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# UNR postal puzzle

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The fate of a simple 9x12-inch manila envelope has raised perplexing questions about the campus mail system.

The letter, property of Joseph Grikis - a graduate student from Connecticut, was delayed by UNR Central Service employees and several UNR administrators for about seven days.

Grikis, recently noted in campus and Reno papers for his involvement in the pre-Thanksgiving library dispute, claims he mailed the envelope to a friend in New Britain, Conn., Tuesday or Wednesday (Nov. 26 or 27) at the University Station Federal Post Office.

The letter appeared, the Sagebrush has determined, at the UNR Central Service office on either Wednesday or Friday of that week. Jim Hess, director of Central Services, said the letter was picked up from the history department drop-off point by employee Jocelyn Ray. Ray confirmed Hess' claim. She said, "No question about it." Hess said the envelope was metered (stamped) Nov. 29 by Central Services. On Dec. 2 Hess was contacted, he said, by one of his employees who was disturbed by the "four-letter" words on the surface of the envelope.

Grikis said that the statement he had written on the envelope, which referred to the fact he did not have the funds to mail the letter sooner, did contain some "four-letter" words.

Hess said he concluded - the first thing Monday morning - that the envelope could not be official university mail and

that he decided to take it immediately to UNR Business Manager Ed Pine. There were no federal stamps on the envelope, Hess said.

On Dec. 5, Grikis said he was told by James Hulse, chairperson of the history department, that his letter had been held by the administration and that a statement he had written on the outside of the envelope was being questioned.

A postal employee at University Station said Grikis purchased stamps and mailed a large envelope as Grikis claims. But the employee does not recall how many such letters were mailed by Grikis or the date on which they were mailed. Grikis said that he mailed two such 9 x 12 envelopes on that day.

The envelope in question was marked "air mail," Grikis claims. Hess said the words "air mail" were crossed out, and the envelope was metered for first-class postage at 20-cents.

Both envelopes, which Grikis said were addressed to the same person, have arrived at their destination, though at separate times. One had stamps, the other was metered.

Grikis says he feels some important issues are raised by this case. He said the university policy which allows UNR administrators and the Central Service employees to judge what is acceptable mail and what is not violates the rights of university personnel as citizens and therefore could be unconstitutional.

He further alleges the university had no right to detain his letter for so many days without informing him of the action. He said he is also disturbed that his letter was opened while UNR ad-

ministrators were investigating him - even if the opening was in error as the administration claims.

Grikis Dec. 30 made a petition to Postal Inspector Gannon to head off the letter and filled out official forms.

However, either the U. S. post office did not take action or the forms were filed too late to stop delivery. Postal Inspector Gannon, who was to have phoned Connecticut to stop the letter and inform Grikis this week of further developments in this case, did not call the UNR student. The Sagebrush was told yesterday that the inspector was out-of-town on official business and thus could not be reached for comment. He is expected back today.

The Sagebrush has constructed the chronology of events in this case by contacting the principles. The sequence, as alleged by participants is as follows:

Nov. 26 or 27 - Grikis claims he mailed two manila envelopes from the University Station Post Office. He said he bought the stamps from a postal employee. This employee said he recalls Grikis' appearance at the post office and that the student dropped off an envelope similar to the one in question.

From University Station, the mail would have been taken directly to Riverside Station, according to postal employees. If postal employees had observed that the manila envelope lacked stamps and could see no trace of glue, it would have been sent back to Grikis' address - care of the UNR history department. Whether the envelope would have been stamped "return to sender" or not is in question. Postal Inspector Gannon told Grikis and the Sagebrush

Saturday that the letter might not have such a mark. However, Central Services Director Hess and the Post Office Information Office thought the letter would be so marked.

Nov. 27 - Central Services employee Jocelyn Ray claims she picked up the manila envelope in question (without postage attached) from the drop-off box in the history department office. She too said she is not absolutely positive of the date, but she is positive of where she got the manila envelope. Grikis insists he did not leave the letter there.

Furthermore, history department secretaries Roseline Tollefson and Cindi Townley said they do not recall seeing the letter in the drop-off box, and say they are certain they did not receive the envelope in question from the UNR post office as returned mail.

Nov. 29 - The day after Thanksgiving was a work day for Central Service mail employees who expected a drop-off from the Riverside Station. Hess said the envelope was metered for 20 cents this day. An "Air Mail" marking for first class was crossed out and a marking for first class was stamped instead by a Central Services employee.

Dec. 2 (Monday) - Hess said he took a look at Grikis' envelope and because of its language which he found offensive, decided the piece of mail was probably not official university business. He said he concluded the mail was of a personal nature and should not go out via official UNR mail.

Hess promptly took the piece of mail to Vice President of Business Ed Pine, he said, to discuss the letter's fate. Pine said that the letter, since it obviously

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## UNPD Commission Comment Form

In order to gain wider representation of students' views on the university police, the UNPD Commission is seeking your comments on the actions, attitudes, or whatever else you feel strongly about, on the police. These forms can be dropped off at the ASUN Office.

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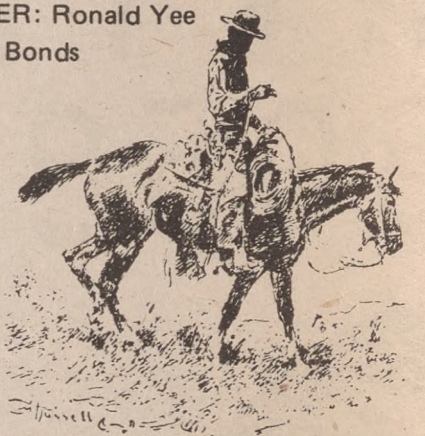
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was not official business, should not be mailed, and said he turned it over to Academic Vice President James Anderson immediately. The time was about 9 a.m., Anderson and Pine concurred, because it was shortly before the pair met with President Max Milam for their regular weekly report.

Anderson said he sent the envelope to Arts and Science Dean Robert Gorrell for further study. Gorrell said that he was out of town Monday, but that he received the letter Tuesday. In the meantime, Dean Gorrell said, his secretary had opened the letter by mistake — thinking, Gorrell said, that it was a routine letter to the Dean from Vice-president Anderson.

Gorrell said that upon seeing the opened letter and recognizing it as "personal mail," he re-sealed the envelope. He said that he did not read the contents of the envelope.

The Arts and Science Dean decided the best course of action to follow was simply to send the letter on its way, he said. He said that he deemed it advisable to contact Grikis via the latter's department chairperson, James Hulse, and did so that day.

Gorrell, questioned by the Sagebrush about similar Central Service policies, said, "I may say that I've had a considerable number of go-rounds with Central Services at various times because of mail of mine that I think has been lost or mishandled. But in general, I think the only policy I know is that it is to be used for university mail only and that personal mail is not to be sent. Now, on a few occasions, I have known cases in which somebody in the (Central Service) office has taken it upon himself to decide what is personal mail, and I have been considerably upset on those occasions when it's turned out that it was not personal mail. I would have some objections to having a clerk in the mail room at Central Services decide the mails were being wrongly used."

The Arts and Science Dean said however, that if the Central Services suspect a violation, it is all right for them to "tell somebody and to let university officials talk to the person involved."

He did say, "I do not think holding up the mail is a good idea, and that's of course why I did not hold it (the Grikis letter) up."

Dec. 5 (Thursday): Grikis said he was informed by Hulse that a letter had been detained to see if it was in violation of university policies.

Dec. 6 (Friday): Grikis said he called Connecticut to ask his friend to tell the New Britain postal authorities to hold the letter in question in order to determine if the letter had been opened. New Britain's post office agreed to hold the piece of mail for 48 hours and said they would release it if not contacted by the Reno postal authorities.

Dec. 7 (Saturday): Grikis met with Postal Inspector Gannon at 8 a.m. to inquire about his rights, to ask for an investigation and to file forms necessary to have his letter returned to a neutral party — a faculty member in the history department. Gannon said that he didn't want his department to get involved in university affairs, but when pressed by Grikis, said he would contact UNR administrators to discuss the matter. He said he would get in touch with Grikis and that he would phone the New Britain post office to inform them that a form to have the piece in question returned was on its way. Grikis later said that Gannon did not call him back and that his friend had indeed received the manila envelope. Gannon, according to his clerk, has been out of town since the first of the week and could not be reached for comment.

The Sagebrush asked each of those known to be involved in this case how it was possible that alleged federal mail could get mixed in with university mail. None said they could think of how such a thing could happen and Anderson and Grikis said they would welcome a federal investigation into the matter.

## A Clockwork Orange

Washington—The federal government finances experiments to control "anti-social" human behavior with brain surgery, drugs, computers, radio transmitters implanted in the head and other means, according to a Senate report released recently.

"There is a real question whether the government should be involved at all in programs that potentially pose substantial threats to our basic freedoms," Sen. Sam Ervin, D-N.C., wrote in a preface to the 651-page report issued by his subcommittee on constitutional rights. "The question becomes even more acute when these programs are conducted, as they are today, in the absence of strict controls."

Behavior control technology tries to cure child molesters, homosexuals, drug abusers, alcoholics, shoplifters, hyperactive children and other "anti-social" persons by using drugs and psycho-surgery—a type of brain surgery called "murder of the mind" by its critics.

"The subcommittee found that the federal government, through a number of departments and agencies, is going ahead with behavior modification projects, including psychosurgery without a review structure fully adequate to protect the constitutional rights of the subjects," the report said.

—UPI

## Necessary procedure

Men born in 1956 who have not yet registered for the draft have a very limited amount of time remaining in 1974 before they may encounter a problem with the federal law.

Announcement of this fact was confirmed by the State Director of Selective Service, Addison Millard, in Carson City. Thirty days before and after the birthdate are permitted for such registration. A review of county-wide totals at the end of November, according to the State Director, reflect a trend of apathy by many men who are approaching or have celebrated the 18th anniversary of their birth. These men will soon be applying for responsible positions, entering school, or arriving at a point when some type of background information in support of their abilities will be necessary, the State Director continued. If there is evidence of a possible felony or violation of a federal statute, a cloud could immediately darken their personal record.

Registration is a simple process. Mail-in cards are available. High school counselors can assist. Colleges and universities have persons in deans' offices and at admission points for the purpose of accomplishing registration. With the coming holiday season many men will be at their home of residence to enjoy their family and the festivities of this wonderful time of year, Millard noted.

## Certainly not kindness

DAVIS—What has been killing the trees that line the roads and highways around Lake Tahoe?

The U.S. Forest Service said last year that the thousands of tons of salt dumped on highways to melt ice were damaging the trees and killing many of them.

But Andrew Leiser, an associate professor of environmental horticulture at the University of California at Davis, isn't certain that salt is the sole culprit.

"We know, for instance, that even around cabin sites and along roads where no salt is used, damage to trees occurs," he said.

Leiser has undertaken a study for the California Department of Transportation—the agency that has been dumping salt on the highways—to find out if it is salt that kills the trees.

He said that, for example, some trees thought to be injured by salt actually were suffering from root rot.

"But it might just be that root rot is causing something to happen to the tree that makes it more susceptible to damage from road salt," Leiser said.

"We want to put all the causes of damage in perspective," he said. "We may be able to recommend changes in construction methods, changes in salt application, cinder application, and we may be able to come up with resistant plants to use in areas where damage has already occurred."

—AP



Pollock. Number 32, oil, 106 in. x 180 in., 1950.

# Engineering a Breeze

Opportunities for women in engineering are "fantastic," according to Charles R. Breese Sr., dean of the College of Engineering at UNR.

"In the next 15 years the needs for engineers will double, especially in the energy field," said Breese. "There is no reason in the world for women not to be in engineering."

Nevertheless, UNR has only 12 women enrolled in engineering compared with 256 men. According to Engineering Manpower Bulletin:

- 1) "Women students are welcomed in most U.S. engineering schools and are already well-represented in many.
- 2) "Engineering jobs are widely available for women in many areas of industry, government and education.
- 3) "Women engineering graduates are being offered salaries fully equal to those of their male contemporaries and far superior to the average pay levels available to other career fields typically occupied by women.
- 4) In spite of the demonstrable advantages of an engineering career, young women from an early age are still being led to view engineering as an unfeminine occupation. Consequently, too few of them are receiving the educational preparation and motivation needed for entry into the engineering field."

To get more girls involved in engineering as a profession, Breese wrote letters to girls in Nevada who scored high on the engineering qualifying exam, to encourage them to consider engineering as a career. The results from the letters, according to Breese, were not overwhelming, but he will continue to do it in hopes of getting a better response.

"The market for women engineers is there, and it is a challenging career," concluded Breese.

—Bell

# Practice makes perfect

The first Doctor of Medicine degree to be conferred on a student who completed his first two years of medical education at the UNR School of Medical Sciences, will be awarded Dec. 13 to Michael G. Kinnison, of Sparks.

Kinnison, a member of the UNR charter class of medical students, transferred to the University of Colorado in June 1973 for completion of his medical degree. Since he was in an accelerated program, his graduation from medical school precedes that of his charter classmates by a full semester.

A member of the U.S. Air Force, Kinnison will report to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., shortly after the first of the year, where he will receive advanced training in internal medicine.

Kinnison was graduated from Sparks High School in 1961 and entered UNR in 1962. He received his B.S. degree in zoology in 1966 and began his graduate training in animal science at UNR the following year. His master's program was interrupted at the end of the first semester, when he was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force.

He served in Vietnam and received two Commendation Medals for meritorious service. He is married to the former Barbara Trimmer of Reno and has two sons, Steve, six, and Jeff, three.

During his clinical rotations at the University of Colorado, he received honors in both medicine and neurology.

Following his residency, Kinnison hopes to return to Reno-Carson City area to practice. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Kinnison.

# Speech of a fellow

Two new classes in speech communication will be introduced by the UNR Speech and Theater Department for the spring semester.

A seminar in encounter groups, open only to graduate students, will involve a critical review of the literature in human relations within the small group. The course will be taught by Paul Page.

A sophomore-level class, "Introduction to Communication Research," will be required for all speech majors. It will survey the kinds of research being conducted in communication studies, and introduce freshmen and sophomores to upper-division requirements. James L. Owen, chairman of the department, will teach the course.

Classes for the fall semester will include "Communication and Social Change" and "Advanced Public Speaking."

# Wanna trip out?

Want to spread your wings? Try another life style? Rub elbows in another culture? Meet students from another campus? Then maybe the National Student Exchange is for you!

The National Student Exchange provides state college and university students with an opportunity to become better acquainted with different social and educational patterns in other areas of the United States. Governed by the philosophy that participation is essential to education, the NSE encourages students to experience new life-styles, appreciate various cultural perspectives, learn more about themselves and broaden their educational backgrounds through specialized courses or unique programs that may not be available on the home campus.

UNR exchanges up to six students each year with the 27 schools in the United States which participate in the program. Four students are currently on exchange attending the University of Massachusetts, Rutgers College, and University of Hawaii. Students participating in the NSE must be residents of Nevada, with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and be in the sophomore or junior year in the period of exchange. Students may exchange for either one semester or one academic year, and will pay the in-state tuition at the school they attend. Room and board and transportation expenses are paid by the student.

Robert G. Kinney, Coordinator of the Exchange Program, will discuss eligibility requirements and applications for the 1975-76 exchange year at a meeting to be held Monday, December 16, at 5 p.m. in the Travis Lounge of the Jot Travis Union. Current exchange students and students who have returned from their exchange experience will be at the meeting. Applications for the program will begin in February, 1975.



Graham

*"Make America a better place. Leave the country."*

—Peace Corps enlistment poster.

# NEWS

## Joint venture

A new affiliation has been made between the UNR Geography Club and the John Mackay Club, both part of the Mackay School of Mines.

While the Geography Club will maintain its identity, it will be able to participate in the activities of the John Mackay Club in addition to its own. Doris Weber, president of the Geography Club, said this will enable the group to have a more varied activity schedule.

The John Mackay Club is the local chapter of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers (AIME).

—Griffith

## Sport authority

Sports has become capitalism's current substitute for religion as the opiate of the masses. In almost any terms these days, sports has become a major interest of society and most signs point to the likelihood that the level of interest will increase, not diminish, in years ahead.

George Hanford, vice-president of the College Entrance Examination Board.

## Bring back the wolf

Sterling, New Jersey—A controversial deer hunt to thin out a growing herd began Tuesday in the Great Swamp National Wildlife refuge when an appeal court refused to delay it.

The hunt is opposed by some conservationists but supported by the U.S. Interior Department, which claims that deer in the sanctuary are starving because of overpopulation.—UPI

## Sick society

London—London doctors are receiving state payments for more than a half million "phantom" patients on their lists, a British member of Parliament claimed.

Marcus Lipton, Labor member for a London constituency, said more than 3.2 million patients were recorded on doctors' lists in the inner London area, although the official estimated population was only around 2.7 million.

—Reuters

## How much did Constable get?

London—The painting carried the signature of John Constable, the 19th century English master. But the family that owned it had always assumed it was just a copy.

Recently, however, the family had to itemize its possessions for insurance purposes, and took the painting to art experts for an appraisal. The verdict: The pretty landscape is a Constable original, entitled "Dedham Vale to East Bergholt."

The last Constable oil painting auctioned in London, in 1972, brought \$226,800. The family, which wishes to remain anonymous, will put its painting on the market.

—AP

## Exams scheduled

The American College Test (ACT) and Graduate Record Examination (GRE) will be given Saturday at UNR.

Jack B. Selbig, director of counseling and testing at UNR, said approximately 200 students will take the ACT in Thompson Student Services Center and 75 will take the GRE in Scrugham Engineering-Mines Building. Testing will begin at 8:30 a.m.

—Mosey

# JESUS PEOPLE

## ASUN food drive

We still need more non-perishable food items and monetary contributions for the ASUN FOOD DRIVE. The food is to be distributed next weekend, according to Chairman George Kaiser.

Kaiser says the donations have not been as steady as last year, and hopes more food will come in next week.

The ASUN is buying turkeys and hams for the project, while the additional canned goods and other items bought with the money will purchase trimmings.

Please drop your donation by, large or small, to the table in front of the ASUN Office. Monetary contributions are tax deductible.

—Bingham



## ASUN parties

This will be a big week for youngsters and oldsters coming to one of two ASUN Christmas parties.

The first will be in cooperation with KCBN on Saturday afternoon in the Center. Two hundred fifty Reno area needy children will be given a brighter Christmas when they receive the many presents campus and community people generously donated. They will be treated to cookies and punch, as well as ice cream cones and entertainment. (There's still time to bake some goodies for the party—just bring them to the Center Saturday morning.)

Next will be the Senior Citizens Party on Thursday Dec. 19 in the Dining Commons. The Campus Y is working hard on organizing the festivities, which include entertainment by the faculty choir and the oldsters themselves, as well as the physical transportation of the many senior citizens to and from the bash.

Campus Faculty Wives are providing cookies, and Christmas gifts will be given.

—Bingham

# NOTES

## LEAF meeting

A professional lobbyist will speak today to the Legislative Education and Action Forum (LEAF). The meeting will begin at noon at the Liberty Belle Restaurant on South Virginia St. and is open to the public.

Daryl Capurro, assistant executive director of the Nevada Franchised Auto Dealers and assistant manager of the Nevada Motor Transport Association, will discuss effective lobbying techniques.

Brian Fry will make a short presentation on behalf of the American Friends Service Committee.

LEAF is a non-partisan information-exchange forum which will meet before and during the 1975 Nevada legislative session. Individuals or organizations who want to be placed on LEAF's agenda should contact Steve Pulkkinen or Jean Stoess.

## Turkey shoot slated

The ASUN Rifle Team will sponsor a Turkey Shoot the week of Dec. 16-20, 1974, in the Rifle Range, (adjacent to Getchell Library).

Shooting is open to all at three shots for 50 cents. Skill is not required. Targets are arranged so random scoring can be used. Everyone has an equal chance to win, and one winner will be awarded for every 20 shooters.

Any proceeds will be used by the team to purchase shooting equipment for inter-collegiate competition.

## Don't judge a hook by its cover

Baton Rouge, La.—The Louisiana Senate has decided that a man is just as guilty as a woman if he pays for her sexual favors.

By a 32-5 vote, the Senate approved a bill to make the state prostitution law apply to both the buyer and the seller.

—AP

## Calculating Americans

New York—The hand-held calculator is so hot an item in department stores this holiday season that it has to be kept in a plastic case. The case has holes large enough to let a person's hand operate the keyboard, but it prevents anyone from walking off with the machine.

Christmas shoppers who can't afford a television set find satisfaction in buying the lower-priced calculator, once an item that was beyond the budget of most people. One out of every ten Americans now owns a calculator.

—S. F. Chronicle

## Blazing brew

How does some nice blazing cider by a hot fire sound? The ASUN would like to treat you to both, Monday through Wednesday of next week.

Come into the Travis Lounge area any time and pick up a free cup or two of the brew. Stay a while and study by the fire, or talk with friends before the long semester break.

Merry Christmas from the Associated Students! (While you're there, why not go down the hall and contribute some non-perishable food or a few coins to the Food Drive?)

How do you like them apples?

—Bingham

## Probably lemon pies too

New York—Some crooks may have bitten off more than they can chew when they stole a truck.

The truck driver left his vehicle to go to lunch on Manhattan's Lower West Side and in his absence his truck was stolen. But police believe the thieves may have difficulty in getting rid of the loot—\$150,000 worth of frozen TV dinners.

—Reuters

"I don't know what we're doing at all, I just write them."  
—John Lennon, asked for comment on his songs.

# Student Government **Get Involved**

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## PUBLICATIONS BOARD

The December 10 meeting of the Publications Board was called to order at 5:07 p.m. The minutes of December 3 were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Because of the many problems with the current publishing company of the Student Directory, Cufflin recommended the board terminate its contract with the company. There being no objections, Mayer moved to terminate ASUN's contract with the Directory Company for publication of the Student Directory. Mills seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

Because of the lateness of the semester, the board agreed to visit the Sparks Tribune at the very beginning of next semester.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Business Manager of the Artemisia, John Wright, presented the board with a financial report for November, showing a balance of \$24,678.36. He indicated that the staff will be working over the semester break on the yearbook. He anticipates everything will be ready for spring delivery.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

## Senate

The December 11 meeting of the ASUN Senate was called to order at 7 p.m.

**REPORT OF THE ASUN PRESIDENT:** Tom Mayer told the senators that both parties for the children and senior citizens are going well. Help is needed to wrap presents on Thursday and Friday.

Mayer indicated that the Regents approved the two increases, \$30 for registration and \$12 for capital improvement fees. Members of the Senate were opposed to both these increases and were in favor of lobbying at the legislature about this action. Also approved at the meeting was expansion of the library towards the north.

Mayer informed the senators that Ed Pine is still checking on the possibility of opening some sections of the new recreation building.

Mayer indicated that he received a letter from Dean Gorrell stating the faculty would be voting on the foreign language requirement, and that probably no action would be taken this semester. Senate President Bowman also read a letter to the Senate from Gorrell stating that the faculty would have a written ballot on the matter. Mayer asked the senators to authorize him to approach the Board of Regents concerning the foreign language requirement. Engstrom moved to authorize President Mayer to approach the Board of Regents concerning the foreign language requirement. Mills seconded the motion, and it carried with one nay vote (Archer).

Mayer introduced Dean Barnes who spoke about the dorm contracts. She told the senators that this policy was enacted to (1) make check-in at spring easier, and (2) determine how much room in the dorms there will be so as to save money by closing certain



floors. She explained that if any student has problems with this procedure they can speak with Shirley Morgan or Ed Pine.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Senate heard presentations from the following candidates for the vacant Agriculture seat: Chris Collis, Jim De Chambeau, Allen Frenzel, John Gissel, Craig Skau. The senators held discussion on each of the candidates' qualifications. A vote was held and John Gissel was elected.

**REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF ACTIVITIES:** Karl Hahn reviewed the Activities Board minutes of December 4. There being no objections, Mills moved to approve. May seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

Next, Hahn reviewed the actions of the December 11 Activities Board as follows: (1) Permission to use the gym December 11 for a dance for the Women's Ski Racing Club, (2) Allocation of \$150 to the KUNR radio for live broadcasts from the Center Coffee House, (3) Authorization for Wilford and Pete Perriera to check into a light show for Winter Carnival, (4) Appointment of Scott Williams as projectionist, (5) Allocation of \$150 (maximum) for hot cider for students next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of finals week, (6) Confirmation of Nicholas Von Hoffman for February 18, (7) Approval of Jesse Collin-Young for February 21 and Elvin Bishop for January 24 or 25, and (8) Underwrite of \$757.50 for the Black Student Union for a dance and banquet. Very lengthy discussion was held on the banquet and dance for BSU. Members of the Senate were concerned about the December 22 date for this activity, in that school will be out, and not many students will be in attendance. After more discussion, Ferrari moved to approve the Activities Board actions of December

11 with the amendment to point number (8) to approve only \$510 for the dance for the BSU. Engstrom seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken. The motion was defeated with 11 opposed (Archer, O'Driscoll, Codega, Hollis, Jensen, Land, Mills, May, Pecorilla, Williams, Pearce) and six in favor (Drakulich, Engstrom, Ferrari, Gilliam, Morgan, Reinhardt) and one abstention (Gissel). Next, Williams moved to approve the Activities Board actions of December 11, with the exception of the Black Student Union allocation with a recommendation to the organization to approach the board next semester with a request for a function for a better time. Land seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

**REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND PUBLICATIONS:** Vice-President Filson reviewed the December 5 Finance Control Board minutes. Land moved to approve. Mills seconded the motion. Brief discussion followed regarding the Forensics budget, with Senators Ferrari and Hollis opposing the request. A roll call vote was taken on the motion to approve the minutes of December 5, and it carried with ten in favor (Pecorilla, Codega, Engstrom, Gilliam, Land, Mills, Morgan, Reinhardt, Williams, Pearce) and five opposed (Archer, O'Driscoll, Ferrari, Hollis, and May) and two abstentions (Jensen and Gissel).

Daemon Filson reviewed the Publications Board minutes of December 10. There being no questions, Jensen moved to approve. Land seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

Filson told the board that the Sagebrush editor would like the option from the board not to print a paper next Friday because it is the last day of school, and students will not be around to pick it up. Mills moved to approve granting the Sagebrush the option to not print a paper next Friday. Engstrom seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed. May moved to approve this action of Publications Board. Mills seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Senator Engstrom presented the recommendation calling for equal student representation on the Traffic and Parking Board and the Group Requirements Committee. Ferrari moved to approve the recommendation. Land seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES BOARD

The December 11 meeting of the Activities Board was called to order at 4:35 p.m. Bowman was absent from the meeting.

**BUDGET REQUESTS:** Gene Whitehead of the Black Student Union was present to submit to the board a budget request in the amount of \$757.50 for a banquet and dance to be held on December 20. Whitehead explained that the function is open to all students and community members. The organization requested an underwrite of both functions on the same night. Members of the board discussed this request with regard to the date and costs involved. Archer moved to approve the underwrite in the amount of \$757.50. Williams seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

John Adcock of the KUNR radio was present to submit a request in the amount of \$150 for the radio to continue to broadcast live from the Center Blue Mailbox. Adcock indicated that the number of listeners has risen since covering the entertainment at the Coffee House. He also told the board he felt the live broadcasts have benefited the Center Coffee House. Discussion followed on this request with respect to the benefit for ASUN students. At this time, Williams moved to approve the request in the amount of \$150. Jensen seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chairman of Winter Carnival, Paul Wilford, informed the board that all plans for the events are going well. He indicated that the committee would be interested in the Laserium Light Concert recently offered to this board. There was brief discussion on this concert with respect to costs involved. Because of insufficient information about the costs, Jensen moved to authorize Wilford and Perriera to check into the costs involved with this presentation that would hopefully kick off the week's activities. Williams seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

The board reviewed the concert offers. Williams moved to approve **Three Dog Night** for January 30 with Gary Naseef. Jensen seconded the motion. At this time there was lengthy discussion concerning this concert and other concert offers. Members were concerned about the January 30 date being too close to the Winter Carnival dance with **Mission Mountain Bluegrass Band**. After more discussion, Williams withdrew his motion. Archer moved to approve Jesse Collin-Young for February 21 at \$3.50 student tickets with no guarantee with Cheney Productions and Elvin Bishop for January 24 or 25 in the gym with tickets \$3.50 and no guarantee. Jensen seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed. Both concerts are scheduled for the gym with Cheney Productions.

Perriera told the board that Nicholas Von Hoffman is available on February 18 at the same price of \$1,750 plus expenses. May moved to confirm Nicholas Von Hoffman for February 18 at \$1,750 plus expenses. The motion was seconded and it carried with none opposed.

The board heard a proposed lecture by Dr. Allen Hynek on the **UFO Experience**, to be co-sponsored with the Physics Department in mid-March. The board took no action on this lecture proposal and decided to wait until next semester. The total cost would be about \$1,400, with the Physics Department contributing \$100.

It was reported that there was "standing room only" for the lecture-presentation by Bob Clampett.

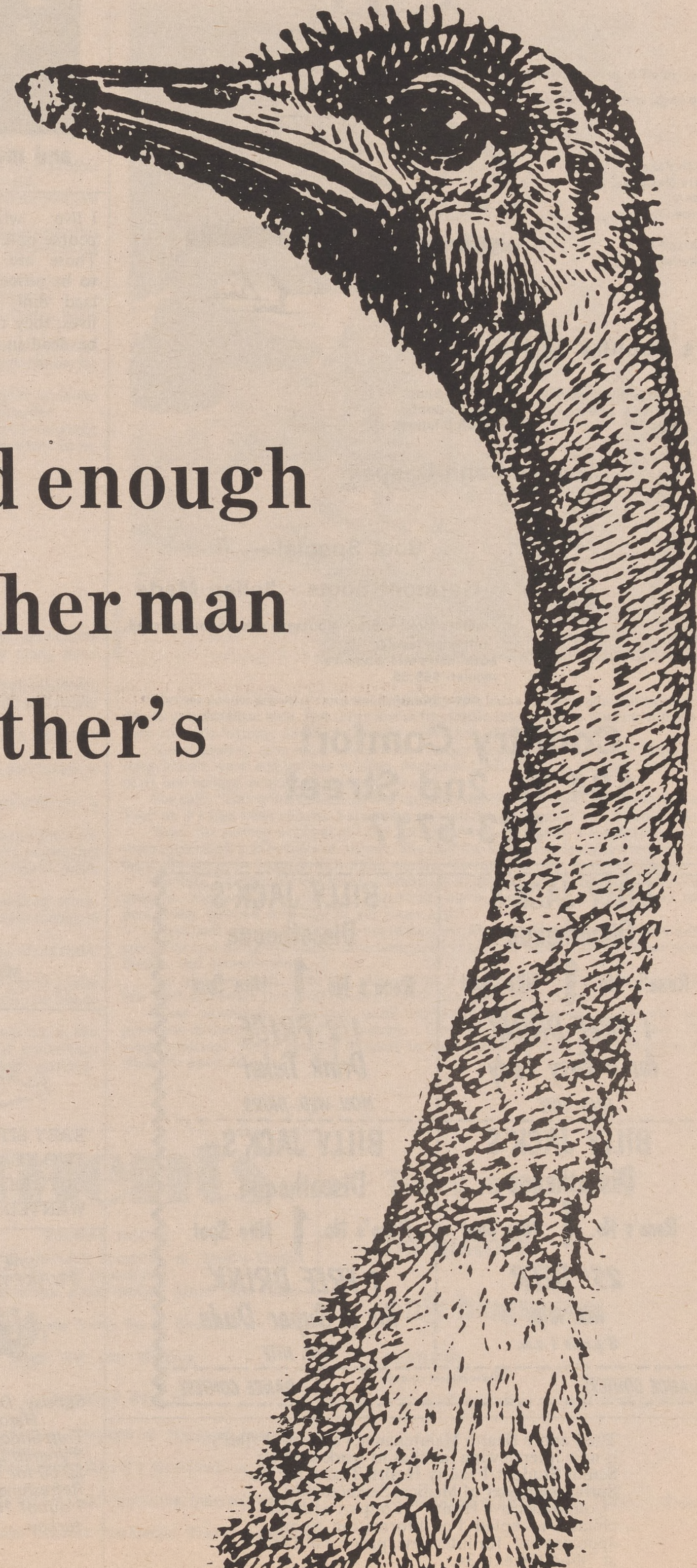
Hahn recommended the board approve Scott Williams as the new projectionist for next semester. Hahn recommended him from a total of four applicants for the position. There being no objections, Williams moved to approve the selection of Scott Williams as the projectionist for next semester. Pecorilla seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Marialice Galt of the Women's Ski Racing Club was present to request permission from the board to use the gym for a dance to be held this evening, December 11. She indicated the organization will handle its own clean-up. There being no objections, Jensen moved to approve permission for the club to use the gym for December 11 for a dance. Williams seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

The board discussed a meeting time for next semester. Chairman Hahn asked the board to try to work around Wednesday meetings for their classes.

Hahn informed the board that Mayer has suggested the board sponsor hot chocolate and animal cookies for next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of finals week. Members of the board discussed this possibility, and suggested hot cider be served instead. May moved to approve the purchase of hot cider for next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the Travis Lounge at a price not to exceed \$150. Archer seconded the motion, and it carried with none opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



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# PEOPLE:

## Mary Ellen Glass

ENGSTROM

The excitement of a moment of history can never be conveyed better than by those who lived that particular time. They can make an event come alive as nobody else can. Unfortunately, this excitement is often lost because no one bothers to ask them.

Mary Ellen Glass, the oral historian, is trying to rectify this mistake. Her whole project is dependent on the person actually telling just what happened and why it did.

The Oral History Department was founded by the Desert Research Institute Western Studies Center in 1965. Glass became the first historian at that time.

The program was created to preserve the past by tape recording people whose activities reflect certain phases of the life in the West, especially in Nevada. People are selected for their individual contributions and past experiences.

The selection process for those participating in the interviews is very strenuous. All year, suggestions flow into the office on who would be an interesting interviewee.

Glass then selects ten or 12 people who she thinks would be good. She does a basic biographical study to determine their fitness.

She then presents this list to the advisory committee of UNR faculty chaired by Bruce Douglas of the civil engineering department. The committee selects six or eight names for Glass to interview in the next year.

Glass then makes a contact with the prospective interviewee. If they agree to do the article, she then makes an outline of what they will discuss on the tape recorder.

She said, "I read everything I can that they wrote. I try to read as much as I can about them. I plan a day's research in the library for every hour with the tape recorder. An interview usually takes 70 hours so that's 70 days of research."

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Most of the people she interviews are between 65 and 75. She usually likes to talk to them after they are retired so she does not have to worry about them making many more significant decisions after she has finished the interview.

She said, "The ones who have just retired make the best chroniclers. Their minds are still active and they're at the point where they're thinking about what their lives have meant to them. It's really their memoirs."

Another reason for selecting them when they're that age is that they have a lot to talk about. It takes a lot of memories to fill up 70 hours of interviewing.

The department has done about 70 interviews so far. They range from politicians to newspaper persons to ranchers to a housewife.

Currently Glass is interviewing a mining engineer, a highway department engineer, a newspaper man, a forest ranger, and a politician.

She said, "I enjoy this work. You get really close to the people when you record their life histories and their philosophies. I like learning about different things such as a pioneering process for funerals, or what it was like to be a student at UNR in the 1920's, or what a judge feels like when he's sitting on the bench."

In spite of her past achievements, Glass would like to see the department grow more. She has suggested to the administration and foundations that she be granted extra money to work on special projects.

She would like to do one of the History of Gambling, which is very important to the state. She would also like to see one of the History of Ethnic Minorities in Nevada.

She said, "There have been a number of blacks in Nevada since 1910. This was at a time when it was not uncommon to see signs saying that Negroes were not welcome. I'd like to see how the blacks made it in spite of all those difficulties."

Glass said her department has not changed much in the ten years she's been there. She said the research material has vastly improved though. Both the Special Collections Department at the Getchell Library and the Nevada Historical Society have expanded.



Anderson

She has seen a growth in interest for history. She said, "Part of this increased interest is due to the nostalgic kick. But there are more people interested in modern history. This is very modern history, as all of them are products of the 20th Century."

Glass became interested in the Oral History Department after she finished her undergraduate work and got her masters degree at UNR. She was unusual in that she didn't start her college education until she was 30.

She said, "Going back to school was the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me. I felt as if I had been reborn. I started a love affair with higher education at that time."

When she started working at UNR she came in contact with a few faculty women who were interested in the rights of women. She said she had never thought about the problems until she came in contact with these women through Faculty Women's Caucus.

She said, "I think the condition of women is improving. It's happened after a long, hard drought. Women had a vital and important role in early UNR history. Then they were practically ignored until five or six years ago."

Glass said she wants this program to succeed. She said it has been very successful in the past. The oral history projects have been used in several books and numerous periodicals, theses, and dissertations.

She said the department will only change if they get money for their special projects. She said otherwise they will continue what they have been doing.

Glass concluded, "This is a small university and the people of Nevada have been generous in their investment for history. I think we could and should do more. History is very important. We're going to be sorry in the future if we don't make efforts to preserve what we have now."

## Announcements

### TODAY, DEC. 13

- 8:30 a.m.—Dental Study Group, East-West Room, Union.
- Noon—Faculty Senate Executive Board, Mobley Room, Union.
- Noon—Music Department Renaissance Concert, Travis Lounge, Union.
- 9 p.m.—Live entertainment, The Blue Mailbox, The Center, 1101 N. Virginia. (Entrance to rear.)

### SATURDAY, DEC. 14

- 8 a.m.—ACT Tests, Room 107, TSS.
- 7:30 p.m.—AWS presents The Sierra Boys Choir, Church Fine Arts Theater.
- 8 p.m.—"Children of the Morning," ski film, Pioneer Theater Auditorium.
- 8 p.m.—Wolf Pack basketball, Centennial Coliseum.
- 9 p.m.—Live entertainment, The Blue Mailbox, The Center, 1101 N. Virginia. (Entrance to rear.)

### SUNDAY, DEC. 15

- 9 a.m.—UNR Youth-Adult Program, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1660 Grandview.
- 8 p.m.—"Brother Sun, Sister Moon," ASUN film, Room 107, TSS.
- 8:15 p.m.—Connoisseur Series No. 2, Church Fine Arts Theater.
- 9 p.m.—Open Stage, The Blue Mailbox

### MONDAY, DEC. 16

- 8 a.m.—Federal-State Cooperative Regional meeting, East-West Room, Union.
- 10 a.m.—Washoe County Sheriff's Examinations, Room 107, TSS.
- 1 p.m.—Faculty-Senate Code Committee, Ingersoll Room, Union.
- 4 p.m.—National Student Exchange, Travis Lounge, Union.

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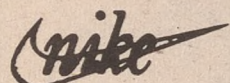
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# Open Classroom

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The "open class" or "learning center" is one way of approaching elementary education that is fairly new. Thursday, Dec. 5, a learning center built by education majors was opened to demonstrate the effectiveness of the concept that learning can be fun, rather than tedious.

The College of Education is concerned with upgrading the methods of grade school teaching. It is teaching teachers to provide an environment where children at the elementary school level are stimulated visually. The children practice simple skills to reinforce learning.

"We challenge the kids by giving them things they don't always get to do," said Rosella Linskie, professor of education in elementary social studies. The seniors in Linskie's class were also challenged. They were required to set up and manage the learning center for two days, in preparation for their careers as grade school teachers.

The theme of the class was political science. The open class consisted of many areas where the children could play. There were math, cooking, art, television and music centers. The kids were allowed to do whatever they wanted during their visit on Thursday and Friday and many of them spent time in each area.

This open classroom approach is fairly new to elementary education. It is being used exclusively in Fairview School in Modesto, Calif., although it has not been adopted by everyone yet. The open class takes some time to set up, but it is permanent. The centers also keep the kids busy enough so that discipline problems are rare, making it easier for teachers.

One of the most important conclusions to come from this area is that the children who are in this environment are doing 20 per cent better on standardized achievement tests.

According to JoAnne Rogers, fifth grade teacher at Lincoln Park School in Reno, "The open class makes learning more relevant to the scope of the child. It makes the child use simple skills which are important toward learning. I don't use the learning center approach as extensively as this. I wish I could."

She says that the children really are better learners and that they are having fun at the same time. There is a great deal of structure in the system and it leads the children toward "self-concepts" including self-discipline.

The kids think it is great and that is obvious by their attentiveness and excellent behavior. Kay, a fifth grader from Lincoln Park, said, "I like the lunch and the planning center best."

Many of the boys were in the cooking center making fudge and the girls were in the airport building wooden airplanes with hand tools. They were helping each other and had very little supervision from the seniors.

Charlie, seven, from Rita Cannon School, was at the learning center Thursday. He learned to dance and to write with a quill pen, while at the same time his reading and counting skills were strengthened.

"It is this reinforcement which is so important at this early age period in the child's development," said Helen Castle, a senior elementary education major.



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Dr. Lucille Guckes, who supervised the operation of the learning center in the Education Building, said, "The only limitations are the imaginations of the kids and the teachers. The teachers have objectives they want the children to learn. The child learns as much as his imagination will allow. And besides all this about learning and objectives, the kids are having a great time."

Can this concept be applied at any level of teaching and learning? Linskie and Guckes think so. The only limitation is the imagination.



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# SPORTS

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## Pack tries Trojans tonight

It can't be said that UNR's basketball team doesn't play some of the top-rated teams in the nation. Since coming to Nevada three years ago, head coach Jim Padgett has spiced the Pack schedule with some nationally rated collegiate opponents.

Tonight the Pack will invade the Los Angeles Sports Arena for a game with tenth ranked University of Southern California Trojans. It will be the first meeting ever with the highly-touted Pacific 8 team. Both teams have identical 3-0 records.

After the Trojan contest, the Pack returns home to host the Stanford Cardinals in an 8 p.m. contest Saturday in the Centennial Coliseum. It will be only the second meeting between the two teams, as the Cards try to avenge last year's 76-69 upset loss to the Pack.

In Friday night's contest, Nevada's defense, which has held its opponents to 85 points a game, will meet the supreme test against the high-scoring Trojans. USC's red-hot scoring machine has been averaging 103 points a game.

The Trojans started the season by dumping Louisiana State 100-87, then turned around and thumped Oklahoma State 107-88 (the Trojans had an incredible 30-point advantage at halftime). Their latest victim was Utah State; they flogged the Aggies 102-82.

The Trojans, who were pre-season favorites to finish ahead of UCLA in the Pac-8 conference, are led by forward John Lambert. The 6-10 senior from Lafayette, California enters the contest averaging 22 points and 14 rebounds a game.

Interestingly, Lambert will be playing against his old prep buddy, Pack guard Glenn Burke. Both played on Berkeley High School's championship team in 1971. Former Wolf Pack basketball star Marvin Buckley also played on that winning team.

Besides Lambert, USC has speedy guard Gus Williams. The 6-2 senior, who is an All-American candidate according to Trojan head coach Bob Boyd, has been averaging 19.3 points a game.

Bob Troybridge is the other Trojan forward. Coach Boyd claims the 6-2 junior is the best on the West Coast. He's averaging 14.7 points, while last year he set a school record with 141 assists in 29 games.

Denver native Clint Chapman is at center for USC. The 6-9 senior received all Pac-8 second team honors last year. Rounding out the Trojan starters is 6-2 senior guard Biff Burrell.

According to Padgett, USC is one of the top teams in the nation and his players are looking forward to the contest. Nevada takes a 92 points per game average into the Trojan game.

The Pack is led by the sensational shooting of Perry Campbell. The 6-5 junior forward is averaging 22.7 points and has hit 31 of 61 field goals for a .508 percentage. Burke is just behind Campbell with 21 points a game.

Idaho native Kevin Goetz is the Pack's leading rebounder with 14 grabs a game. The 6-7 junior forward center is also fourth in scoring with 15.7 points a game.

Junior Pete Padgett has pulled down 38 rebounds for an average of 12.7. The 6-8 forward is also putting in 16.7 points a game for the Pack.

Nevada will be at a height disadvantage when they take on Stanford tomorrow. Contributing to the Pack's problem is the fact that the Cardinals have the same starting team as they did last year.

The senior-loaded Cardinals are strong contenders for the Pac-8 title, according to some pre-season predictors. The team is also possessed with excellent shooters.

Senior Rich Kelley leads the way for the Cards in both rebounding and scoring. In the Cards' only game so far, the 7-0 center dumped in 21 points and grabbed 24 rebounds in the 90-80 victory over LSU on Nov. 30.

Kelley, from Menlo Park, California, is twice an all-Pac-8 performer. Last year he averaged 18.4 points and 12.5 rebounds a game. He is a strong candidate for All-American.

Stanford, who finished last year's season 11-14 and 5-9 in the conference, has strength and good shooting in forwards Scott Trobbe and Ed Schweitzer.

The 6-8 Schweitzer, who scored 22 points against LSU, was named to the Pac-8 Honorable Mention last year. Trobbe, who stands 6-6, played his best game as a Cardinal against LSU scoring 18 points.

The remaining Stanford starters are 6-3 senior Melvin Arterberry and 6-0 senior Mark Gilberg.



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