admission to and actually enrolling in law school than one would expect, if the experience nationally is applied to Nevada's population."

They gave the reasons for this as there was no law school in Nevada and the cost of going out of state. In California the low cost of tuition is \$1500 for an academic year to a high of \$3184 at Stanford. The tuition at the University of California runs about \$2200. In addition, these schools have quotas for out of state students.

The need for more lawyers was examined in the study also. They said nationally in 1970 there was one lawyer for every 572 persons. In Nevada there was one for every 572 persons. Of the 739 lawyers in Nevada, 617 were in Reno or Las Vegas. Fifty-four per cent of the lawyers were making over \$25,000 annually.

There has been an increase of lawyers in the Reno area even in the last year. The Nevada State Bar Association said there are 362 lawyers in Reno. 102 people passed the bar examination given this year. This was up from 85 last year.

Many people in the community are divided on whether Nevada needs a law school. Most of the hesitancy came from members of the legal community. High costs of schooling for students was the major reason given for Nevada needing a law school.

Mills Lane, Deputy District Attorney for Washoe County, said he didn't know if Nevada needed a law school. He said, "It's unfair for the students to have to pay out-of-state tuition. If Nevada could work out an agreement with other schools so they didn't have to pay it, then I would say we didn't need one."

Students felt that Nevada should have a law school because going out of state may be impossible because of their finances. Brenda Baxter, a senior in history pre-law, said, "I'm disgusted with the prices of other law schools. It would cost me \$1000-1500 more a year to go to school than it would if I were a state resident."

Others considered not being able to study Nevada law as well as the cost. Bernie Snyder, a senior in journalism who plans to go to law school, said, "The only place I know that teaches Nevada law is McGeorge in Sacramento. I think it's a shame you have to go away when you could stay here for school and go for a more reasonable price."

Tom Mayer, ASUN President, also said one of the reasons he wanted to see a law school in Nevada is because McGeorge is the only place he knows that teaches Nevada law.

He said, "Students who want to go to school and want to study Nevada law should be able to. It's not really a question of whether we need more lawyers but that we should let students who want to study law do so."

Eleanor Bushnell, a political science professor, agrees with Mayer. She said, "If there are qualified students in Nevada who do well in school and on their LSAT test and can't get into a school because they're from out of state, then they are being deprived of their choice. I have to admit that I don't know of any such students."

Bushnell said there were other reasons for having a law school besides a financial break for local students. She said the intellectual attainment that a law facility makes possible should be considered also.

She said, "A good law faculty increases research and they tend to respect facts. The community benefits from this kind of experience. It's good to have the intellectual demand placed on law students and professors."

Frankie Sue Del Pappa, former ASUN president and now an attorney working for Judge Bruce Thompson, agrees with that in part. She said, "Any state judicial system is better with a law school. It keeps the state laws and the judicial system on their toes. It provides continual study and new ideas."

She continued that she has mixed emotions. She worried that Nevada may not be large enough to support the school. She also said she knew of a number of attorneys locally that are looking for a job.

Mary Gojack, newly-elected state senator, expressed mixed emotions about starting a law school. She said she had been in favor of the feasibility study but had not had a chance to look at it yet.

She said, "It's not a clear-cut thing. I do think it's coming. Of course it's not fair to Nevada students not to be able to go to school in their own state. It deprives some of them of their choice of career."

Stephen Peak, the ASUN attn., also agreed that it was too expensive to go out of state. He added another viewpoint though. He said, "If a student goes out of state and establishes residency so he doesn't have to pay the extra tuition, he may lose his residency in Nevada. Nevada has a residency requirement for admission to the bar. So he may have to wait awhile before he can practice if he comes back to Nevada."

Going out of state to law school may be a benefit for the legal system, Karl Walquist, a senior pre-law student in journalism and political science, said. He said, "It's better for Nevada this way. Students leave and come back. It adds variety to the legal system. It's good to be exposed to another state."

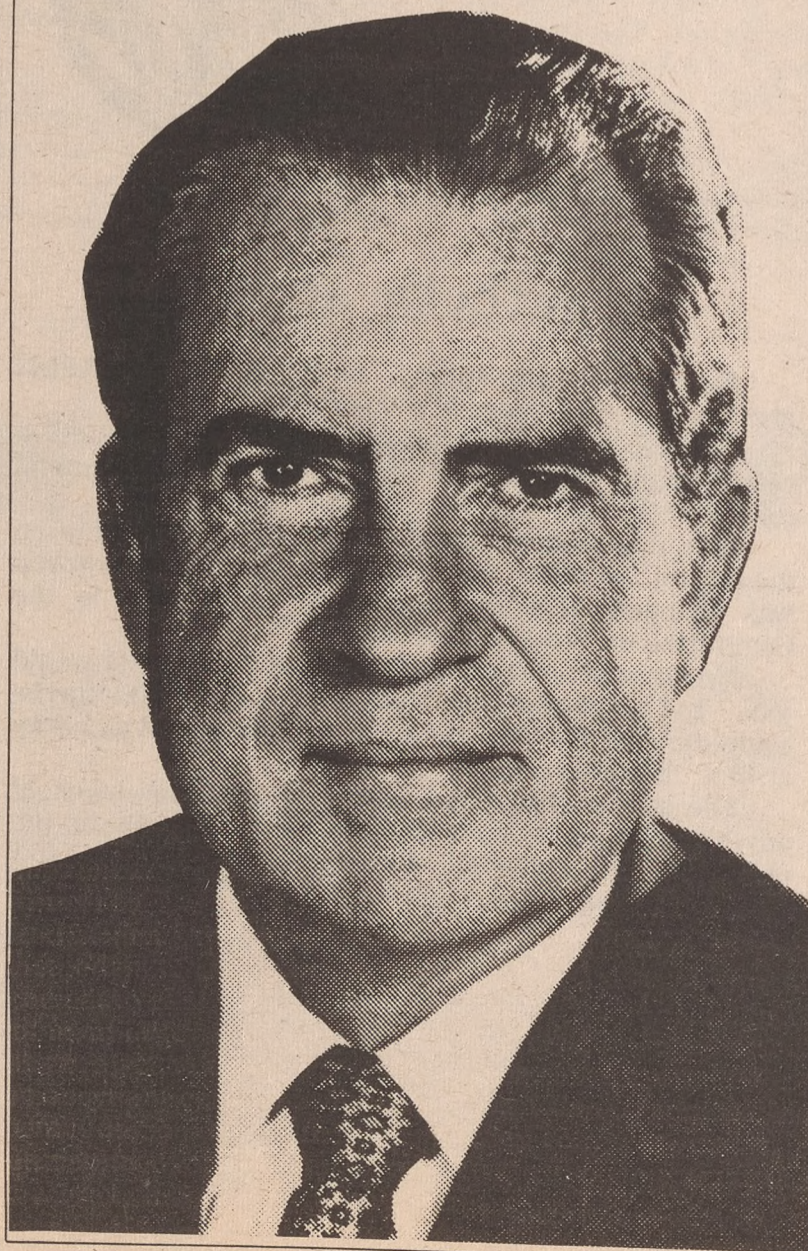
Another question to be considered is the cost. The cost of starting any new school can be quite high. If the school is started in Las Vegas, a new building and law library must be established. This is on top of the regular expenditures for teachers' salaries, books, etc.

The law study had several figures on how much it would cost to start a school. They said the Association of American Law Schools offers a figure of \$4000 per student per year to operate. They said a school of 200-250 students (probably the size of the Nevada law school) carries a budget of \$3000-\$3500 per student per year. They also said the school would need to operate on a budget of \$600,000 to \$750,000 yearly. Again this is not considering the cost of the buildings.

This raises the question of whether the law school should be the university system's highest priority. Some people disagree with whether the law school is worth such an investment.

Gary Sheerin, a Carson City attorney, does not think a law school has the highest priority. He said, "I think it would be nice to have one. The question is one of dollars and priority. I think a lot of other things have a higher priority than a law school."

John Tom Ross, another Carson City attorney and a newly-elected member of the Board of Regents, agrees with Sheerin. He said, "We don't need one at this time. There are higher priorities. All existing departments need to be refined. The Community Colleges serving 14,000 students need money to take care of their growth. We need a veterinarian school and have the medical school completed. Then we can think about a law school."



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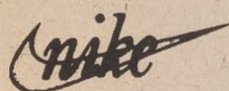
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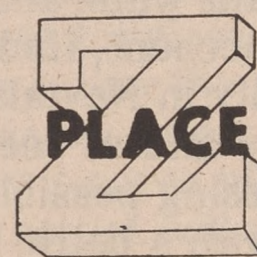
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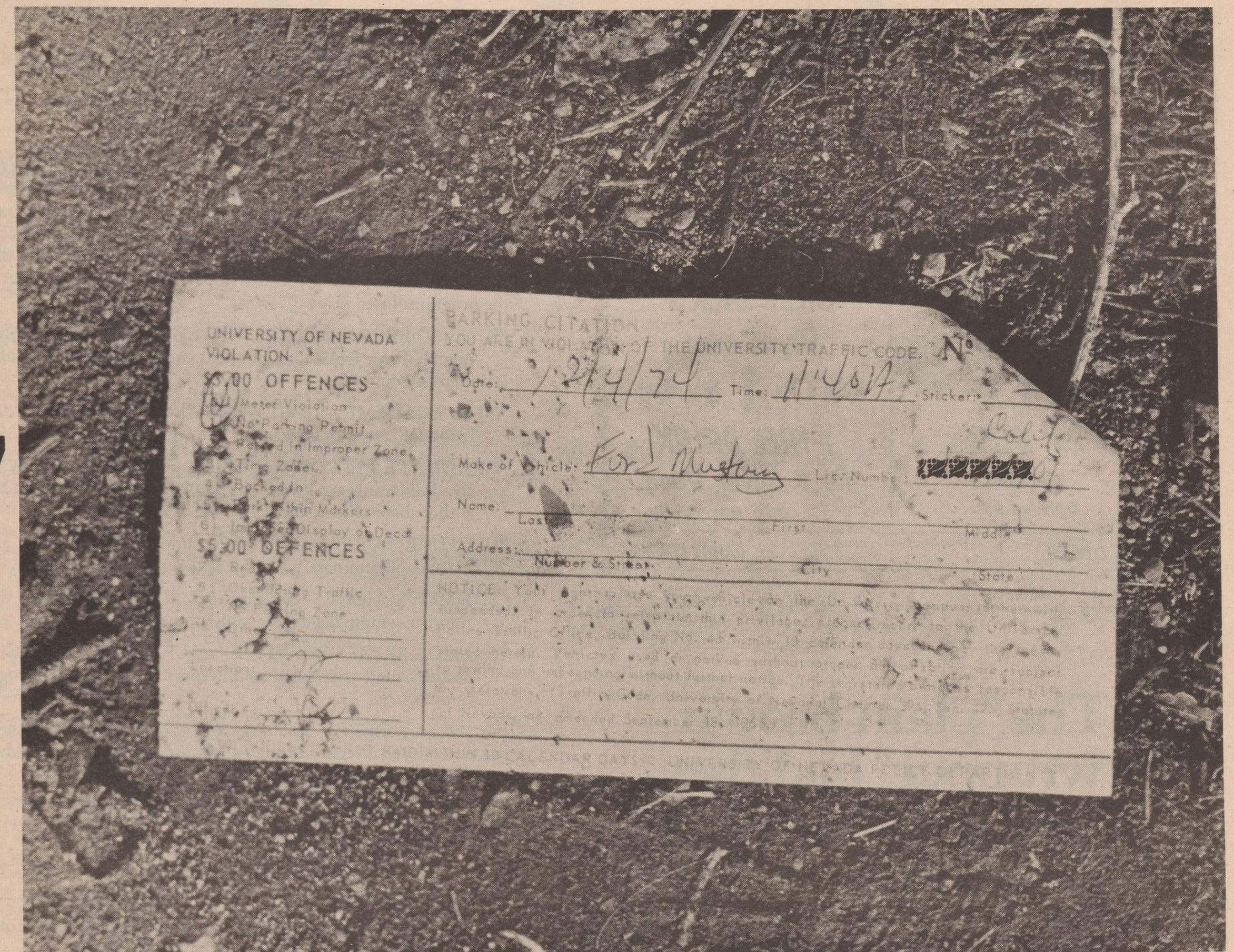
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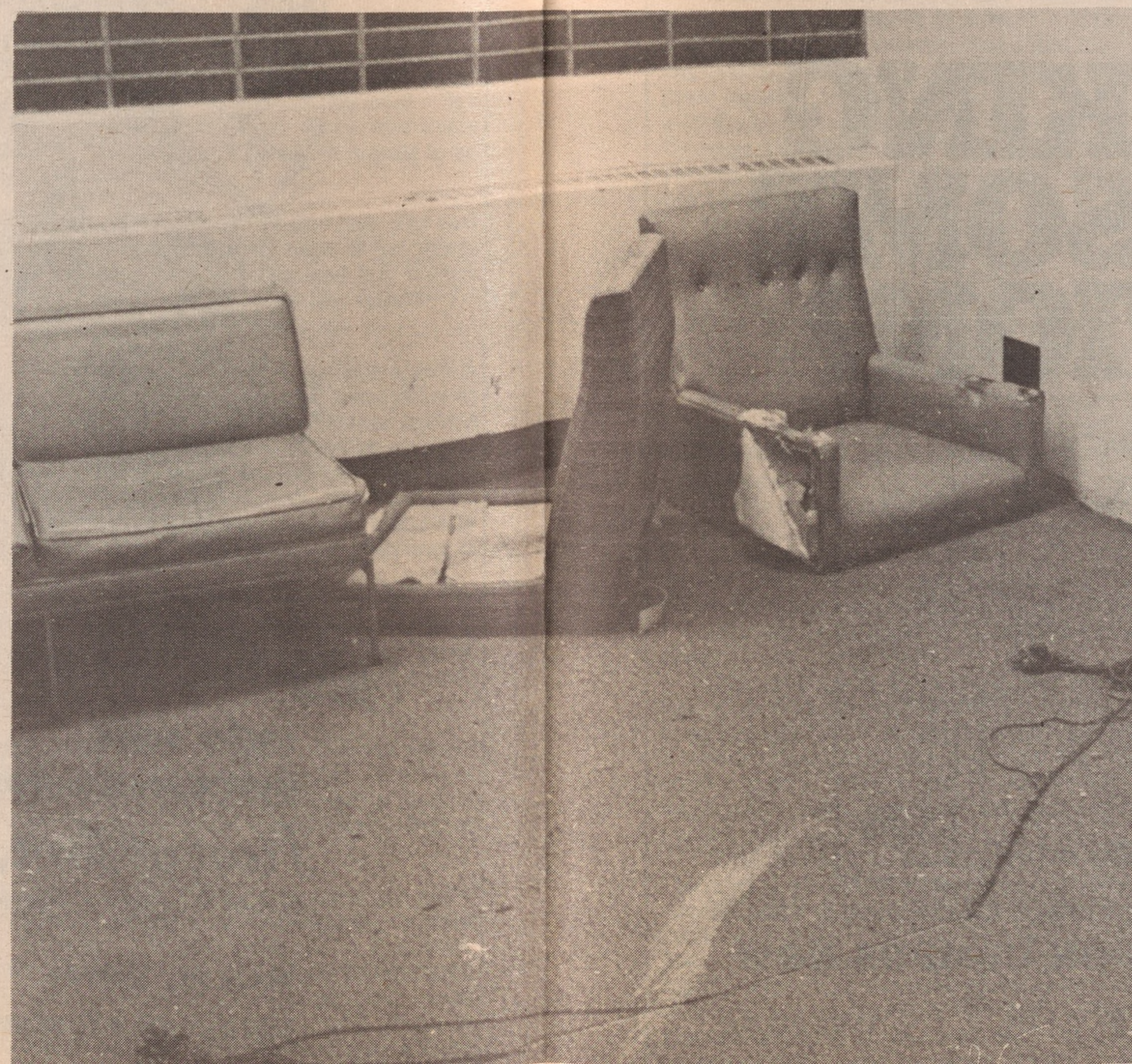
A UNR Cooperative Extension Specialist recently called attention to the problem of litter, especially as it concerns that resulting from thrown away beverage containers, mostly soft drink and beer cans or bottles.

Hans Radtke, Cooperative Extension Community Development specialist at the College of Agriculture, pointed out that littering along roadsides, in the back country and at recreational areas continues to be a problem despite anti-litter and associated campaigns. Workable solutions are still being sought, he said.

"We can look forward in this state, as in the country," Radtke explained, "to driving along corridors of shiny aluminum and glass, unless an adequate roadside clean-up program is developed, people can be educated to refrain from tossing out drink containers, or the state initiates a program that encourages people to return beer and soft drink containers."

Radtke indicated that approximately 120 million soft drink and 80 million beer bottles and cans are sold in Nevada annually. Of the beer containers, about six per cent are returnable money-back bottles. The rest are aluminum and glass containers which can only be returned at special recycling centers. One distribution firm and recycling center estimated that they get about a 33 per cent return on their sales of aluminum cans. Considering soft drinks, Radtke said that approximately 50 per cent of all containers are aluminum cans while about 25 per cent are deposit-money-back bottles. Taking all of these figures into account, Radtke estimated that nearly 110 million cans and bottles are thrown away annually in Nevada with a relatively good share winding up along roadways, in the back country and at recreational sites.

In discussing possible solutions to the littering problem, Radtke mentioned Oregon's experience with a bottle bill. The bill was passed in 1972. It outlaws cans with throw-away snap tops, outlaws no-deposit bottles and cans, and requires a minimum of a five-cent refund be paid on all carbonated beverage containers except for short-necked 12-ounce beer bottles when two cents is paid. Radtke said that a similar bill had been introduced into the 1973 Nevada State Legislature but failed.



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According to Radtke, there were both pros and cons concerning Oregon's bill, and also conflicting views and reports as to its success.

At least two studies, one of which was conducted by two Oregon State University Business Administration professors, said that the bill was working well in terms of reducing the volume of solid waste and litter caused from beverage containers. A reduction of 88 per cent in the volume of solid waste and litter from this source was reported in the study with an estimated savings of \$700,000 annually.

The economic effect of the bill on industry has been mixed. The law did cut operating income of retailers and glass and can manufacturers by some four million dollars, but this was offset by an eight-million dollar increase enjoyed by brewers and soft drink bottlers. The study said that more jobs ultimately were created than lost by the action.

Radtke said that "applying information derived from the Oregon study to Nevada, passage of a similar law in this state could mean a net increase of around 250 jobs."

Pro-thoughts on the bottle bill indicate it is what people want as a means of improving the environment; a large portion of litter is beverage containers; bottles present forest fire dangers; there is a danger of cuts from broken glass; there would be savings on soft drinks sold in returnables; people will pick up what is littered; farmers get glass and other refuse in bales of hay, endangering livestock; it makes sense to reuse rather than buy new bottles each time; litter clean-up costs would be reduced; and law enforcement is not effective. Those who oppose the measure list such arguments as industry is not to blame for litter; it needs more study and is part of the solid waste problem; dirty bottles will attract vermin to stores; more storage would be needed by grocers; people will bring glass back for recycling so reuse is not needed; people may get bottles from other states and bring them back for the deposit; it discriminates against only two small parts of the litter problem; and it does not include wine bottles.

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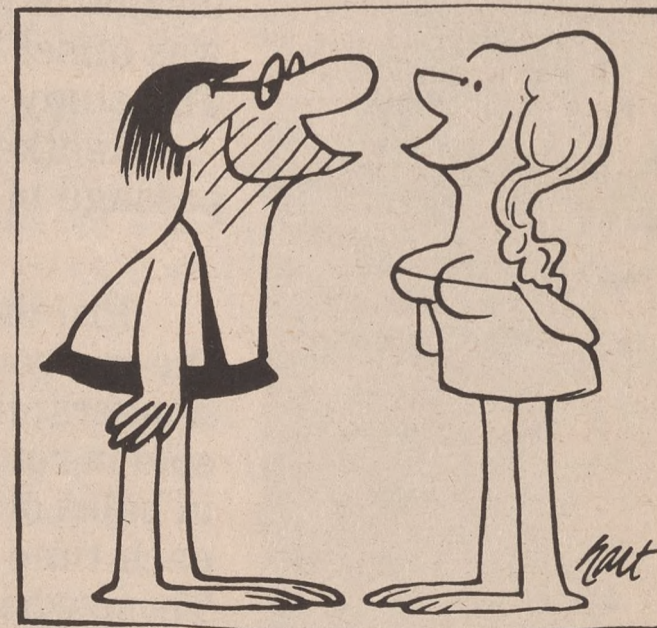
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Senate

The Dec. 4 meeting of the ASUN Senate was called to order at 7 p.m. Archer and Hollis were absent from the meeting.

REPORT OF THE ASUN PRESIDENT: Mayer informed the senators that he needs toys for the children for the Dec. 14 Christmas Party, co-sponsored by KCBN. He also told senators he needs baked goods for the senior citizens party on Dec. 19. The ASUN Christmas Food Drive will begin Dec. 9 and continue through Dec. 20.

Mayer informed the Senate that the Regents will meet today and Saturday in Las Vegas. On the agenda is a proposal for a \$30 increase in tuition and a \$12 increase in the capital improvement fee. Mayer stated he would oppose both proposals.

Mayer stated he has asked for a report from Ed Pine about the dorm contracts, in which students must pay for their dorm contracts for next semester before the end of this semester.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES: Hahn asked for approval of the following emergency measures from the Dec. 4 Activities Board meeting: (1) Approval of \$75 for the ASME banquet, (2) Recommendation for full recognition for the Chess Club. There being no objections, Engstrom moved to approve the two emergency actions from Dec. 4. May seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND PUBLICATIONS: Filson reviewed the Publications Board minutes from Dec. 3. O'Driscoll asked Filson exactly what "consent of the Publications Board" meant, whether it be a meeting of the board or a phone vote of the board. Filson explained that it would be first a meeting of the board, and if that were not possible, a phone vote of the board. After further brief discussion on the matter, Engstrom moved to approve the Publications Board minutes from Dec. 3. Mills seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with eight (8) in favor and seven (7) opposed (O'Driscoll, Ferrari, Gilliam, Jensen, May, Pecorilla and Williams opposed to the motion and Drakulich, Codega, Engstrom, Land, Mills, Reinhardt - Jack, Morgan and Pearce in favor of the motion).

REPORT OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT: As an emergency action, Senator Engstrom presented the recommendation asking for funds for the UNR library. After limited discussion on RC-7475-D, May moved to approve the recommendation in its entirety. Morgan seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

Senate President Bowman informed the Senate that Jerry Reinhardt has resigned his agriculture senate seat because of inadequate time to devote to the position. Filing for the vacant seat will open immediately and close Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 5 p.m. Applications are available in the ASUN Office. O'Driscoll moved to accept the resignation from Jerry Reinhardt. May seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

Bowman informed the Senate there will be no meeting the last week of school, Dec. 18.

Bowman also told the senators that Executive Council will be meeting to discuss the various absences of Senator Archer.

The meeting adjourned into committee meetings at 7:32 p.m.

ACTIVITIES BOARD

The Dec. 4 meeting of the Activities Board was called to order at 4:35 p.m. Senator Archer was absent from the meeting.

BUDGET REQUESTS: Bill Baker of the ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) was present to submit a budget request in the amount of \$75 for the annual ASME banquet. He told the board that the banquet is open to all students, although no non-engineering students attended the banquet last year. Baker explained that there will be a guest speaker from San Francisco who will lecture on nuclear power, which would be of interest to other students on campus. After some discussion, O'Driscoll moved to approve the request in the amount of \$75, with the stipulation that the publicity for the event be expanded to include the entire campus. Jensen seconded the motion, and it carried with one nay vote (Bowman).

OLD BUSINESS: Perriera informed the board that he has received the final contract for cartoonist, Bob Clampett, who will lecture next Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Travis Lounge for a total cost of \$500.

Perriera also informed the board that he has received the contract for Nicholas Von Hoffman for Feb. 20. O'Driscoll pointed out that Feb. 20 is a home basketball game. Mayer moved to confirm the contract for Nicholas Von Hoffman for another available date other than Feb. 20. Bowman seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

Mayer asked Perriera to check into the possibility of bringing the Peking Opera Company here to UNR. Perriera indicated that this would be the type of an activity that the Public Occasions Board might be interested in co-sponsoring, and he would check into its availability.

At this time, the board discussed the possibility of having a bluegrass dance-concert in the gym on Jan. 29. Perriera indicated to the board that the "Mission Mountain Bluegrass Band" is available for Jan. 29 for a price of \$1,000. Further, there will be additional costs for special lights, which might make the total cost \$1,500. Mayer moved to approve the Mission Mountain Bluegrass Band for Jan. 29 in the gym. Students will have free admission, non-students will be charged \$1.50. Williams seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

Chairman Hahn pointed out that the board needs to make an addition to its concert policy. He explained that, although it is not written, it is automatically ASUN policy that the producer pay for all insurance, bonds, and other requirements required by the Coliseum for a concert. There being no objections, Mayer moved to approve the following addition for the concert policy: "The producer will be responsible for all costs required by the Coliseum, including bonds, insurances, and any other costs." Pecorilla seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS: Hahn briefly outlined some of the plans of the Union Expansion Committee. He indicated that the committee was formed last year, and has been working on various plans for the past year. Some of the plans include: (1) Moving the Health Service out from this building, (2) Moving the ASUN into the existing Health Service space, (3) Extending the bookstore space further north for storage area, (4) Adding another large multi-purpose room above the extension of the bookstore. These additions would necessitate an increase in student fees. Senators O'Driscoll and May both suggested that this matter be placed before the student body for a vote. Mayer told the members of the board that he will be bringing this matter before Senate in the spring semester.

Continued next column

Chairman of Winter Carnival, Paul Wilford, told the board that most of the plans for this year's events are firm. He indicated there will be intramural competitions, a "ski-con" presentation, ski movies, and a possible bluegrass band dance. Paul further reported that the Sundance Lodge will not be available for the activities. He stated, however, that Slide Mountain has agreed to do the same type of services that Sundance Lodge did last year.

Hahn informed the board that the Chess Club has asked for regular recognition. It has had ad hoc recognition for about two months, and has met all requirements for full recognition. There being no objections, Williams moved to recommend to the Senate that the Chess Club be granted full recognition. Pecorilla seconded the motion, and it carried with none (0) opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

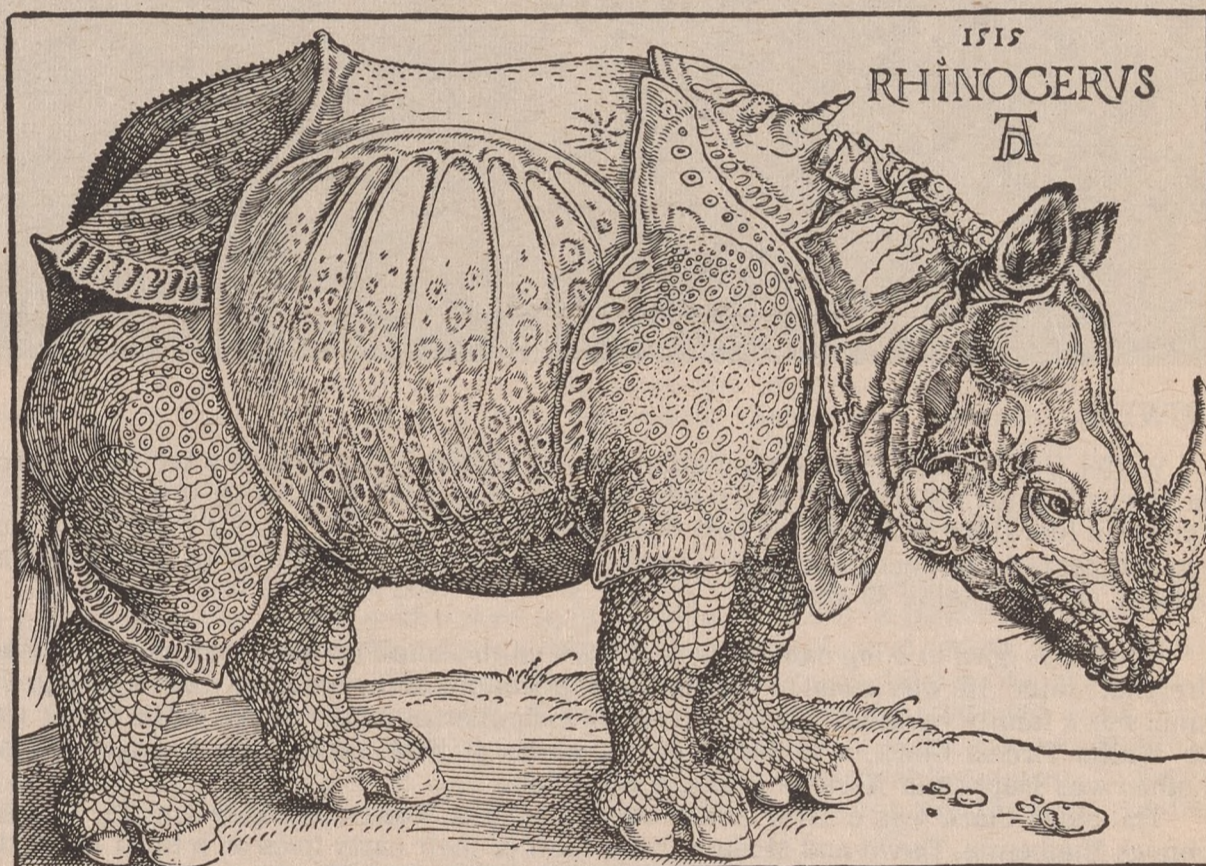
PUBLICATIONS BOARD

The Dec. 3 meeting of the Publications Board was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Senators Reinhardt (Jerry) and Pearce were absent from the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: The board reviewed the proposed by-law, 540.2, concerning the printing of the Sagebrush. To allow some flexibility with regard to the budget and other concerns, the proposed amendment reads as follows: "The Sagebrush shall be published twice a week, on Tuesday and Friday except on legal holidays and other times at the discretion of the editor, with the consent of the Publications Board." There being no objections, Mills moved to approve the above stated amendment to by-law 540.2. O'Bleness seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

The members discussed visiting the Sparks Tribune to see how the paper is put together. Because of schedule conflicts, no firm date was established. The board will, however, discuss the matter more at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.



UNPD commission

The Dec. 3 meeting of the UNPD Commission was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Chairman Williams informed the commission members that he sees the main cause of friction between UNPD and students as the parking situation on campus. He recommended that the commission meet with Keith Shumway, Brian Whelan, and Manhart to discuss possible recommendations to remedy this friction.

Williams pointed out an idea that works at other schools in the western area. He indicated that various student governments have hired their own "parking patrol" personnel to issue citations from small scooter-type vehicles. The personnel and their expenses were paid for from the revenues gained from parking citation fees. This way, the entire parking matter is taken from the hands of the campus police and placed in the hands of fellow students. Both Chairman Williams and other commission members agreed this plan might be workable at UNR.

Ringlein told the commission he would like to investigate the possibility of lowering the \$3 citations back to \$1.

Finch reported that he checked with the District Attorney's office about the legality of "breaking into" another vehicle for the purpose of moving it to prevent damage from moving another vehicle in violation. According to that office, this action is in fact legal. It was agreed by the commission that any current procedures felt to be illegal should be investigated.

Finch reported that that office also told him that, although the UNPD does derive its power from the Regents, it is still subject to the Nevada Revised Statutes. Members also agreed that the matter of UNPD's authority and power should be looked into by this body.

Both Finch and Ringlein suggested that some type of complaint forms be printed up for any other students wishing to express their views about UNPD to the commission. Ringlein suggested that something be placed in the Sagebrush, informing students that the commission is still working on these matters and invites any additional comments. Chairman Williams agreed these were good suggestions and said that he would speak with the editor about the possibility of printing the actual complaint form in the newspaper.

There being no further business, members agreed to meet next semester with Chief Shumway, Whelan and Manhart to discuss these matters and work on possible recommendations to the president.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



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PEOPLE:

Walter Van Tilburg Clark

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Walter Van Tilburg Clark's reputation as a competent novelist seems secure today on the strength of his 1940 novel, *The Ox-Bow Incident*, which is regarded by several Western American literature critics as the best book in its genre. At UNR, Clark's memory is particularly sacred since his association with the college as a student, writer-in-residence, and lecturer spanned some 45 years.

Clark was born in a log cabin August 3, 1909, in the small farming community of East Oreland, Maine. He was proud of the mythic implications of his birthplace even though the cabin was a family vacation retreat and not an indication of family poverty. His father was Dr. Walter Ernest Clark, a professor of economics at New York's City College, and his mother was Euphemia Abrams Clark, a musician.

The elder Clark was a lover of the outdoors. Thus Walter, the eldest child, and his siblings Euphemia, David and Miriam, lived most of their early lives on a farm along the Hudson during the school year, and at the Maine cabin each summer.

Young Walter took special delight in going back to his birthplace. Nearby was the Atlantic which bore in on the rock-covered Maine seacoast with majestic fury. The child would stand thigh-deep in foam to taste the salty mist.

**Look and remember;
look and remember,
that's the thing**

The New York farm was more placid but had its share of exciting smells and mystic hiding places to fire the mind of an imaginative boy. A chestnut work horse in a back meadow became a sturdy steed worthy of *Ivanhoe*. An early morning mist rolling in off the Hudson became the fog over Cornwall, and young Walter was transmuted into brave Tristram surging ahead to reach the lovely Isolt of Brittany. A bull with a chest like a canyon wall became a raging gift from Poseidon about to violate the lovely Pasiphae.

Occasionally the boy accompanied his father to the university and gazed at the numerous skyscrapers and expansive bridges with awe. He once told Nevada writer Anthony Amaral that one of his most vivid memories was the ever-present "fire engine which was horse-drawn and pulled by three big dapple-grays abreast. Sparks rocketed from their hooves and the engine wheels on the cobblestones and from the chimney of the pumper, and a spotted Dalmation ran under the rear axle," he recalled.

With well-educated parents, it was only natural Walter would be familiar with books, musical instruments, and art materials. Clark once wrote in a brief autobiography: "On the farm, by way of my mother's piano (playing), my father's fine storytelling and reading aloud to us, . . . and the kind . . . interest of a neighbor who was a painter, developed (in me) the love of reading and writing, music and art" which lasted a lifetime.

Clark later insisted his first poem "was a quatrain about a pair of rubbers," and his first painting was a dramatic watercolor "of the first football game I ever saw." Unfortunately, he later dryly recollected, "both masterpieces have been lost." The future novelist "also wrote many very adventurous and very short short stories, even serials of a distinctly cliff-hanging variety, all of which were 'published' in a very local weekly paper, *The Clark News*, to which (he) also contributed poems and illustrations."

At the age of eight, Clark accompanied his family to Reno, Nevada. The elder Clark, a Columbia Ph.D., was recommended by University of Nevada benefactor Clarence Mackay for the position of president. The UNR campus was in an uproar at the time over the forced resignation of Clark's predecessor, Archer W. Hendrick, on charges that the Canadian-born educator had promoted lowered academic standards and had lied about his credentials.

President Walter E. Clark served the university for 20 years following his taking the oath of office in 1918. His administration saw an upsurge in student enrollment but eventually suffered the financial blight which hit the rest of the nation in the late Twenties. Clark, a rather unprepossessing man except in the matter of clothing and automobiles, had to weather two battles with the Board of Regents (in 1929 and again in 1937) which eventually caused him to resign in 1938 at the point of suffering a nervous breakdown.

Young Clark fared much better in Reno. He attended the Orvis Ring Elementary School and came under the guidance of a tough but devoted old principal named Libby C. Booth. The educator had come across the plains in a covered wagon at 16, and had fired a pistol at Indians in an attack which left her equally youthful husband dead at her feet.

Walter made the football team as a scrambling quarterback—at 89 pounds with gear on he had no choice—and frequently missed practices to chalk up missed algebra lessons under Libby Booth's reproving gaze. He also limbered up his fingers for future home run passes by learning to play the violin.

Later, he admitted to running through "a succession of some 20 or 25 deathless loves—only a couple of whom ever knew about it," and the knowledge of which "did not seem to make them happy." When Clark entered Reno High School, he used his time left over from romancing and studying to participate in tennis, basketball, dramatics, publications and debating. He went hiking in the Sierras and especially liked backpacking up to Mount Rose for a week or two of camping at a time. The azure Tahoe waters provided sport and recreation. Clark later said he and his friends "swam as often without suits as with suits on."

Hunting was fun until Clark decided "living creatures are a great deal more beautiful than dead ones." He disliked cameras because they got "one so busy with the gadget itself that he doesn't really see what he should be looking at." His advice? "Look and remember; look and remember, that's the thing."

Clark's summers were spent on Nevada and California cattle ranches where he learned to ride like an expert. He learned a good deal of folklore and fact from old-time cowboys in kerosene-lit bunkhouses late at night.

To earn money for a degree in English at UNR, Clark worked on a variety of odd jobs—oddly done, he insisted—including gardening, feeding fish in an aquarium, truck driving, and assisting a linoleum layer's helper. Once he tried house painting and wound up with lead poisoning and a pill diet for six months.



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At the U, Clark participated in basketball and tennis but now gave more serious thought to writing. He took a B.A. and M.A. here before moving out to Burlington, Vermont. At the University of Vermont, Clark took a second M.A. and a wife too—the former Barbara Morse, daughter of a Pennsylvania Presbyterian minister. While his first masters degree thesis was essentially a creative rendering of the Tristram legend in a long poem entitled “The Song Singer,” his second, in 1934, was a critical study of Californian poet Robinson Jeffers whom Clark had met on a visit to Carmel in 1931.

Clark’s first publications came in the Thirties. His best work appeared in 1933 and 1934 in prestigious *Poetry* magazine. In one issue his work appears with the younger Marianne Moore. He put out a vanity press edition of poems entitled *Ten Women in Gale’s House* which he later tried to suppress as not worthy of serious attention.

Following his graduation from Vermont, Clark took a year off to write in a farm house outside of Essex, New York. Here he polished his craft but published little. In his mimeographed autobiography Clark recalled those days.

“We had very little money, but a fine life nevertheless. It was the depth of the depression then, so nothing cost very much either. We stored away a whole side of beef for the winter, for instance, which cost us, the best of steaks and roasts included, only seven cents a pound.”

Clark then taught a summer at City College before moving on to the Dutch colonial style village of Cazenovia in the central Finger Lake district of New York State. There were born, not only Clark’s first two children, but his first novel, *The Ox-Bow Incident*, and the oft-anthologized short story “Hook” as well.

Clark’s first novel, often referred to as a classic Western, was actually written at a time “when the whole world was getting increasingly worried about Hitler and the Nazis” and is a sort of “allegory of the unscrupulous and brutal Nazi methods.” Clark told interviewer Walter Prescott Webb that “what I wanted to say was, ‘It can happen here. It has happened here, in minor but sufficiently indicative ways, a great many times.’”

Clark came back to Nevada on the profits of *Ox-Bow* to live for a year in a writer’s colony located in the desert north of Las Vegas where he wrote the first half of *The City of Trembling Leaves*. The novel was as much the story of Reno as it was of Clark’s hero, Tim Hazard.

Clark finished the book in New York State and then, in 1945, accepted a position as tennis coach and English department chairman in Rye, New York. Midway through the year, his 210-pound frame reduced by a third, Clark resigned because of a touch of tuberculosis brought on by “classes all day, other activities almost every evening, writing into the small hours of the morning, with too much coffee and too many cigarettes” to keep him alive.

He recuperated on the famed Mabel Lujan ranch which had attracted Jeffers and D. H. Lawrence before him. There, under the brilliant New Mexico sun, Clark explored the land of the Indian and Spaniard.

The author wasn’t through writing yet either. He moved back to Nevada onto the old Lewers Ranch in Washoe Valley and there relieved himself of *The Track of the Cat* and *The Watchful Gods*. He taught at the little high school in Virginia City and then accepted a teaching post at UNR in the English department.

Here he had cause to consider the practical side of his philosophical beliefs displayed in *The Ox-Bow Incident*. To back up biology chairman Dr. Frank Richardson and several members of the English department who were embroiled in a dispute over academic freedom and standards with president Minard Stout, Clark resigned his post.

Walter Clark, only employed at UNR since the previous fall, wrote a letter of resignation in June, 1953 against what he termed an “autocratic” administrator. In his letter to English chairman (now Dean) Robert Gorrell, Clark expressed his chagrin over leaving an area he had hoped to teach in and write. He said that “in good conscience,” however, he could not “remain part of a community” which was “wholly opposed in spirit to all that I have long conceived to be good.”

Clark then took teaching posts, first at the University of Montana and then at San Francisco State University, before once again making headlines on behalf of his beliefs. To protect the suppression of Allen Ginsberg’s *Howl* and the planned arrest of his equally famous publisher, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Clark took the witness stand in San Francisco in 1957 to state his dislike for censorship. Following poet Kenneth Rexroth and critic Mark Schorer to the witness stand, Clark testified that “All of the poems in the volume seem to be the work of a thoroughly honest poet who is also a highly competent technician. To people who are of adult intelligence and perception, I would have no hesitation in recommending it.”

That same year Colgate awarded Clark an honorary doctorate in letters and Clark took short term lecture positions at such well known institutions as Iowa, Stanford, Washington, and the University of Oregon. In 1962, Clark returned to Reno to take a position at UNR as a writer-in-residence.

The remainder of his life was spent in teaching, critical writing, and the editing of the

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multi-volume diaries of Alf Doten for the University of Nevada Press. He never did put out another novel which bewildered his critics, but he died in November of 1971 with his reputation as the most impressive writer of Western fiction still unchallenged.

In the Spring of 1974, Clark was honored by *Brushfire* magazine at UNR whose editors dedicated the book to his memory. Also, at present, Dr. Charlton Laird is preparing a collection of critical essays on Clark which grew out of a special seminar that discussed the works and life of Nevada’s greatest author. However, perhaps the greatest tribute to Clark was written by Reno author and teacher Robert Hume who has given us (in *Brushfire* 1961) a most vivid portrait of the flesh-and-blood Walter Van Tilburg Clark.

“I shall not forget a night some years ago near Pyramid Lake when a group of us, squatting around a fire, persuaded Walter to sing the old ballad ‘Blood on the Saddle.’ He rendered it in a voice so deep that it might have come from the bottom of the lake, and when he had finished there was a sense of the hills and desert having moved closer while becoming also darker and more silent . . . Later I speculated that Walter’s performance had in it many of the elements to be found in such works as *The Ox-Bow Incident*, *The Watchful Gods*, and *The Track of the Cat*: strength, depth, precision, humor, tolerance and tenderness.”

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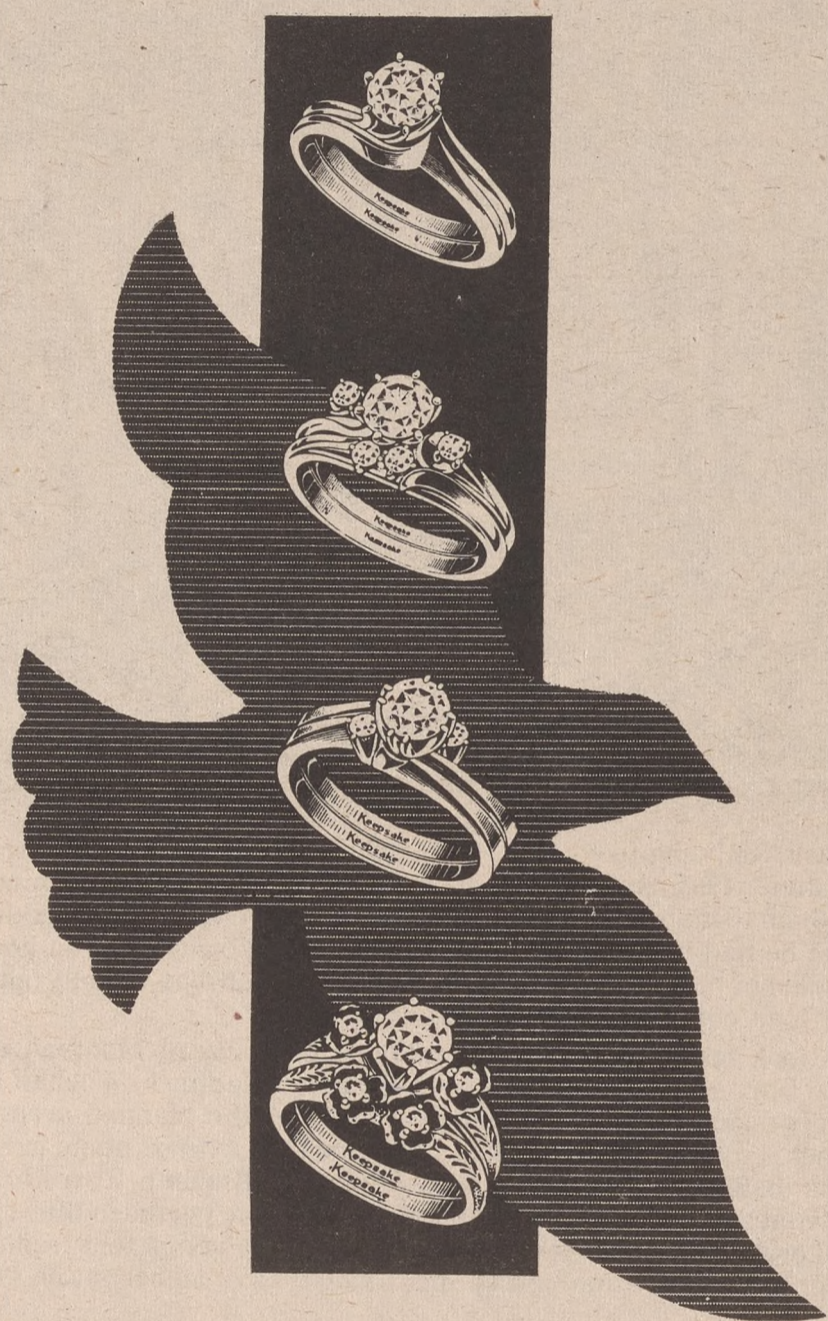
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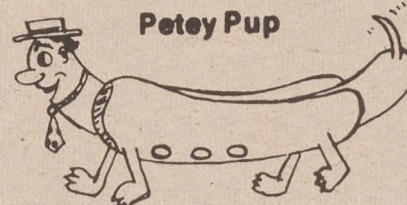
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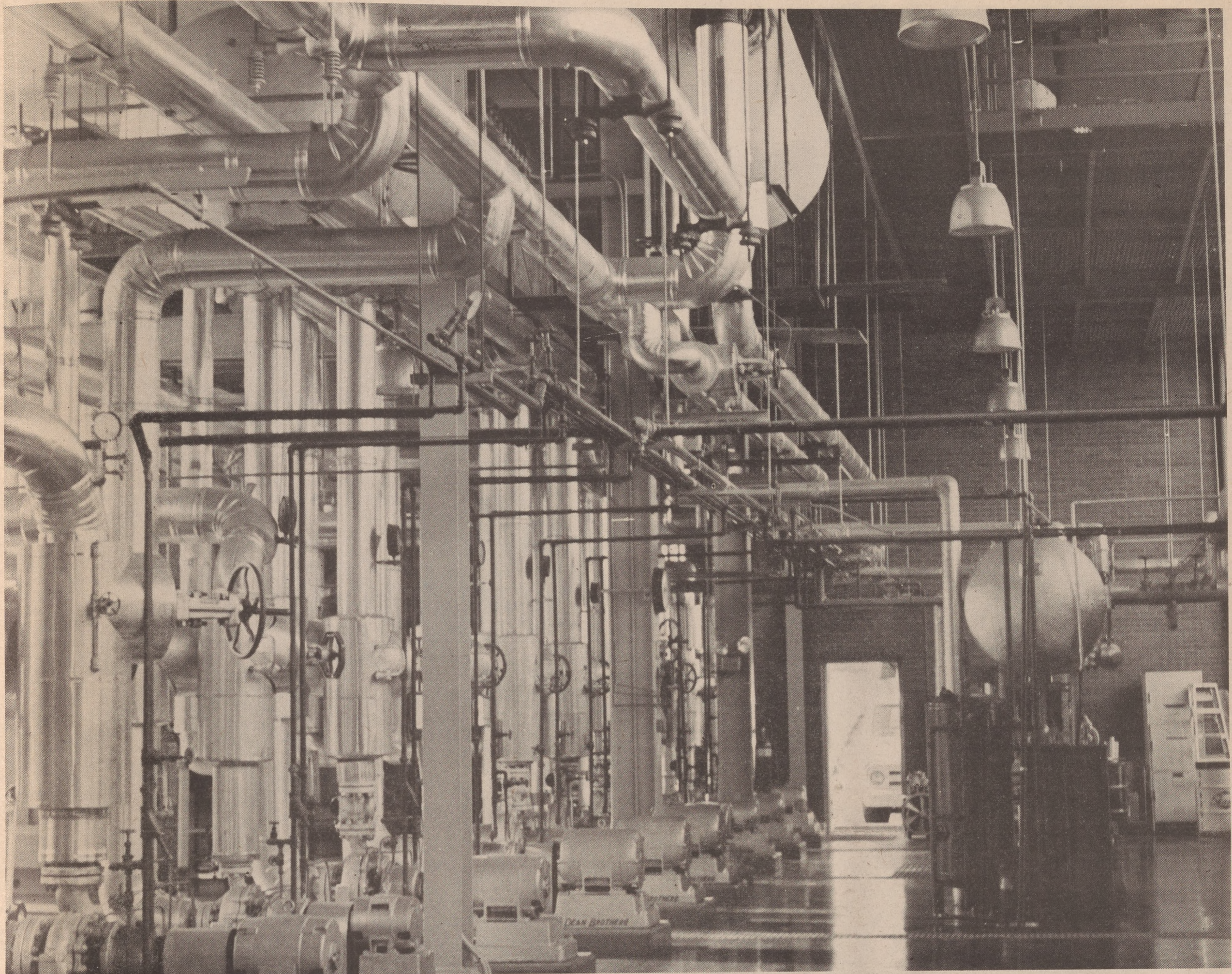


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The UNR energy conservation program is working, according to the latest Physical Plant statistics. Electricity and fuel consumption has dropped significantly in the past year.

But increases in heating and power costs have nearly canceled out the savings. What's worse, UNR may have to go begging for the funds to keep the lights on and the heat going to finish the second year of its inflation-bitten biennium.

Ed Pine, vice-president for business, said the university has reduced energy consumption over fiscal year 1973 (July, 1972-June, 1973) by an average of 25 per cent since initiating the heat-and-power-saving push in July, 1973.

Pine's figures show that the university consumed 1.6 million therms of heat in 1973-74, a sizable drop from more than 1.9 million therms in 1972-73 (one therm equals 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas).

Rough figures from UNR Engineering Chief Jim Gardner show that in electricity usage the university dropped from 18.3 million kilowatt-hours in 1973-73 to only 1.4 million kilowatt-hours in 1973-74.

But according to Pine, the cost of natural gas—which heats 85 per cent of the campus buildings—rose 37 per cent between fiscal years 1973 and 1974. Between July and September, 1974, it jumped another 82 per cent. Last Sunday UNR's natural gas bill soared again as costs skyrocketed an additional 90 per cent, a staggering 209 per cent increase over 1973's rates. In money figures this represents a jump from 5.6 cents a therm to 17.3 cents a therm.

As an added New Year's "gift," the Nevada Public Service Commission has approved additional natural gas hikes of .309 cents a therm Jan. 1 and .126 cents a therm April 1.

Meanwhile the remaining 15 per cent of the campus is heated by oil, an even costlier commodity. Heating oil cost the university 13.7 cents a gallon in 1973. By July, 1974 it had shot up 155 per cent to 34.9 cents a gallon. Two months later it hit 37.4 cents, 173 per cent above 1973's cost.

Pine's percentages on power costs reflect inflation, too. Electricity rates jumped 25 per cent between August, 1973 and June, 1974, and climbed again another 11 per cent last August. This 36 per cent increase represents a rise from about 8 cents to nearly 11 cents a kilowatt-hour.

But percentages and rates tell only a two-dimensional story. The yearly dollars-and-cents total reflect the hard facts: UNR is paying more for less energy.

In 1972, for example, the university paid more than \$87,000 for 1.7 million therms of natural gas heat. In fiscal 1974, the tab ran \$123,700 for just 1.6 million therms. Even in 1973, when UNR burned nearly 2 million therms, the bill was \$12,500 less than in 1974.

Month-by-month figures are even more graphic. While only 96,000 therms were burned last July (UNR uses natural gas to operate its air conditioning system), the bill came to \$9,900—barely \$900 below the cost of the 194,000 therms consumed in July, 1973. That's nearly the same price for only half as much energy.

The electrical power figures are equally ominous. Based on statistics representing 80 per cent of UNR's total power consumption, the power bill for fiscal 1973 was roughly \$265,000 for 18.3 million kilowatt-hours. The 1974 tab totaled about \$251,000 for 3.5 million kilowatt-hours less. In the first three months of fiscal 1975, roughly 70,000 has been spent already for only 3.5 million kilowatts of power. Again, more is being paid for less energy.

The statistics are even more disturbing when compared with UNR's increase in building area over the last two years. Between fiscal 1973 and fiscal 1974, UNR added

over 30,000 sq. ft. of new building space to be lighted and heated. Within that same period the energy conservation program managed to reduce heat consumption by nearly 400,000 therms. Yet the heating bill for 1974 totaled \$28,000 more than 1973.

With 120,000 sq. ft. of more building space to be added by the end of fiscal 1975, the UNR Physical Plant's financial planners have ample reason to see red.

The natural gas price increase has hit UNR in more than just the heating department. According to Pine, the supply comes from Canada, where the price climbs when it crosses the border. He said one recent increase came as a one-shot, 7-cent-a-therm rise—a huge jump for a facility which consumed an average 135,000 therms a month in fiscal 1974.

Pine added that the Nevada Public Service Commission has allowed Sierra Pacific Power Co. to pass along to consumers the increased cost of the natural gas it uses to generate electricity. So the jump in natural gas costs affects UNR's electrical bill, too.

The university's natural gas-powered air conditioning hasn't helped reduce fuel consumption, but Pine said the cooling system had been cut back during the warmer months to keep fuel costs down.

The biggest problem waits in the wings, however. It is a lack of funds to cover expected energy expenses for the tail end of the 1973-75 biennium.

"Sometime in the spring, we may have to ask (President Millam) for money from his contingency fund to pay the bills," said Pine. He added that the fund is "very small," prompting a bigger question; how will the bills be paid?

"If these expenses can't be covered," answered Pine, "I don't know."

That's the problem. Right now, no one knows.

Next Week: What UNR is doing about its energy woes

SPORTS

SOUZA



"Now we'll kick hell out of S.C.," says Jack Barrett as he finger signs the Pack's current ranking.

Won by one

The Wolf Pack basketball team should go into show business. Its performance against the San Jose State Spartans Tuesday night was worthy of an Oscar.

Two seconds remained in the game when Pack guard Glenn Burke hit a jump shot to give Nevada a 76-75 come from behind non-conference victory. It was a battle of the unbeaten as Nevada upped its record to 3-0, while San Jose was left with a 2-1 mark.

Except for the final four minutes, the entire game belonged to the confident Spartans. From the initial tip-off, Nevada miscues and turnovers hurt them throughout the contest. It looked as if Nevada couldn't do anything right.

Spartan forward Don Orndorff connected on a field goal to give San Jose a 73-63 lead with 5:50 remaining to play. It looked as if Nevada's unblemished record would soon be stained, especially when forward Pete Padgett fouled out with 5:15 left.

The situation looked grim for the Pack at that stage as the Spartans started to play ball control and work for the good shot. But something happened. The Spartans were having trouble sinking a basket. The ball just would not go through the hoop for them—but it did for the Pack.

Junior forward Perry Campbell, scoring his 26th point of the night, cut the San Jose lead to 73-65. Then center Kevin Goetz, playing with four fouls, scored on a tip-in and was fouled in the process.

Goetz's free throw made it 73-68 with 2:43 left. San Jose's ball control plan was quickly being revamped by Spartan coach Ivan Guevara, because the Spartans needed to score more points against the surging Pack.

The 6-7 Goetz, who finished as the top rebounder for the Pack with 11, cut the Spartan lead to 73-70 when the Walla Walla Junior College transfer connected on the corner jump shot. The tempo of the game shifted to Nevada as Goetz made his 11th point.

Nevada got the ball again, but this time it was the 5-11 Burke who pumped in two points to make it 73-72. He had a chance to tie it with a foul shot with 1:30 left, but the orange oval failed to go through.

The gold and white clad Spartans grabbed the rebound, but they didn't have it long as Nevada stole it and went down court. Nevada went ahead for the first time in the game 74-73 when the 6-5 Campbell hit another arching jump shot with 51 seconds left.

Campbell finished as the game's top scorer with 28 points. The Birmingham, Ala., native also pulled down six rebounds for the Pack. He hit 12 of 23 field goals and had a perfect night at the free throw line hitting four of four.

The Pack's chance of winning was dimmed when junior guard Mike Mardian fouled Spartan guard Pat Barrett with 39 seconds left. The 6-1 Barrett, who was the Spartans' leading scorer going into Tuesday's game, sank both free throws to put them ahead by one.

The game wasn't over yet. Nevada had possession and was bringing it down court when Mardian lost the ball out of bounds. It looked bad for them with only 18 seconds left in the game.

The Pack's final hope was sparked when the Spartans were called for carrying the ball. This set up Burke's heroics which will be talked about in the lockerroom throughout the season.

Ski team

The Wolf Pack ski team is on its way to the top. If last Saturday's cross-country meet at Boreal Ridge is any indication of the upcoming season, the 1974-75 ski team should fair well.

The Pack dominated the meet with teams taking first and second places. The first team was led by the excellent skiing of Jeff Mortimer.

Mortimer, a Wooster High School product, sailed to the fastest time to pace Nevada to the team championship in the Golden Bear Relays. He finished with a time of 13:51.

Coach Clint Monfalcone said the team did very well, but the skiers will do better as the season progresses.

Pack junior Kevin Christensen finished in 15:56; Karl Held had a 16:36; and Mike Lella was fourth with 17:26 to pace Nevada's first team.

Nevada's team competition time was 63:49, while the second team's time was 66:15. Reno freshman Matt Lavins recorded the second fastest time with 14:19.

Another area native sophomore, Mark Jorgensen from Sparks, compiled the third best time finishing the three-kilometer course in 14:55.

The University of California, Berkeley, who hosted the meet, was third with a team time of 70:36. Behind them was Feather River College.

Nevada's third team, led by Paul Abare and Keith Kullby, was fifth and the University of California, Davis, was sixth of the ten teams which participated in the day-long contest.

After a superb opening performance, coach Monfalcone and his skiers are in Alta, Utah today to participate in the Land's Jump meet. The three-day collegiate meet is hosted by the University of Utah.

Harriers

Domingo Tibaduiza didn't let last week's disappointing 42nd place finish in the NCAA university division meet bother him this weekend, as the junior cross country runner finished sixth in the Senior AAU Cross Country Championship on Saturday.

Tibaduiza, who had been depressed throughout the week, led the Wolf Pack to a ninth place finish. The meet attracted 404 runners from various colleges and universities.

Cross country coach Jack Cook praised the meet, saying it had to be the finest cross country field ever assembled in the United States.

Washington State's John Ngeno outlasted stiff competition from Ireland's Neil Cusack to win the 10,000 meter event setting a course record in a time of 29:58.8. The former course record holder was Tibaduiza at 31:51.4. He finished with a time of 30:44.

Hans Menet, who is returning to Switzerland after the current school semester, met disappointment in his final collegiate race when he re-injured his leg. He finished 54th.

Other Pack runners to finish high were Ben DeLaGarza, finishing 73rd; Tom Wysocki was 105th and Terry Ybarra grabbed the 133rd spot.

Karate

The UNR gymnasium will be the site of the first National Karate, Kung-Fu, and Tae Kwon Do Open Championship. Participants from 10 western states will be in the Reno gym to compete in the day-long tournament which begins tomorrow.

The tournament, which is sponsored by the International Bouquet Karate Federation and UNR's Martial Art Club, will feature Byong Houg Yu, a seventh-degree black belt karate master.

Lee Curtiss, an assistant karate instructor at the YMCA who's helping put the tournament together, said Yu and the other masters present are coming to help promote the match and officiate various matches.

Yu and the other masters will also demonstrate different techniques of the various arts. Other masters present will be the retired national champion Stanford McNeal, Jack Long and Mel Miller.

Yu has competed in most major tournaments and is recognized for his excellent demonstration of karate techniques. He has compiled an impressive record of training blackbelt champions.

The tournament begins with registration between 9 and 10:30 a.m. and eliminations follow. The finals will begin at 7 p.m.