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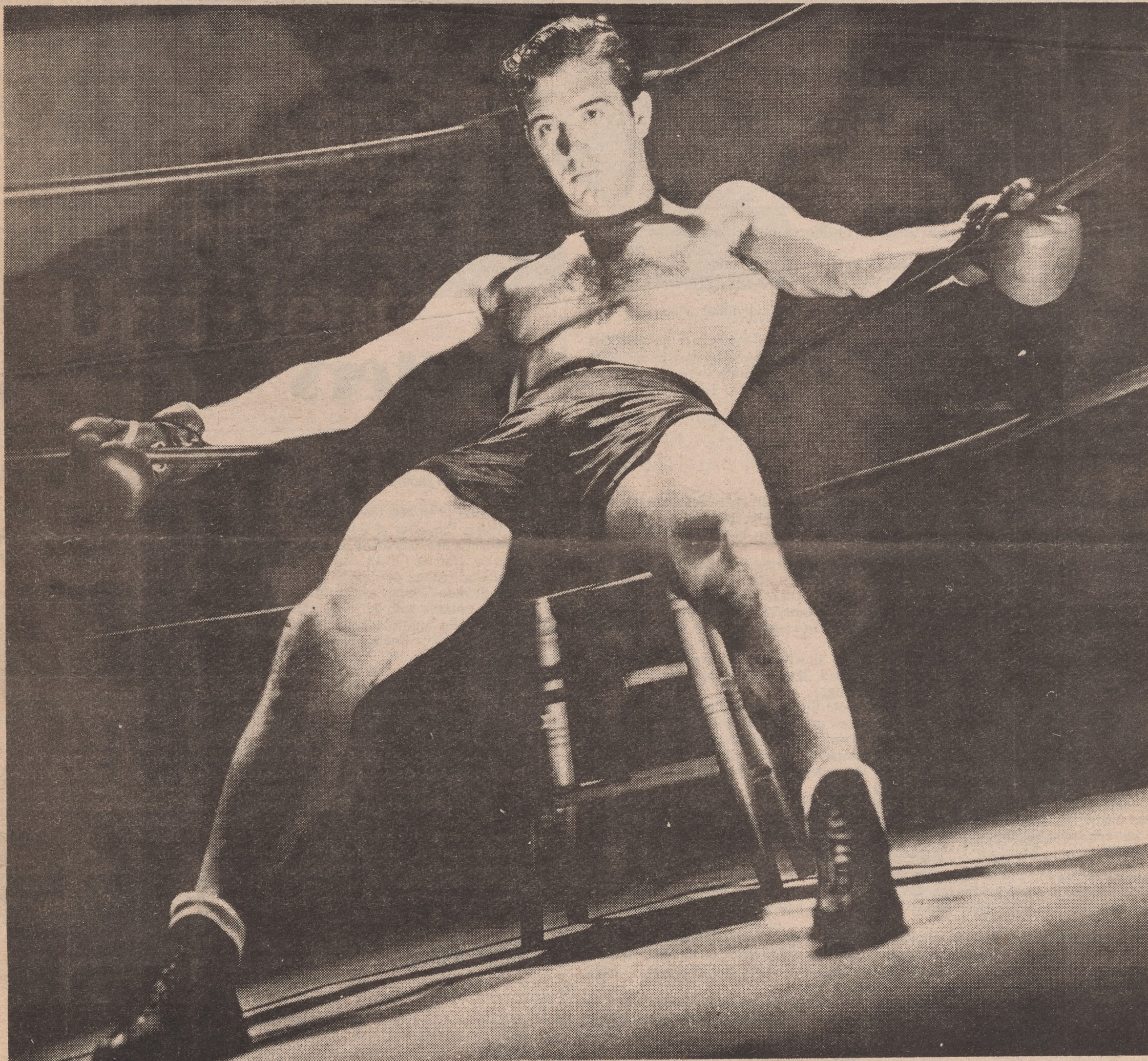
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## An exciting card: **Vote**

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**MAIN EVENT:** Mayer vs. Archer (p. 3)

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# Alternatives

GRAHAM



I have two major issues to discuss, and found it difficult to decide which to consider first. One is Tom Mayer, incumbent ASUN President, his effect on certain administrators and the general election; and the other is the curious story of a dean without a home.

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Because the elections are immediate, and the dean's story will be with us for some time I suspect, my first order of business is Mayer's role in the April 12 ASUN General Election. It has come to my attention that many persons have concluded the infractions,

## What violations did occur were the result of individual action, but were in no way planned or coordinated.

violations and irregularities which occurred during the March 12 election were the result of a deliberate conspiracy.

At no time during the Sagebrush investigation of the election, which included taped interviews with over two dozen sources and resulted in nine specific charges, did we find any indication of a deliberate attempt to rig the vote.

What violations did occur, we concluded, were the result of individual action, but were in no way planned or coordinated.

I have made a point of bringing this matter up for two reasons. The first is the reactions of President Max Milam and Dean of Students Roberta Barnes when they were informed of the Student Judicial Council's decision invalidating the election. Both were literally and publicly overjoyed at the decision, as their gleeful smiles indicated. To say the least, I consider their reactions indecent.

The second reason is that Mayer deserves, just as every other candidate does, an equal chance in this week's election. The rumors of corruption, to which I can find no basis, seriously undermine this right to a fair fight.

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The university has eliminated the budget of the Office of Community Relations, leaving Sam Basta, Dean of Community Relations, sitting high and dry. The decision was made last Spring by then Acting President James T. Anderson (supposedly), but did not come to light until last week.

It seems that up until last Thursday, Basta was kept on a string and had not been told he was really going to be out. Basta knew the budget had been cut, but was given the impression, in my opinion deliberately, he would continue in a similar administrative role.

To put it simply, Basta has been screwed, and the administration knows it. We asked Anderson if he did not think it was a hardship on Basta to keep him in the dark about his future for more than a year.

Anderson, after 60 seconds of dead silence, came up with this brilliant statement, "I kept Dean Sam informed." B.S. Basta was surprised, shocked and hurt by the whole situation when I talked with him about it Sunday night.

According to Basta, he was never consulted about the cut by Anderson. "I heard all sorts of rumors, just talk," he said, "but did not know anything officially until I met with Acting President Anderson and he told me my office was going to be phased out." According to Anderson, "The community relations office completed its job with the Centennial."

"It was my feeling," Anderson said, "that the resources of the university would be better spent in establishing a standard alumni office."

And that is just what Anderson did. He submitted a budget to the Regents for an Alumni Relations Office; which was then sent to the governor's office. Anderson's alumni relations budget was for some \$20,000 more than Basta's budget this year—the university's Centennial Year.

And I am willing to bet that Basta was told he would be given the Alumni Relations job. First, because Basta quietly accepted the death of the community relations office; and secondly, because Anderson, when pressed, admitted he had suggested the possibility to Basta.

Milam and Anderson now indicate that Basta will most likely be reassigned to the Office of Student Affairs, which he ran for many years as Dean of Students, or to the College of Education, where he holds tenure as a full professor of counseling and guidance. Neither, though, would say positively what Basta's fate is to be.

The real question, though, is just what in hell is going on? Based on the interviews with the sources cited here—and others, I am certain Basta is deliberately being driven out of UNR by Chancellor Neil Humphrey.

## Basta has been screwed, and the administration knows it.

First, Anderson was a notoriously weak president. He would never have made such a major decision as this, in effect to do away with a top administrative position, without the direct approval of higher authorities—in this case the Chancellor. Second, Humphrey and Basta have been at odds for many years, stemming from the time when Basta was Dean of Students. In fact, it is because of Basta that the Chancellor is adamantly opposed to consolidating the housing operation—on the chance it may be given to the Office of Student Affairs.

The main point, though, is that plans are in the works to develop a full community relations, public relations and information service out of the Chancellor's office. From the Chancellor's point of view, given the personality conflict which already existed between Basta and Humphrey, it makes good sense to do away with the competition.

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All the signs indicate this is the true reason for Basta's ouster, even the creation of an Alumni Affairs Office. Such an office would limit, not expand the scope of the Reno campus. Not only that, it would dovetail nicely with a similar office at UNLV. Such a state would then leave a void in community relations which could, naturally, be filled on a system-wide basis by the Chancellor's office.

This plan is all well and good, but it fails to take into account the fact that Basta, who I have never felt was a good Dean of Students, is a hell of a good community relations dean. It also ignores the fact that Basta has put in 20 years at UNR, can do a good job in this field and deserves better than he is getting.

There is at least one bright spot in this dark affair, though. Basta's friends in the community, which are legion, may not be too pleased with the cavalier treatment he has received.

Reno Mayor Sam Dibitonto, when he heard the news Sunday night, said, "They're crazy."

"It will absolutely hurt the university in its relationship with the community," Dibitonto said. The university has to have someone to communicate with the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council, to keep them aware of what is going on, who understands both the university and the community, he said.

Basta, who is president of the Kiwanis Club, fits this role exactly; and if his many friends in the community react as Dibitonto did, the administration may find they have done more damage to the university's community image than the infamous Governor's Day demonstration of 1970.

And if the reaction is strong, the administration may have no choice but to give Basta a job in the Chancellor's office as community relations director—since the idea of a central, system wide office is sound—or at least give him the position of Alumni Relations Dean.

## Letters

Editor:

Nevada voters should decide if we want our state to be a radioactive dump for nuclear wastes.

This matter is too big, too crucial to be decided by the legislature, the governor or even the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

The world's best scientists cannot even agree on where we go from here with nuclear power. As Dr. Hannes Alfvén, Nobel Laureate in physics said, "In the nuclear industry . . . no acts of God can be permitted."

Those Nevada officials asking to have the wastes stored here must tell us why they are so willing to gamble with our lives and our lands. Is Nevada that desperate for a couple hundred new jobs and additional "economic benefits"?

The AEC (Atomic Energy Research and Development Administration) does not have a comforting safety record. Nevadans should be aware, for example, that some 500,000 gallons of hot nuclear wastes have been spilled on the ground at the nuclear disposal site in Washington over the last three decades.

If the AEC is soft on safety, it is little better on candor. The agency is noted for dealing with critics within its ranks by firing them or otherwise making their lives difficult, e.g., harassment, black lists and dossiers.

In a recent bizarre case, Karen Silkwood, an employee of Kerr-McGee, the nation's largest uranium producer, was killed en route to a meeting with a New York Times reporter. Her car ran off the road and investigations indicated the vehicle may have been rammed from behind. She was carrying information alleging that Kerr-McGee was falsifying quality records on plutonium fuel rods. The critical material disappeared

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# Presidential Candidates

## Tom Mayer



In this special election I would like to stress the positive aspects of this campaign by standing on my record and letting the voters compare each candidate's accomplishments, which gives a good indication of the candidate's effectiveness. However it is often a standard political move for a candidate who has little or nothing to offer the voters, to come out and try to discredit his opponent who does have a list of accomplishments which that candidate must compete against. That type of move has happened so I will simply ask that you check the record before you vote.

I believe that my record speaks for itself; many times I have stood for administrators fighting for the UNR student and achieving various degrees of success. Examples are 1) Maintaining ASUN's right of fiscal freedom. 2) Attaining \$19,000 for ASUN Centennial Activities which enabled ASUN to produce the Moshe Dyan lecture, a Centennial Yearbook, a Centennial

Brushfire, and other programs. 3) Presenting the Dorm problems to the Board of Regents resulting in \$25,000 for emergency repairs. 4) Speaking before the Legislature for additional funds for dormitories, for teacher-course evaluation programs, and to speak in favor of decriminalization of marijuana. 5) Requested that faculty pay fee for use of recreation building. Result-established fee for faculty next semester.

I have also offered workable goals for this coming year, examples are 1) Continuing to work for dorm im-

provements. 2) Working for a student regent to give students more credibility, this has already been accomplished in California. 3) Working for student representation in deciding how to spend capital improvement fees which each student pays \$94 a semester. 4) Working with departments in Arts & Science for options and alternatives to the foreign language requirement. 5) Working for more student hours for recreation and intramural sports, and to increase supply of recreation equipment for student use.

I have presented specific examples of my accomplishments and specific goals for the coming year. I have not engaged in gross generalizations because I have no hesitations about revealing my working record, so that you the voter will know exactly what you are voting for. An even further example would be how I have and intend to continue dealing with the university administration. I believe it is necessary to work within the system whenever possible; however when the system fails or breaks down as often is the case, I have not hesitated to take a different, or a tougher approach to handle problems with the administration. As a result of my accomplished goals this year, this type of approach has proven effective. An ASUN President must not be afraid to say what should be said, even if it may hurt his own political future, i.e. recommendations from campus administrators. I believe that I have shown this type of attitude by fighting with administrators for the students when it was necessary.

I believe I have also shown that ASUN must not only provide activities (as it already does) but also establish itself as a permanent strong representational voice for the students of this campus. This past year has been the beginning, there is still much to be gained by a "get tough" attitude. The choice seems clear, vote for proven ability, experience, and forcefulness, vote **MAYER** on Wednesday and Thursday.

I would appreciate your support—Thank you.

## Pat Archer

I have served the student as: Arts and Science Senator for the past two years, served on the Community Relations Committee for one year, co-chaired the Community Relations Committee for one year, worked on the Activities Board for the past two years, worked on the group requirement committee in search of alternatives to the present foreign language requirement, worked effectively and successfully in the legislative, executive and judicial branches of ASUN.

I have supported and will continue to work for: comprehensive election reform package, workable set of

options for reduction of the foreign language requirement, closer communication and working relations with the faculty, administration, and the regents, continuance and expansion of ASUN's activity with the community, comprehensive teacher evaluation.

Establish better relations and coordinate activities of sororities, fraternities, organizations, dorms and independents with ASUN, continue active student legislative program in Carson City, continue working for a workable solution to the dorm problem.

Thank you.

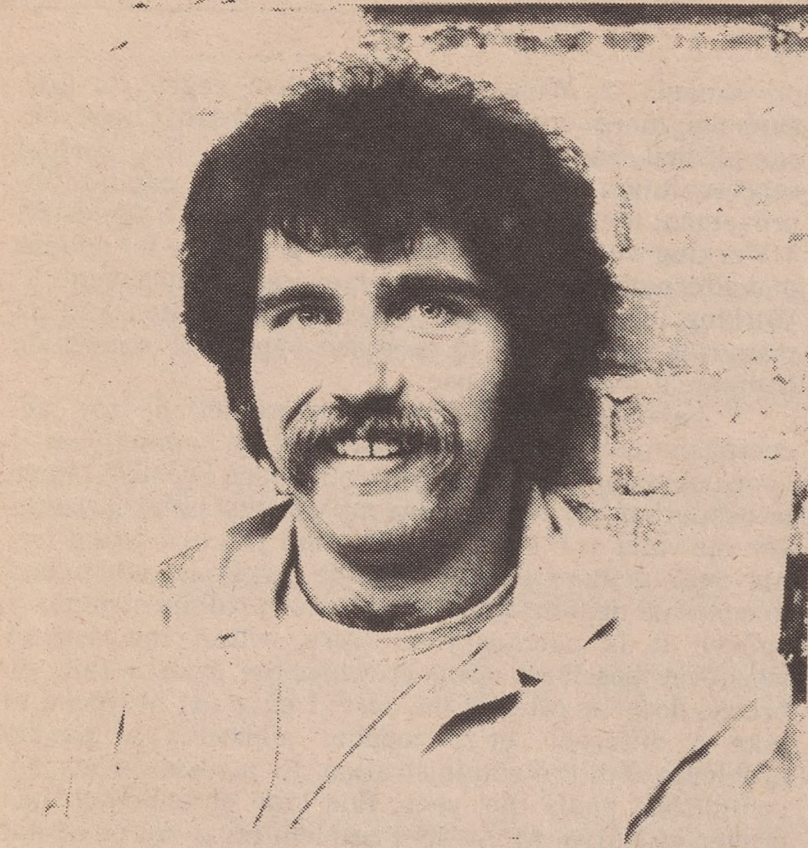


*Special election:*

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### VP of Activities candidates



**Dave Lake**

My name is David Lake and I'm running for Vice-president of Activities.

I have a question. Have you been satisfied with the activities that UNR has provided for you in the last two years? Very few activities have been cooking on campus this year. I think that now is the time to change. I want to see more money spent on activities that the students don't have to drive to and that won't cost them a fortune if anything, to attend. ASUN has subsidized very few funds to living groups and clubs to have their gigs. I want the sororities and fraternities and any other group with a good plan to be able to bring a plan before the Activities Board and be supported. My opponent, Linda Bowman, has been on the board for the last two years. You've seen what has been done. I've got the spirit and drive to make the UNR campus live next year. Let's put the spirit in 1976-76. Vote Dave Lake, Vice-president, Activities.



**Linda Bowman**

I feel that the office of ASUN Vice-president of Activities is a very important one because it is designed to provide extra-curricular activities for students. The activities that are ASUN sponsored should be varied so that the greatest number of students are served.

It is conceivable that Activities Board could sponsor nothing but concerts or lectures. This in my mind would be a great disservice to the majority of fee-paying students. Along the same lines I feel that it is the responsibility of the VP of Activities to make certain that Activities Board ventures are fiscally responsible. I feel that I have the experience and qualifications to accomplish a varied activities program.

As a member of Activities Board for the past two years I have worked for the continuation of a varied group of activities. The programs which I feel have been the most successful include: the ASUN-University Theatre spring musicals, Sunday evening movies series, recreational equipment rental, intramural sports programs, regular season drama programs, lectures, concerts, and major weekends (Winter Carnival, Mackay Days, Homecoming).

If elected to this office, my first priority would be to see that a tentative agenda be published prior to each meeting. This would be a much better system for getting input from students about their activities monies. At the

present time, students have no way of knowing what items will be considered at each meeting unless they attend each meeting or read what has been done at Activities Board. At that point their only method of expression is after-the-fact. I believe student input is imperative to the effective operations of Activities Board.

### VP of Finance and Publications candidates



**Jack Reinhardt**

During the past year I have been involved in ASUN in the capacity of Medical Science Senator. The duties that were mine consisted of serving on the Finance Control Board, the Community Relations Senate Sub-committee, and work on the newly founded Student Sample project. I have also served on the most important board in the ASUN that being the Program and Budget Board, which determines where your student fees will be spent, breaking the fees down between Finance Control Board, Publications Board and Activities Board. The experience which I have received from the Program and Budget Board will be very beneficial if I am elected Vice-president of Finance and Publications.

My recent background knowledge provides me with an effective means to help clubs and organizations and the elements of publications to find solutions to their problems. My opponent is running on the issues of a student tour guide and input concerning the lack of scholarships on this campus. The real issues which I stand for are the funding of various clubs and organizations, to set priorities for these organizations and to seek outside funding for ASUN activities. Other issues in my campaign are to increase the amount of advertising and to find out ways to achieve this which would in turn make the Sagebrush more self-sufficient. All of these issues pertain to the needs of the students and the sole functions of the Vice-president of Finance and Publications. Issues concerning the use of ASUN fee-paying student funds are of the first and utmost importance.

As for my plans for the immediate future, I am working on plans to establish a co-op to maintain a profit-making, business-oriented system, which would enable ASUN to benefit immeasurably and to operate more effectively.

I feel certain that with my experience and qualifications that if elected Vice-president of Finance and Publications, it will greatly benefit ASUN.



**Scott Wood**

**Biography:**

I was born May 28, in San Francisco, California. My father is an oral surgeon, my mother, a teacher. I stand 6'4" and weigh 210 pounds. I have attended seven colleges and universities, including University of Arizona and

University of Southern California. I am a former Student Body President of University of Southern California.

I have been a professional actor and was under contract from 1969-71 to Columbia Pictures. I have also produced film and TV shows. I now have a contract to produce independent films for release through Columbia Pictures.

I was married to Pamela Harris of Ontario, Canada. We are now divorced.

I have the required experience in budgeting and management needed for this office.

I live in the country with my three dogs, two Doberman Pinschers and a German Shorthair Pointer.

**Statement:**

I will devote my comments to primary issues in this position statement. One of the main issues is the implementation of a Student Guidebook of instruction and courses. This guide would rate the quality and contents of courses and include a current teacher evaluation. I have been informed by an interested student that there has been a certain amount of work done towards this goal in the past. It would be wise to compile, compare and contrast all former data as well as any new data obtained in the future.

Another issue, only recently apparent, is the ability of the ASUN president to appoint the chairperson of the Election Committee. This is tantamount to having the "fox to guard the chickens." My campaign people have encountered very unprofessional conduct during this campaign and most of it has not come from my opponent, but from the incumbent President and his appointees or employees.

We have been denied access to previous voting records and have found that many of the voting registers have "mysteriously" disappeared (much like Mr. Nixon's tapes). My campaign manager was warned by President Mayer not to violate "any" of the rules or we would be "in a lot of trouble." It seems Mr. Mayer does not follow his own precepts.

We are determined to have a fair and just election, even if it requires bringing in legal counsel to insure that the guidelines of the ASUN Constitution are followed.

Those who count the ballots should also be independent of the president, or we might as well all withdraw from the election and appoint him monarch so he may appoint as he chooses.

I feel that my past experiences qualify me to deal with ASUN Finances, and would appreciate your support on Wednesday.

Thank you,  
Scott Wood

### Senate candidates



**Denise Dibitonto**

Fellow students, I am Denise Dibitonto and I'm running for Arts and Science Senator. I have two basic beliefs in my campaign. 1) In regard to the foreign language requirement, I believe that a workable solution can be found to satisfy all factions involved. 2) I think a consolidation of student activities is needed to reduce repetition in order to direct excess funds and energy to needy activities.

I feel I'm qualified for the position because I'm responsible and willing to devote time, effort, and attention to your problems. I would appreciate your support. Please vote at the Jot Travis Union on April 9 or 10. Thank you.



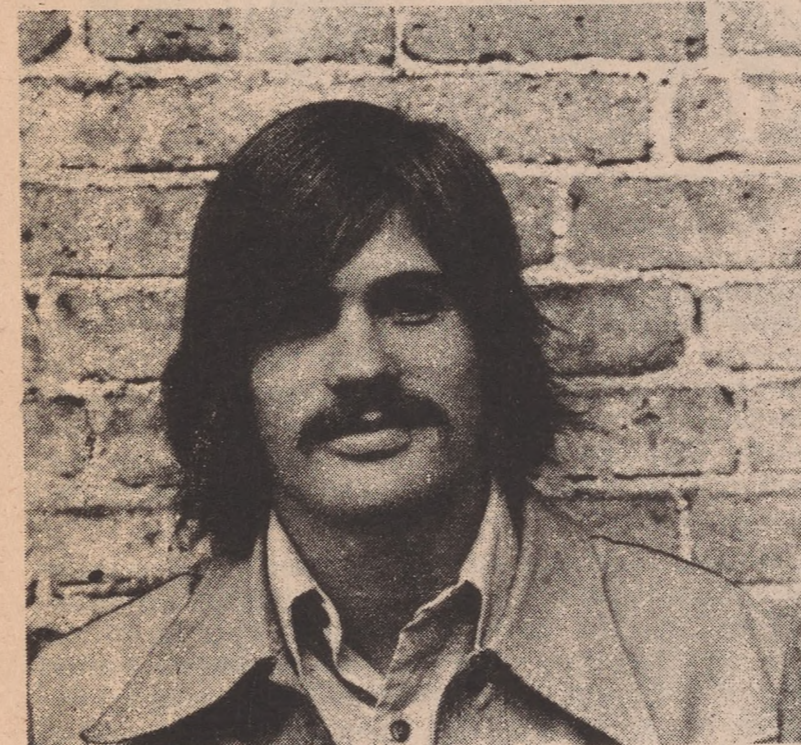
**Kathy Weber**

Now is the time to get spirit back at UNR. Many people have complained about the inefficiencies around the campus but not much is being done about it. What is needed is new people, full of enthusiasm to take over the Senate. Then student body may not remain so apathetic but participate actively in their student government.

As a political science major I am involved in political structures and have been for many years. Back in public school I was a member of Student Council where I rudely discovered that it was not the students who were governing, but the principal. While working for the McGovern campaign, I discovered various types of red tape and back-stabbing in the system. These discoveries have helped me to work past the setbacks and make gains.

The senate is the voice of the students and I will be there to see that your views, disagreements, criticisms or advice are heard and acted upon. Your rights as a student need protection and I will unbiasedly do so.

In politics many women are not taken seriously. They are often thought of as too emotional or simply as cute little things. To prove this wrong, I will work twice as hard with twice the spirit. You can change the role of ASUN by your choice. Put back the spirit of '76.



**John McCaskill**

I, John McCaskill, a candidate for Arts and Science senator, view my candidacy as an ideal opportunity to further the goals and needs of prospective constituents. Believing that students have not been adequately represented or their views articulated, I promise to provide an active platform from which their views can be known. I hope to create a dialogue between students and their representatives.

My participation in student affairs has been evidenced over a number of years. As junior high school president, sophomore class president and student body president of Reno High School, I worked for more cooperation between faculty and students. And as a member of the Nevada Association of Student Councils, I fought for widening student control of administrative policies.

Now more than ever, I feel that involvement is needed. Voting in Wednesday's election should determine whether or not over 7,000 students are going to be adequately represented by only 15 per cent of the voters.

**Pawl Hollis**

I am running for re-election as senator for the College of Agriculture.

During the past year I have supported my constituents in the college not only in the Senate as a whole, but also through my actions on Finance Control Board. I hope to continue this support in the year to come.

I am involved in many projects at the time, the horse facility and the incorporation of the Rodeo Club into the Intercollegiate Athletics to name a few and will devote my time to continue these projects.

I would appreciate your support.



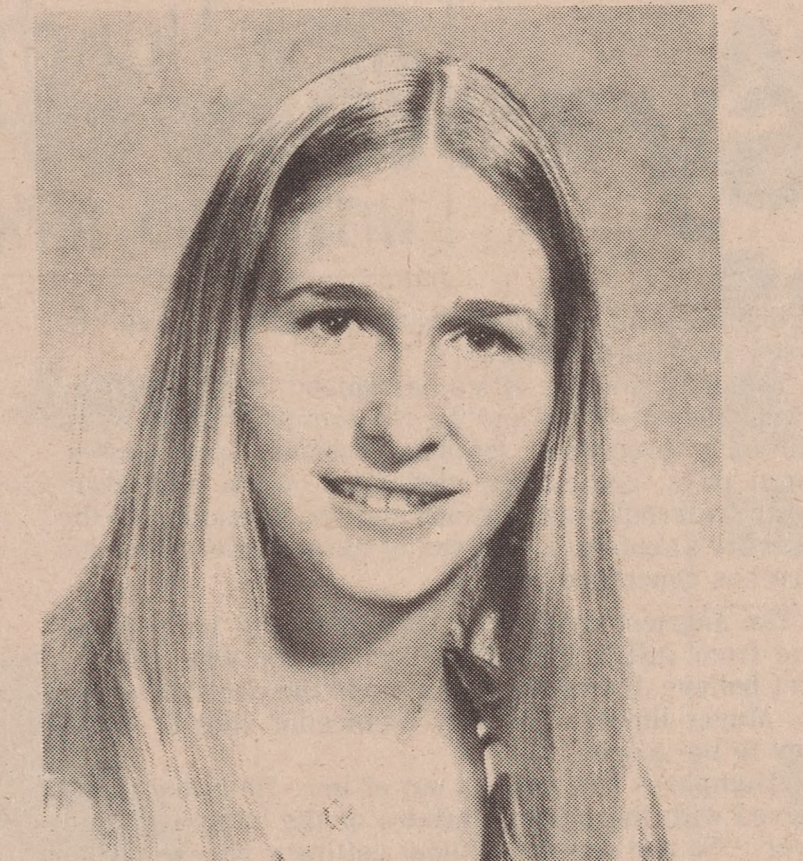
**Diane Jensen**

Hi! My name is Diane Jensen and I'm running for the office of Education Senator. I have represented the College of Education as a senator for the past year. I am also:

- Chairperson-Student Service Committee of the Senate.
- President-Student National Education Association.
- Member-Activities Board of ASUN.
- Student Member-Teacher Education Board, College of Education.

I feel the College of Education is one of the more important colleges on our campus. We, as students of the College of Education, hope to become teachers and teach the children of this world. In order to do this, we must get the best quality education possible so we can teach the best quality education possible.

I would like to represent the students of the College of Education and let their needs be known. The only way I know how to do this would be as your Education Senator.



**Teresia Cox**

I feel I'm qualified to run for Senator for the School of Nursing because I'm a junior class representative to the Admissions and Progressions Board for the Nursing School, a member of the National Student Nurses Association and a Junior Nursing Student. I would like a chance to represent you and be your voice in Senate. I feel there is not enough student input to Senators and I would like to have a suggestion box in the Nursing building to give you a chance to voice your opinions. I realize how much work nursing students have and how time limited you are, this would save you time and give you a chance to be heard so you would be represented fairly.

Wednesday and Thursday, April 9 and 10, is your time to voice your opinion. Please get out and vote. I appreciate your support.

Thank you.

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Tuesday, April 8

### "IN THE RED,"

The Absurd Musical Revue For Children: A production of A Contemporary Theatre (ACT) of Seattle, Wash., including "Wolfman", a mini-opera based on Little Red Riding Hood, a Japanese folk tale, and a slow-motion Keystone Kops burglary scene.

Travis Lounge, Jot Travis Union, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April, 11

### "BALANCE,"

Pasadena City College Chamber Singers, composed of 29 select voices under the direction of William Hatcher.

Travis Lounge, Jot Travis Union, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

### "GO FOR BROKE,"

The Art Festival gives you sidewalk entertainment. "Action" exhibits of art, music, drama - all part of the package - with displays of art, theater, costume and food. Your tour may be delayed for hours . . .

The Mall, Park Lane, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 14

### \*"BASS - ICALLY RICH,"

Gary Karr on double bass & Harmon Lewis on organ. Both musicians are Artists-in-Residence at Dalhousie University, Halifax.

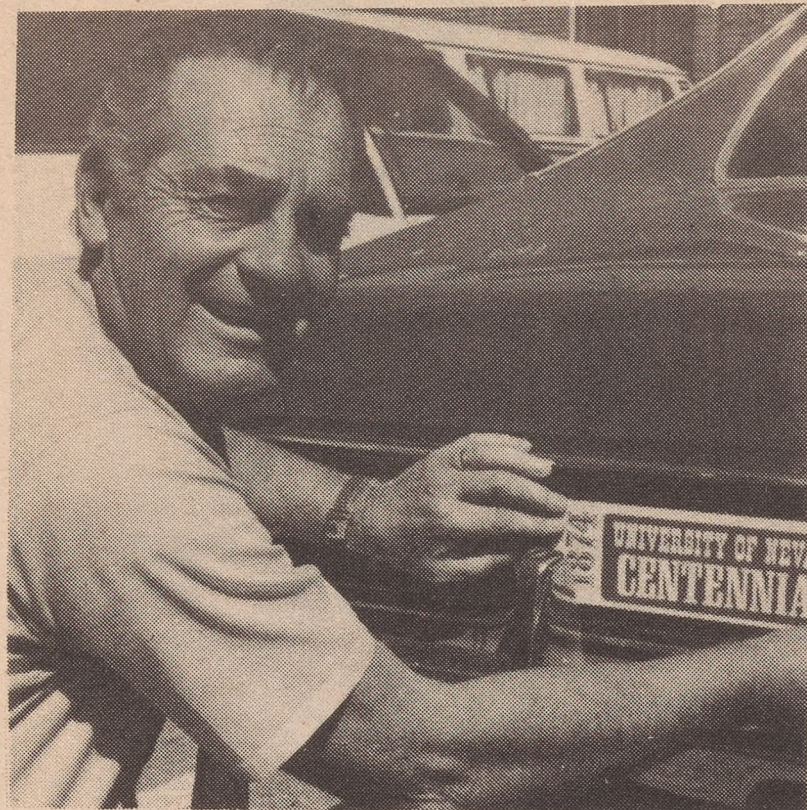
Travis Lounge, Jot Travis Union, 8:00 p.m. Adults-\$2.00 Students-\$1.25 Tickets at the door.

Tuesday, April 15

### "POUND NOTES,"

Paul Lenz, Senior Trumpet Recital, assisted by pianist Tonu Kalem; a sterling performance. Travis Lounge, Jot Travis Union, 8:15 p.m.

## Reno mayor raps UNR administration



# The Basta controversy

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"In my mind this indicates the university doesn't care what the community thinks," Reno Mayor Sam Dibitonto said Sunday night when he was told Community Relations Director Sam Basta's position has been eliminated by the UNR administration. "They're crazy," he added, "for it will absolutely hurt the university in its relationship with the community."

Following up a tip from a news source who claimed that the four-year-old Community Relations post would no longer be funded, the *Sagebrush* contacted Vice-president James Anderson Sunday, who confirmed the report.

Anderson said he alone made the decision to drop the post, in the Spring of 1974, while he was acting president of the university, following former President N. Edd Miller's decision to leave UNR.

"The Community Relations Office completed its job with the Centennial—that's about it," said Anderson. When asked what position Basta would fill next school year, Anderson said he thought the dean could return to teaching education courses or could work in student services.

However, when informed by the *Sagebrush* that the paper had already checked with Edmund Cain, Dean of the College of Education, who reported no openings in Basta's area of expertise, Anderson said Basta's future "will be something President Milam decides." The university "tries to place people where they can be productive," Anderson added.

Vice-president Anderson could not recall the exact date his decision was made, but said that when "I had made a recommendation to the (Board of) Regents, I kept Dean Sam informed as soon as I did it." He noted that funds previously spent for the Community Relations office would now go for a newly created "Alumni Relations" office next year. "It was my feeling that the resources of the university would be better spent establishing a standard alumni office," Anderson explained.

The budget approved by Gov. Mike O'Callaghan for the Alumni Relations Office is \$39,298 with 2.10 full-time equivalent positions. The university had submitted a budget originally which had asked for \$52,360 with 3.10 full-time equivalent positions.

In comparison, the university's 1974-75 budget approved by Gov. Mike O'Callaghan had given Basta's Community Relations Office a \$31,242 budget and 1.89 full-time equivalent positions.

Dean Sam Basta, contacted for his comments on Sunday, said he "was never consulted in regards to why the (Community Relations) office was going to be phased out." He said definite confirmation that he no longer would work in the Reno community was given him last Thursday by President Max Milam. "I am really upset

and disturbed as to why community relations should be phased out," Basta added.

The dean said the office has helped "build a bridge between the university and the community." Basta listed community programs, seminar sessions, open houses, alumni days, community visitations, work with community fraternal organizations and the promotion of the university's Centennial as a few of the activities which his office has concerned itself.

The angriest reaction to Basta's loss of his position came from ASUN President Tom Mayer who said he didn't believe James Anderson made the decision on his own. Mayer linked university Chancellor Neil D. Humphrey to the affair.

"Humphrey has stepped out of line. He is too much involved with the internal affairs of the campus," said Mayer. "No one sneezes without getting a Kleenex from Humphrey," he added.

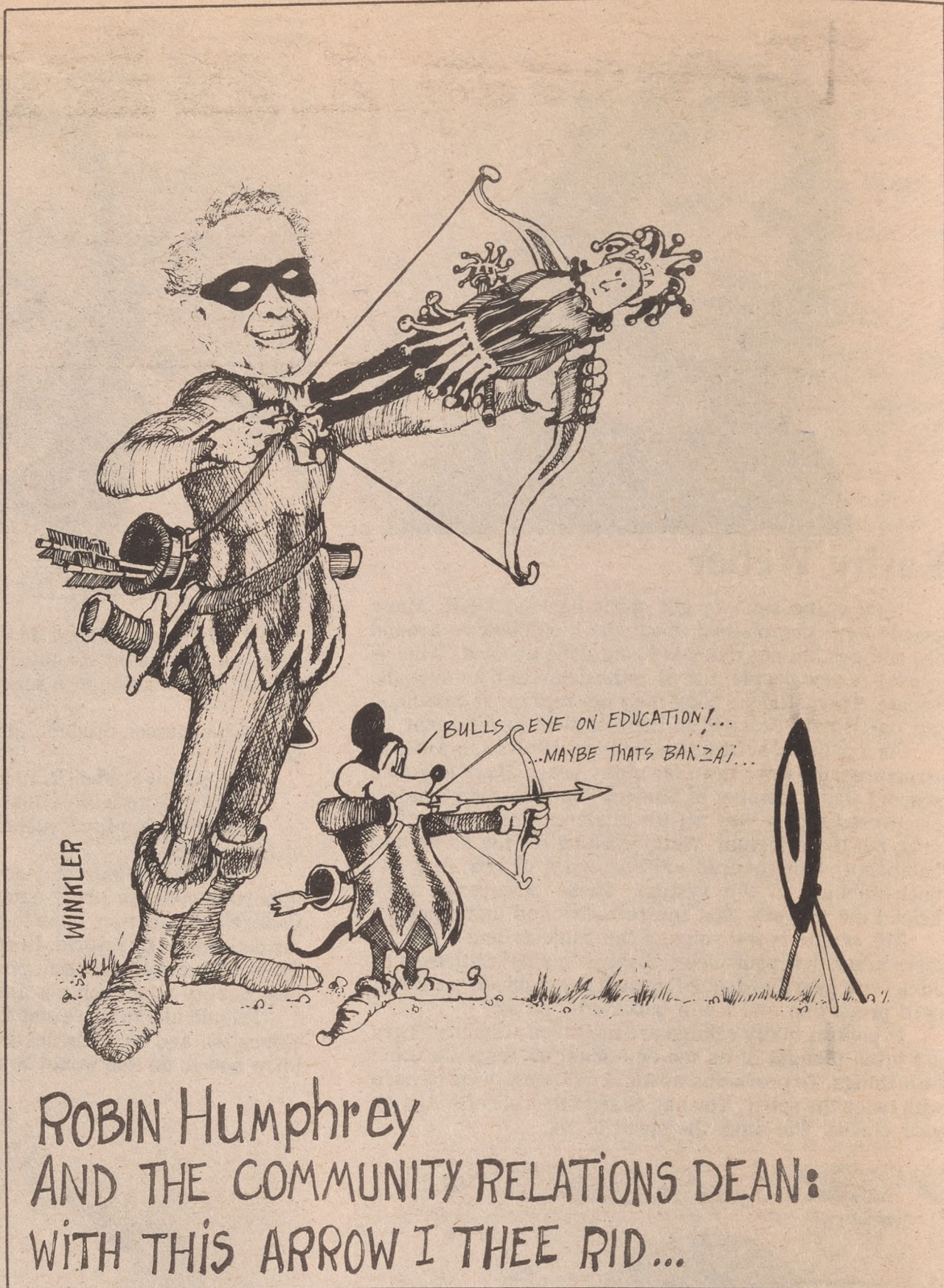
**"No one sneezes without getting a Kleenex from (Chancellor) Humphrey."**

"That's Mr. Mayer's opinion," said Neil Humphrey Sunday night when told the ASUN president was of the opinion that the chancellor had overstepped his bounds.

Mayer also had claimed Chancellor Humphrey "had words" with former President N. Edd Miller when the latter had originally appointed Basta to the \$25,000 a year post.

"That's Mr. Mayer's opinion," said Chancellor Humphrey when Mayer's comments concerning Miller were relayed to him. He said further investigation into the matter should be directed to the president's office.

Current UNR President Max Milam confirmed the report that the Office of Community Relations' budget had been eliminated in the Spring of 1974 by the university. Milam said Basta would be transferred to a new position, but that he had not decided what the position might be.



The *Sagebrush* also contacted former President N. Edd Miller who left Reno in October of 1973 to accept a similar head post at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham. Miller was reluctant to comment on current university affairs, but said he had been the first to recommend Basta for the public relations post "because of his long association with people in the community." He recalled that the post had been created "after the Governor's Day episode to improve relations with the state and alumni."

Miller's comments on the Governor's Day episode refer to an incident which involved a university professor and then-Governor (now State Senator) Paul Laxalt on May 5, 1970. Governor's Day that year fell one week after former U.S. President Richard Nixon had announced the invasion of Cambodia by U.S. troops, and one day after four students had been killed at Kent State University.

In response to the governor's appearance at UNR, to decorate university ROTC cadets, a group of demonstrators, including former English professor Paul Adamian, delayed the Laxalt motorcade and disrupted ceremonies. The case led to Adamian's firing and further resulted in a lengthy court battle. The episode greatly angered a politically conservative Reno community.

On the other hand, Paul Adamian's supporters, particularly among UNR faculty members, became silent for the most part after the professor's dismissal.

At any rate, Sam Basta's Community Relations Office was conceived by Miller to overcome negative community reaction which current Reno Mayor Dibitonto says cost the university a considerable amount in alumni and community gifts. Dibitonto called the incident the "biggest black eye" the university has ever suffered and credited Basta with singlehandedly reversing public opinion.

The mayor also stated that Basta's public relations work has helped Max Milam in the new president's attempts to work with community leaders. "He (Basta) has definitely brought money into the university system—not by hustling, but by establishing communications with the community," Dibitonto concluded.

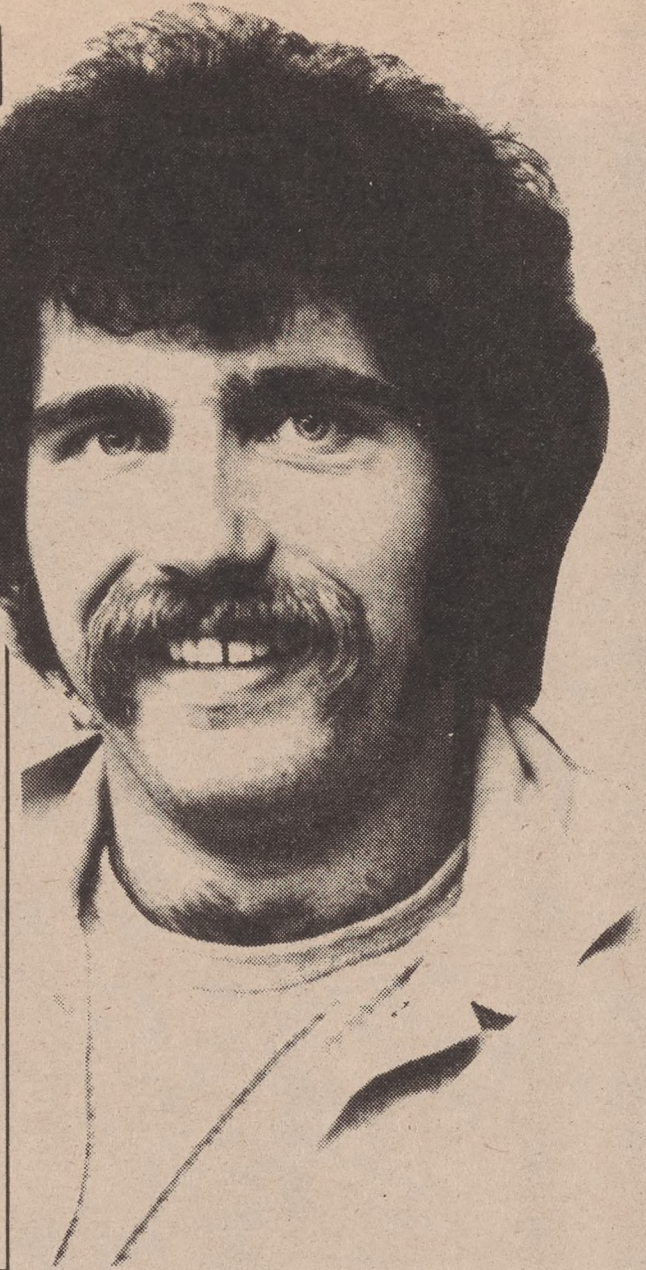
Dibitonto's comments on the elimination of a post for community understanding came only a month after President Milam drew considerable fire from Reno civic leaders for his attack on the adequacy of local high schools. The *Nevada State Journal* criticized Milam for his handling of the matter in an editorial and called his actions "impolitic to say the least."

Basta's last months in office will be spent working on the final phases of the University of Nevada Centennial. He also will be meeting with President Milam to learn what position in the university will be assigned him.

# Dave Lake

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# CIRCLE

BLUE J.



When critics have to write a bad review of an artist's work, it generally makes us feel bad. I certainly don't feel bad about this review, in fact, there is only one way to describe the way I feel. Relieved!

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**Olivia Newton John: Have You Never Been Mellow**  
MCA Records, MCA-2133

1975

There are eight wonders in the world, and I've just finished listening to the ninth. The wonder of it all is that Olivia Newton John won a Grammy as female vocalist of the year with such a bland and mediocre voice.

Now please don't mistake my meaning. John's voice is technically perfect (well almost!). So what is her problem? For one thing she lacks real depth and feeling in her delivery. If even a mediocre-voiced artist displays depth and feeling in their voice (i.e., Bob Dylan, Arlo Guthrie, Phoebe Snow, etc.), then whatever they sing can be devastating as well as interesting. But, when that combination is missing, even if one element is present, then there can only be one word for the end product. Boring!!!

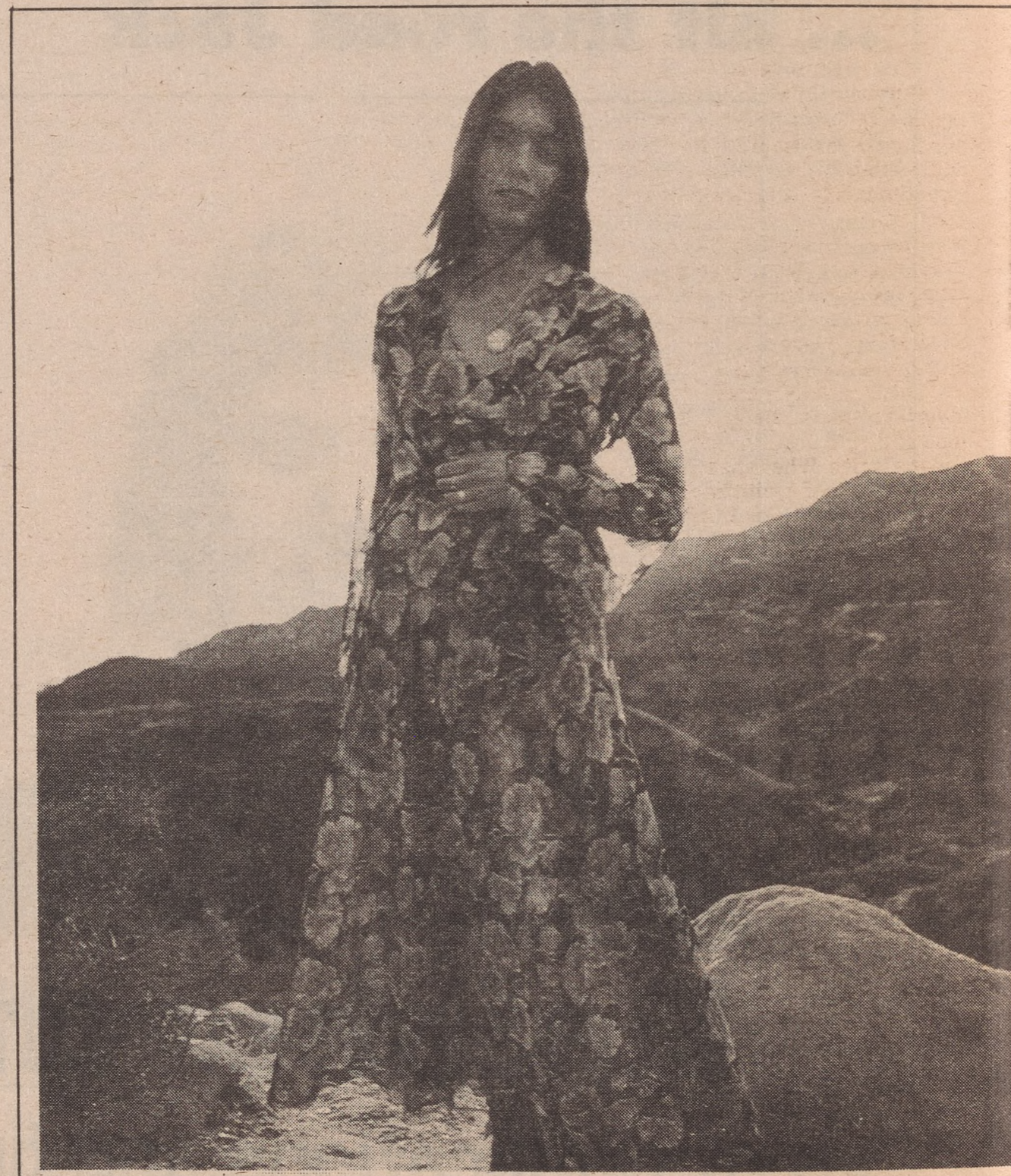
When an individual as boring as Olivia Newton John wins a Grammy award as top female vocalist, then there has to be something wrong with the system. What that award means is that the performer is the "best" among their group of peers. Right? Well, then try to imagine what went through my head when Maria Muldaur, Joni Mitchell and Roberta Flack (Roberta Flack!!!) lost out to Olivia Newton John. I mean the only hard time you would have in choosing between them is after John was eliminated. The judges just copped out on a hard choice by taking the poorest choice.

On her album, *Have You Never Been Mellow*, there are only three songs that even come close to being relatively exciting. On "Water Under The Bridge," she gets slightly loose, and actually lets us know that beneath that Barbie Doll Perfection there exists a "Melanie" Doll. You remember Melanie don't you? All sugar and spice. (Overproportionately that is.) Then again, there is her delivery on "I Never Did Sing You A Love Song" (No, thank the Guru Maharaj Ji! You never did sing me a love song!) What seems to the ear to be a passionately ended love song (that's it, at the end), actually is. And then there is "It's So Easy" which comes out sounding like an antiquated Leslie Gore remake. But I have to say that there seems to be genuine emotion in this song, though I don't know why I'm being so generous, because the rest of the album is one banal experience after another. After the first note of "Have You Never Been Mellow" (which is really a very good tune, but her delivery is so sweet it makes me want to vomit), the album tends to be so bland that to acknowledge its existence is a compliment.

Now all I want you John freaks to do is to purchase the following albums: Roberta Flack, *Feel Like Making Love*; Maria Muldaur, *Midnight At The Oasis*; Joni Mitchell, *Miles Of Aisle*; and the next album in today's review, Emmylou Harris, *Pieces Of The Sky*; then I want you to sit down and play a track from each album alternating them as you go. You should be able to judge each track according to *The Grammy Awards Book*, which states: "... criteria for judging is based on artistic and technical excellence." Then, write in and tell me how Olivia Newton John won out over these talented women.

Olivia Newton John gets my Birdshit Award for 1975!!!

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**Emmylou Harris: Pieces Of The Sky**  
Warner Brothers Records Inc. MS-2213

1975

If the lady's name seems familiar, then reach back in your memories and remember the late Graham Parsons. That haunting feminine voice backing him up on his last solo album was Ms. Harris. Here in contrast to Olivia Newton John is a woman who has depth and feeling in her voice. There are times she will remind you of Linda Ronstadt, and sometimes she will remind you of Maria Muldaur, but she is always Emmylou Harris, always!

*Pieces Of The Sky* has ten tracks on it, all written by various artists, including Ms. Harris herself. What is so good about the album is her delivery and interpretation of each song. She can whisper a song and get more out of it than any one I have heard before! You know from the first note of "Bluebird Wine" on side one, to the last anguished note of Shel Silverstein's "Queen Of The Silver Dollar," that what you are hearing is a true singing artist giving you everything she has. All you have to do is let her tell you the stories.

There is only exceptional music on this album and I really mean exceptional. My favorite track is "Boulder To Birmingham," which Emmylou co-authored with Bill Danoff (one of L.A.'s best tunesmiths). There is a spiritual quality to this song, both in the music and the lyrics. When she sings of the experiences of traveling from one place to another, you travel right along with her. I think that I empathize with this one song, because you see, I once traveled for "love" as she does in the song. Her voice inflection and timing on the lyrics make you understand what she is really feeling as she sings. That is what I look for in a singer. Ms. Harris is not quite a master at the art yet, but damned if she doesn't about drain you emotionally!

For those of you who like a singer to sing stories to you and not at you, then Emmylou Harris should be just what you are looking for. I know I was very pleased to buy an album of such sensitive depth and feeling by a woman who has been there and back. Please try Emmylou Harris' *Pieces Of The Sky*. No angel could whisper better bourbon and sultry, than Emmylou Harris. I think I'm in love!!!

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**CIRCLE NOTES:** For those of you who haven't heard, Crazy Bob Woerner's first spring concert was canceled Sunday due to some of Tom Lilly's mis-weather predictions. (That storm kinda snuck up on ya' didn't it Tom. Oh well! I still trust you!?!). Anyway, Crazy says the concert is still on for this coming Sunday (April 13). If you never have been to one of his concerts, then by all means, please go. It's free and you can't beat the entertainment.

The tickets should have been in the ASUN Activities Office yesterday for the Butch Whacks and The Glass Packs dance-concert this Saturday, April 12. By the way, the dance will be held in the old gym here on campus instead of the fairgrounds. Let's all show up so we can help rodeo club member Mike Trauner pay those outrageous hospital bills while we enjoy ourselves at the same time. See you there, okay?

I made a mistake last week in my contest question. So here is the correct question. Q: Who first popularized *Asleep At The Wheels*' current hit "Choo Choo Ch'Boogie"? The first person to send the correct answer to me here at the Sagebrush will win the new Jimi Hendrix album *Crash Landing*.

This Friday: "Tin" Zepplin and the new Moody Blues album.  
There ya' go! Listen To The Music!



## Dancing in the streets

Dean Perriera makes sure all is going smoothly for Friday's Centennial Street Dance, sponsored by the ever-popular ASUN and the boys of Lambda Chi Alpha, some of whom are pictured here.

The Street Dance is open to all university students and will be held from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Artemesia Way between Nye Hall and The Center. Keg beer will be sold for 25 cents a glass, and hotdogs for 50 cents.

Music? You bet! "Scratch" will be performing all night. And in case it rains or is otherwise inclement, head on over to the gym for a revised version at 8 p.m. Either way, you'll have a great Friday "unwind."

## A Little Early for Christmas?

Carson City—How'd you like to pay an average \$15 a month over eight years toward retirement, and then get \$200 a month from age 60 on? That's the sweet new plan proposed for Nevada's part time lawmakers.

Under the Senate Finance Committee proposal, it would take just eight months to recover the total of \$1,440 paid in during the legislative sessions. The sessions now run about 100 days every other year.

Compared to the state Public Employees Retirement system or to a private retirement plan, the legislators are already getting a generous return on retirement dollars they invest. A sampling of benefits to retired state workers shows they'll pay more than three times the amount legislators pay, and work full-time for about 13 years to get a similar \$200 monthly retirement check.

The state Retirement Board is urging that both employer and employee payments into the public worker's system be hiked four per cent to make sure eventual payouts are covered.

There's no plan yet to get the legislators to kick in more of their own money even though their benefits would increase.

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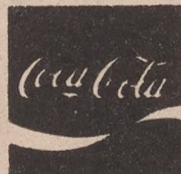
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## Vietnam tragedy

Saigon—At least 178 persons died Friday when a U.S. Air Force plane carrying 243 Vietnamese war orphans to the United States crashed and burned in a rice paddy near Saigon.

Most of the dead were orphans aged eight months to 12 years. A U.S. Embassy spokesman said at least 100 of the orphans and up to 20 adults survived the crash, the worst disaster in U.S. aviation history. There were 305 persons aboard.

The crippled C-5A Galaxy transport—the world's largest plane—crash-landed while trying to make it back to Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport after two huge cargo doors blew off in flight.

It was believed that some of the victims were sucked out of the plane when the cargo doors blew off, suddenly decompressing the plane. Most passengers were strapped in, however, and the decompression tore off their clothing. A hospital doctor said almost all the dead brought in were naked.

President Ford had planned to greet the orphans when they arrived at Travis Air Force Base in California on the first of the evacuation flights he has ordered to bring 2,000 war orphans to new homes in the U.S.

Deeply saddened over the crash, President Ford said in San Francisco: "Our mission of mercy will continue. The survivors will be flown here when they are physically able. Other waiting orphans will make the journey."

"This tragedy must not deter us but offer new hope for the living," the President said. The embassy spokesman said that in addition to the children—mixed-blood orphans, most sired by American GIs—the plane carried 44 U.S. mission escorts, 16 Air Force crewmen and two flight nurses.

—UPI

## Movie

BARNETT

Cinema Comment: *The Four Musketeers*. Directed by: Richard Lester. Stars: Raquel Welch, Oliver Reed, Faye Dunaway, Charlton Heston, Michael York, Richard Chamberlain, Christopher Lee, Geraldine Chaplin, Simon Ward, Franklin Finlay and Jean Pierre Cassel. Produced by: Alexander Salkind.

A few years or so ago when hardcore cinephiles were equating American-born British director Richard Lester's name with the expression "whatever happened to," up popped a new comedy film version of Alexander Dumas' oft-told tale of *The Three Musketeers*.

Lester, who at one time in the middle sixties had been known as the king of pop comedy cinema with such crazy slapstick films as *A Hard Day's Night*; *Help!*; *The Knack and A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, had sunk to virtual filmic oblivion. He had been ostracized to making commercials for French Television after directing several box office bombs, among them *Petulia* and *The Bed Sitting Room*. Producer Alexander Salkind, best known for banking Orson Welles' *The Trial* and Richard Burton's *Bluebeard*, however, decided to make a semi-*Three Stooges* film version of Dumas' classic. The result was the rescuing of Lester from French TV land and a four-hour two-part movie spectacular.

The first part of this spectacular was *The Three Musketeers* that opened in moviehouses about a year ago. Part Two, and it is part two and not a sequel, is *The Four Musketeers*. This film has only recently been released nationally.

*The Four Musketeers*, which appears to have been produced to appeal to Clearasil kids, popcorners and yahoos, is not as entertaining as its predecessor. *The Three Musketeers*, although not much in the way of film as art, had a certain comic and satirical flare about it which seemed to show flashes of Lester's former "let's have fun" filmic attitude. *The Four Musketeers* has no such style. It is a cold film. Thematically, it is centered around the tastelessness of religious warfare and royal adultery. Our heroes go from happy-go-lucky buffoons in Part One to zealous murders in Part Two.



Lester strips away virtually all the delight that was found in *The Three* and adopts an extremely cynical viewpoint toward romantic history and perhaps the spectacular genre itself in *The Four*.

*The Musketeers*, played by Michael York, Oliver Reed, Frank Finlay and Richard Chamberlain, project a collective image of being thoughtless, manipulative military pawns never questioning their own actions. Cardinal Richelieu, played by Charlton Heston, whose film career has been going straight off the cliff since *Touch of Evil*, appears to have nothing to do but conjure up evil schemes. The King, played by Jean Pierre Cassel, is nothing more than a mockery of royalty and perhaps French history. He is like a woodpecker who mumbles empty meaningless sounds. Beautiful Capricorn Faye Dunaway as Milady actually dominates the film not only in screen time but also in acting. She plays her role of a shallow cold-blooded revenge seeker with compassionless ease. Raquel Welch gets top-billing as the queen's dressmaker, but, in truth, appears only briefly in what really is a cameo role. Her death in the film, however, does give the Musketeers some congruency for their fanatical actions. Geraldine Chaplin as the French Queen and Simon Ward as the Duke of Buckingham stumble around in the film as the illicit lovers. Ward eventually gets assassinated by a religious zealot.

Most of the characters drawn by Lester's direction seem to lack depth, motivation, understanding and insight into their behavioral patterns. They react, like mind-controlled automatons, never bothering to observe nor question the foolishness and destructiveness of their violent deeds.

Richard Lester's *The Four Musketeers* disappoints as entertainment, to say nothing of art, not so much because he seems bent on hitting romantic history in the face with a lemon meringue pie but rather because he treats human blunders and errors with vicious and insensitive cynicism. The film thus becomes nothing more than a vicious exercise in cynicism and in light of the daily newspaper's front page, who really needs it?



# NOTES

## Albee there. Will you?

"The American Dream," a one-act play written by Edward Albee, will be presented at the Center for Religion and Life today and Thursday, April 16 at 12 noon. There is no admission charge.

Albee's play is a hilarious look at American life and the values it holds so dear. The cast of five include Linda Lake, Ron Davis, Jan Mahood, Colleen McMullen, and Rick Foss. The play is directed by Tom Legoski.

The play is extremely entertaining and will provide an excellent way to spend your lunch hour, so bring your lunch and come on over!

## Gunkel writes news note

Rebecca Stafford, Sociology Department chairman at UNR, will chair a session of the Pacific Sociological Association meetings April 16-19 in Victoria, B.C.

—Gunkel

## Out on a climb

Mountaineer William "Smoke" Blanchard of Mountain Travel, Inc., in Bishop, California, will discuss "Alpine Wanderings in Japan" Thursday evening in the Center for Religion and Life. He will show slides of the Japanese Alps, Nepal, and the Palisades climbing school area near Big Pine, California. The program, which is sponsored by Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club, will begin at 8 p.m. It is open to the public.

## Recluse driving

The Securities and Exchange Commission filed suit in U.S. District Court in San Francisco charging that billionaire recluse Howard Hughes altered the figures to cause stockholders to lose as much as \$45 million when he gained control of Air West (Now Hughes Air West) in 1970.



Haaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaank!

## Practice makes imperfect

John N. Mitchell, former Attorney General, and his former deputy, Robert C. Mardian, were ordered suspended from practicing law before the Supreme Court in Washington, with a 40-day period for showing cause why the two attorneys should not be disbarred from practice permanently. Both were convicted in the Watergate coverup.

## Wallace fo' all us

Governor George Wallace of Alabama, according to the results of the latest nationwide George Gallup poll, was the favorite of both Democratic and independent voters for the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination.

## Need an announcing job?

KUNR-FM (88.7) is looking for announcers and producers, according to Wendell Dodds, director of the Radio-Television Center at UNR.

Dodds explained it is not necessary to be a broadcast major to apply for the jobs. All a student must have is an interest in broadcasting and be "reliable and dependable," he said. Shifts on the air are assigned to fit into a student's schedule, and personnel are paid university wage scale.

A third class Federal Communication Commission (FCC) license is required to be an announcer and to do on-the-air work. The FCC will be in Reno administering the examination April 17-18. The test will be given at the Main Post Office, Room 238.

—Chadwick

# NOTES

## Long term help

Students facing the task of writing term papers are being offered two kinds of help—printed and personal—at Getchell Library.

A new brochure entitled "Writing a Term Paper," written by Linda Newman, instructional services librarian, is available free to students upon request at the reference desk.

"Most students don't know how to begin, and unfortunately they are reluctant to approach the librarians for help," Newman said.

"Students should never feel apologetic when asking for assistance. Reference people are in the library to help. Our job is in a public service capacity," she said.

—Stanton

## Dallas style morality

Under a new Dallas city ordinance banning display of "sexually explicit material" stores selling Newsweek magazine were forced to paste a white patch across the cover because it showed a Vietnamese mother carrying a nude child.

## Kid stuff

Assemblywoman Sue Wagner will speak on current legislation dealing with children Wednesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 102 of Orvis School of Nursing. She will speak on such bills as AB 540 dealing with mandatory kindergarten in Nevada, AB 112 requiring that health insurance begin for newborn infants at birth instead of 10 to 14 days later, and AB 108 which covers the child abuse statutes.

## LEAF falls

The Legislative Education and Action Forum (LEAF) has canceled its weekly meetings, said Steve Pulkkinen, LEAF organizer. He said he felt that LEAF had served the purpose for which it was formed. He added that he would schedule LEAF meetings on an issue-oriented basis in the future.

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# NEWS

## Up your Urdu, fellow

An economics professor, fluent in five languages, is in favor of the foreign language requirement which is being questioned by many students at UNR.

William Houwink said that by studying a foreign language, students widen their view of the world.

"Knowing a foreign language also makes it possible for us to travel and get acquainted with the people and the cultures of other countries in a way that is not possible through books," Houwink said.

The foreign language requirement applies only to students enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. Houwink said he would like to see it expanded to other colleges at UNR but that in certain colleges the required courses are so restrictive that a broad education is impossible.

In addition to English, Houwink speaks Spanish, French, German and Dutch. "I can also swear fluently in Urdu after living in India for some time," he said.

## Life down the train

Bonn—A 42-year-old man drowned in the kitchen sink while washing dishes, police in the Southwestern German city of Esslingen said Friday.

He had apparently been affected by dizziness as he faced the pile of pots and plates.

—REUTERS

## Black light

Guru Maharaj Ji, 17-year-old Indian religion leader, was rejected by his mother, Shri Mataji (holy mother) as worthy of the title the "perfect master," which he had been called before he came to the U.S. and, she said, began leading "a despicable, nonspiritual way of life" that was closer to that of a playboy than of the leader of the Divine Light Mission.

## Pool sharks

Come participate in the first intermural swim meet to be held in the new pool. This is a good opportunity to set pool records. Both diving and swimming events are scheduled April 9 and 10, 7-8 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Contact the P.E. department for more details.

## But he leaned to the left

Shortly after I came here, H.L. Mencken said to me, "Well, Cooke, you'll find this country will exasperate you, it will disgust you, it will enrage you and it will amuse you, but it's a nine-ring circus and you'll never be bored." Of course, he was absolutely right.

—Alistair Cooke

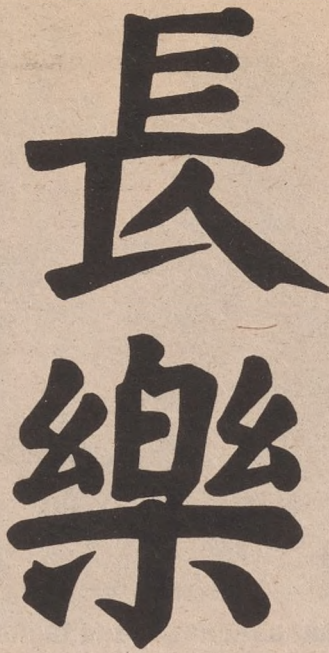
## Watercolors

Students interested in learning the technique of water color or advanced students who want to improve their skills may take Art 140 or 409-709 during Intersession, May 27-June 6, under the direction of Prof. Robert Morrison.

Classes are scheduled at Genoa, Galena Creek, Donner Lake, Pyramid, American Flats, Mt. Rose, Wabuska and Sand Harbor.

"Weather permitting, all of the sessions will take place outside," Morrison said.

For more information, call 784-6682.



## New high found

Washington—Unemployment in the United States hit a 34-year high of 8.7 per cent in March, with nearly eight million persons out of work, the government reported Friday.

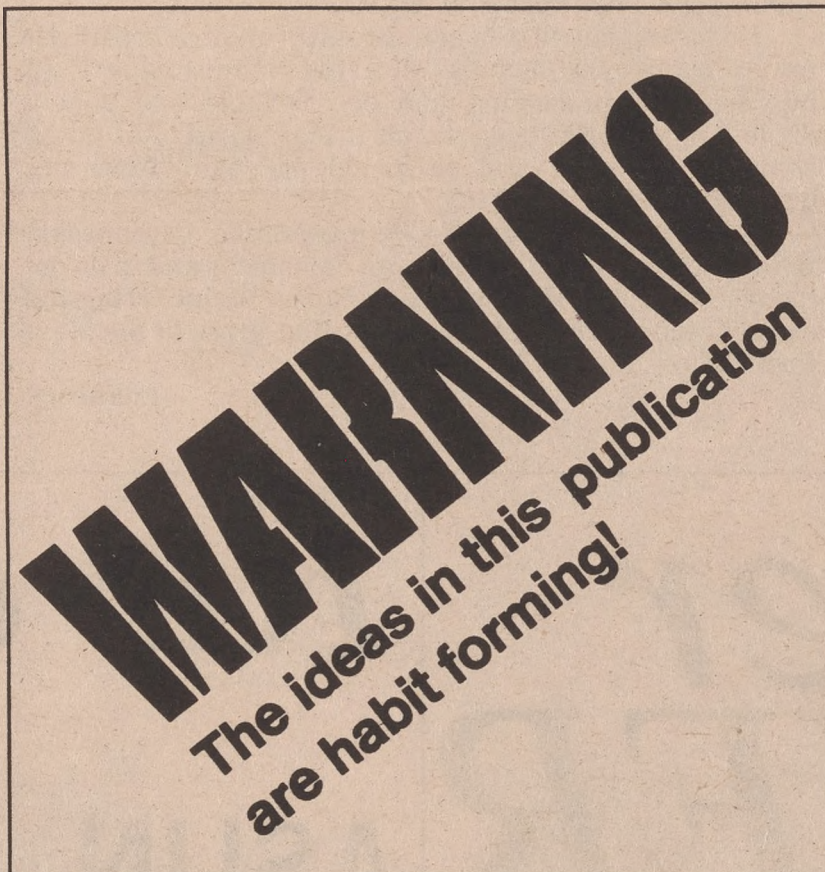
A half-million persons joined the unemployment rolls in March, raising the jobless rate 0.5 per cent above the 8.2 per cent recorded in January and February.

But the official unemployment figures told only part of the hard times story. The Labor Department filled in the rest with statistics on America's five million "hidden unemployed."

The report said that 3.9 million jobseekers have settled for part-time work out of desperation and another 1.1 million "discouraged workers" have simply quit looking for jobs.

These do not figure in the unemployment statistics.

—UPI



## Foreign aid

Suva, Fiji Islands—All children except one on the Pacific island of Rongelap have undergone surgery for removal of thyroid tumors resulting from nuclear testing, Micronesian delegates told the International Conference for a Nuclear-Free Pacific.

The tumors, the delegates said Thursday, are the results of high levels of radioactive iodine emitted during the 96 American nuclear tests held in Micronesia during the 1950s.

Nuclear testing in the area ended in 1958.

The conference was told that of the 21 islands in the Bikini group, only two are still considered habitable by U.S. experts.

Roger Gale, a spokesman for the Micronesians, said that after one hydrogen bomb test radioactive debris fell "like snow" on the small island of Rongelap, 25 miles from Bikini atoll and about 1300 miles east of Guam.

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# NEWS

## Drop in the bucket

St. Paul—In frontier days, outhouses were cheap and easy to build. About all that was needed was a shovel and some lumber.

But now the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is planning to build two outhouses near its lock and dam at Hastings, Minn., that will cost \$25,000 each.

These are no ordinary privies, say corps officials. They will meet federal environmental guidelines and have vaults to store sewage until it can be pumped out.

"These privies are built to last," Edward De La Forest, chief of the corps' specification unit, said Friday.

The Army, which calls the new privies "rustic," says luxuries such as heat and running water won't be included. The new outhouses, of the so-called "four-hole" variety, could survive floods and will blend in with the environment, corps officials say.

—S.F. Chronicle

## Knock Rock joke

Coral Gables, Fla.—Former White House aide Arthur Schlesinger Jr. has called for abolition of the vice presidency because its "only real function is to wait for the President to die."

In a speech to about 200 University of Miami students, Schlesinger said Thursday that appointment of Nelson Rockefeller as vice-president was a case of "putting the most hyperactive man in the country into the biggest non job in the country."

UPI

## Bribe and goon

The Police Foundation said in a study disclosed last week that corruption "is endemic to policing. The very nature of the police function is bound to subject officers to tempting offers." Wisconsin Law Professor Herman Goldstein, who was involved in the study, admitted it was a problem so difficult to deal with that some people believe it must be lived with. He did not agree.

S.F. Chronicle

## Every body needs trouble

Washington—Attorney Jake Jacobsen testified Thursday he paid former Treasury Secretary John Connally \$10,000 in milk lobby money in 1971 and later conspired with Connally to cover up the payoffs.

Jacobsen, the star prosecution witness in Connally's bribery trial, stated the very heart of the government's case in testimony delivered under Connally's steady scowl.

Connally has pleaded not guilty and his defense has alleged that Jacobsen is lying to save himself from further prosecution. They had been friends for 25 years.

Jacobsen said he paid Connally \$10,000 in cash provided by the Associated Milk Producers Inc. in two installments. On May 14 and Sept. 24, 1971, as a reward for Connally's help persuading then-President Nixon to raise federal milk prices.

—UPI

## Don't snarl at Pisces, Leos

LEO (July 23-August 22): Leo is a fixed fire sign; fixed for willfulness and fire for romance. In short, you are an incorrigibly willful romantic. Because you are determined to make your dreams come true, they often do just that.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Allow others to know how you feel, Pisces. If you are happy, laugh. If you are sad, cry. If you are angry, snarl. If you feel romantic, when it comes to lovemaking, Pisces, you're the master extraordinaire.

As a nation we have too long educated the mind, and left the heart a moral waste.

Angelina Grimke, 1837

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# Debate?

GRAHAM-ENGSTROM

The casual indifference and poor planning which have characterized this year's ASUN elections were obvious at Monday night's "debate" between ASUN Presidential candidates Tom Mayer and Pat Archer.

The debate, scheduled for one day and two hours past the Sagebrush deadline, started after the Associated Women Students' annual "Women's Night of Honor." The two candidates spent approximately fifteen minutes deciding if they wanted to debate each other on the issues before they met a crowd of 23 enthralled students and a handful of administrators on a question-and-answer basis.

Questions focused on the general election thrown out by the Student Judicial Council, major factors in the campaign, the foreign language requirement and increasing student involvement in ASUN government.

Mayer asserted that the previous election was not rigged. He said, "It just bogged down because we followed the same procedures used in past years, but had a larger voter turnout. The problem is that no one stepped forward before the election to question whether the procedures were adequate."

He has found the students are unfavorable to the Judicial Council decision. Mayer said, "People are upset with the election being called invalid."

Archer, on the other hand, said he has found a different reaction. "At first people were negative about the new election," Archer said, "but now they are more favorable and see it as a chance to clean up ASUN elections."

The two candidates expressed ideas on how to get more people involved in student government. Mayer said the new Veterans Office located in Morrill Hall should help vets organize more effectively. He also suggested an advisory council composed of living group officials to advise the president.

Archer said he felt the veterans were becoming more involved and that dorm residents' involvement depended on events.

Both candidates felt the major hindrance in their campaigns has been rumors and insinuations about their achievement records and their personalities.

Both stressed they had worked on getting the foreign language requirement either modified or abolished. They said they would do more work on the issue.

Archer and Mayer urged students to vote in Wednesday and Thursday's election. They said a vote is more important than ever.

## If the Patriots were alive today, they'd be raising all kinds of Hell!

As I look over the universities of my land . . . I see the students asleep . . . asleep in the face of the awful facts . . . asleep in the greatest revolution that has ever come . . . University men and women, you men and women in the full glory of life, here is a cause that appeals to all the romance in you. Awake to its call. Line up! Line up! All the world despises a coward. Read our books. Fight us if you do not agree . . . But by all that is brave and strong show your colors.

Jack London, author, 1905

# Letters

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following the accident. The Justice Department is now reportedly investigating the incident.

The Times reporter planning to meet Silkwood was David Burnham, the man who broke open the Serpico story of police corruption in New York City. Prior to the scheduled meeting, Burnham had combed through hundreds of memos and letters, according to a story in *Rolling Stone*, March 27, 1975, and had "learned the AEC had a ten-year record of blue-penciling alarming data, soft-soaping test failures and glad-handling an industry that increasingly appeared not to know what it was doing."

There are many more horror stories and the AEC has a library of encouraging words to counter them. A lot to sift through.

I urge Governor O'Callaghan and other supporters of this waste disposal plan to study this matter as if the lives of all Nevadans depended on it—they just might. Then let the people decide.

James A. Nelson

Editor:

Two years after the Paris peace agreement, the war seems to come back in the news headlines.

During the late sixties, many war-activists have argued that if the Vietnamese want Communism, let it be so. Americans do not have to fight or help them to maintain a corrupt democracy and prolong the war. I think that, if the Vietnamese want Communism it has already happened in 1954 when Communists took over the country from the Nationalist party. Why did a million of Vietnamese flee from the north to the south?

In the news lately, we have seen so many Vietnamese abandon their homes to become refugees, running from city to city. If they like Communism, why don't they stay?

Since then Communists claim that they control a large population and many villagers are considered "Communist sympathizers." If this is true, the Communists and the "so-called" National liberation front must expect those villagers to raise their flag and welcome those national heroes that liberate them from the corrupt South Vietnam government.

Why did this not happen in 1968 Tet offensive or 1972 offensive? Now, it does not happen either?

The Vietnamese people have spoken by their action: running away from Communists.

To those who are involved in the anti-war movement of the late sixties, I wonder if you ever lament: "What a waste, we hope to bring peace to them but will they ever get it? We did force the U.S. government to pull out troops from Indochina but did the other side do the same?"

We got our "Peace with honor," can we wash our hands now? For all the causes we fought for and the tragedy of Kent State, what did we achieve?

There is an old saying: "It takes one side to make war and both sides to bring peace." Will that be true in the situation in Indochina? I do not think the South Vietnamese have much choice as to whether or not to make war, they have been in the defensive position from the beginning. Peace seems at the hand of the North Vietnamese and their allies, if they ever seriously wanted it.

I do not know why some people still believe in the side that is shouting peace and at the same time pushing the trigger?

Why are there no other voices about the killing of innocent people in South Vietnam? Maybe their lives are not worth our dollars or we would rather be on the winning side?

If there are people in this world who want peace desperately, it must be the South Vietnamese. If their allies turn their back on them, they would be the lost, the ones who stand in the crossfire.

I do not believe in the Domino theory or the "losing face" of Americans in the world, but watching the news makes me believe that somehow this discredited theory is revived or has metamorphosed into another aggressive theory.

To those who fight for justice, for freedom and believe in humanity, I think it is time to raise our voice to demand stopping the killing of innocent women and children in Indochina.

If Russia and China want peace seriously, they could stop supplying weapons to the North Vietnam and pressure them to change their aggressive attitude. We did force the U.S. government to withdraw troop involvement in Indochina. We did give peace a chance, but did they?

If man wants peace on earth, he could have it. So let it be known.

Vu van Du

Editor:

In view of the recent Judicial Council findings, I wish to mention that my actions were not personal but were intended to better the electoral process. Sometimes it is necessary for an individual to take seemingly severe steps to fight for what he believes in. I believe a major victory has been won for ASUN.

If you want to see changes, you must help make them. You must go to the polls tomorrow or Thursday at the Jot Travis Union Lounge and vote for a better government.

Pat Archer

Editor:

This letter, to you, the student, is a statement of endorsement for Tom Mayer who is currently running for re-election for ASUN President. I have been a special adviser to the incumbent ASUN President since his first election last spring and subsequently have been in a unique position to view his performance as an administrator.

I have seen a conscientious administrator spend long hours of work in an atmosphere of apathy and criticism. I have seen him stand tough against a tough competitor—apathy.

He is not without faults, the whole mess of the ASUN elections, for which he must bear the responsibility, has become a lesson not only to Tom but the rest of the ASUN leadership. It is a system of the apathy that is pervading ASUN.

But Tom does have some outstanding assets: his incumbency gives him a definite advantage in dealing with the university administration, the Board of Regents, in dealing with day to day business of ASUN and most importantly, he will have time to reflect and plan in developing ASUN into a viable student government. This would be something unique and desperately needed by ASUN. Tom has a strong backbone, he can make decisions and carry them through. He can stand up to the administration and regents in dealing over student rights—he won't let you down.

ASUN has a lot of money problems, but Tom hasn't taken the easy out of raising student fees, but rather has managed to squeeze money from the regents for the dorms and activities. Yet he has managed to maintain the fiscal integrity of ASUN in the hands of the students. No easy tightrope to walk and something that has been abdicated by past student administrations.

To you the voting student, the choice will be a value judgment between a good personality and a proved and dedicated administrator.

David R. Cowperthwaite

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# Fear death by water

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Though less in danger from Japanese invasion than other West Coast cities in World War II, Reno residents seldom forgot that a war was in progress in the years from 1939 to 1946. Supplies were in short supply; gasoline and food were rationed. Renoites dried themselves with frayed towels and contented themselves with worn clothing. Nothing was thrown away, and items such as coffee and nylons acquired new value.

Letters from loved ones overseas, with an embossed orange airplane, or simply the word "free" scrawled on the envelope for postage, brought the war home every time the mailman came down the block. These letters were shared with friends. The grief of one became the grief of all, and neighbors shared an occasional dirty joke from Africa or Europe that had escaped the censor.

Death acquired a horrid meaning when it claimed boys who had been drinking in a cozy fraternity house a few months before. The Reno papers carried daily stories about local boys. One story told how Airman Burke Rice, later a veterinarian, crashed in a lagoon north of Australia and was rescued by a leper colony missionary who found the downed plane. Another tale described the heroics of John Locke, now the university physician, who was bayoneted and cited for bravery by the Marine Corps.

Perhaps the most highly publicized wartime story involved Jack Donohoe, the son of John Donohoe - a custodian at St. Mary's Hospital.

When the war erupted, Jack was in the first group of Renoites to be pressed into active service. He participated in the brutal Bataan struggle with Japan and was one of those captured and taken on the Death March of April, 1942.

Donohoe's family had to wait many months before word came that their son survived the March.

John Donohoe told all his co-workers about the good news, but there was no rejoicing at the time. All knew what it meant to be incarcerated in a Filipino concentration camp run by the Japanese.

Finally, in October of 1944, the Fates shifted to the Allied Forces. General Douglas MacArthur embarked upon his well-publicized "return" to the nation he had lost two years before. Anticipating defeat, the Japanese elected to move prisoners to better protected quarters. A much-weakened Jack Donohoe was herded with 750 other men aboard a freighter for transport to an unnamed destination in the Pacific.



On October 22, 1944, a U.S. submarine opened fire on a fleet of ships bearing Japanese colors. A torpedo hit the freighter carrying Donohoe and the other prisoners and blew out the hull in which they were held. Those men not killed on impact dashed toward the gaping hole which quickly filled with water.

Donohoe, stunned first by the explosion and then by the elbows of a dozen panicky men about him, finally escaped into the water. At first he had trouble finding which direction led to the surface in his dazed condition.

The prisoner fought to control his fear which conceivably could send him thrashing madly toward the ocean floor. After regaining his sense of direction, Donohoe put his long unused muscles to work and beat his way upward with short, choppy strokes. With a final effort Donohoe reached the surface and clawed helplessly at his eyes to clear them of salt and oil.

An explosion occurred not a hundred yards from the Irish-American, and the oily sea erupted before him. Donohoe eyed the flames and instinctively headed for one of the Japanese carriers serving as escort to the freighter. All about him a handful of Japanese sailors and hundreds of Allied prisoners, made equal again, swam together under a canopy of boiling black smoke. The atmosphere was filled with the cries of dying men when at once the sound of rifle fire rang out, and Donohoe watched in disbelief the bodies of men twisting in the water all about him in a grotesque ballet.

"They're firing at us," screamed a voice.

Donohoe looked up in terror at the Japanese marksmen leaning over the side of their carriers and firing indiscriminately at the shapes in the water. Alongside Donohoe a Japanese sailor cried out and sank with a bullet in his forehead.

Many prisoners, terrified of drowning, or perhaps still unable to believe another human being would fire at them, swam toward the carrier and died in a stream of lead.

The scene was out of Dante's hell. The sound of curses was imprinted in Donohoe's memory. The Reno soldier took a deep lungful of air and dove far below the surface, stroking powerfully toward the distant shore, and praying while he swam.

Thoughts of home rushed into Donohoe's head, but he drove them viciously away. He was in command of himself now, and his self assurance provided comfort after his years of captivity. At least if he lived, Donohoe thought, he would have himself to thank.

He was under water nearly ninety seconds now, but fear had seemingly expanded his lungs. Two and maybe even three minutes under water did not seem impossible in view of what was waiting for him above the water.

Donohoe's mind flashed back to an outing with some friends at Lake Tahoe when he had strayed into an underground rock passageway and nearly suffocated. He had kept his head clear then and now had to do the same. The youth's arms and legs worked smoothly but now he knew his air was nearly gone. Donohoe cursed every pack of cigarettes he ever opened. He had been under nearly two minutes and a half.

Once more the youth rose. He took in another mouthful of air, and pausing long enough to glimpse land ahead, dove under water again. When he surfaced next time, Donohoe thought safety had been attained, but a Japanese sniper had watched the soldier's retreat. A bullet fractured Donohoe's skull.

At closer range the youth would have died when the bullet hit. But despite a wound where hair would never grow again, Donohoe refused to die. Once more he struck out for shore, now five hundred feet away.

Enemy rifle fire was now sporadic, and Donohoe finally dared look about him. A few survivors were behind him and before him. A stocky boy was thrashing about with a serious shoulder wound and was unable to swim any longer. Despite his own wound, Donohoe swam over to the man and hooked an arm around him. Unfortunately, after Donohoe had nearly gained shore, he no longer could hold the youth and had to let him go. Donohoe knew that the boy's face would reappear in his dreams forever.

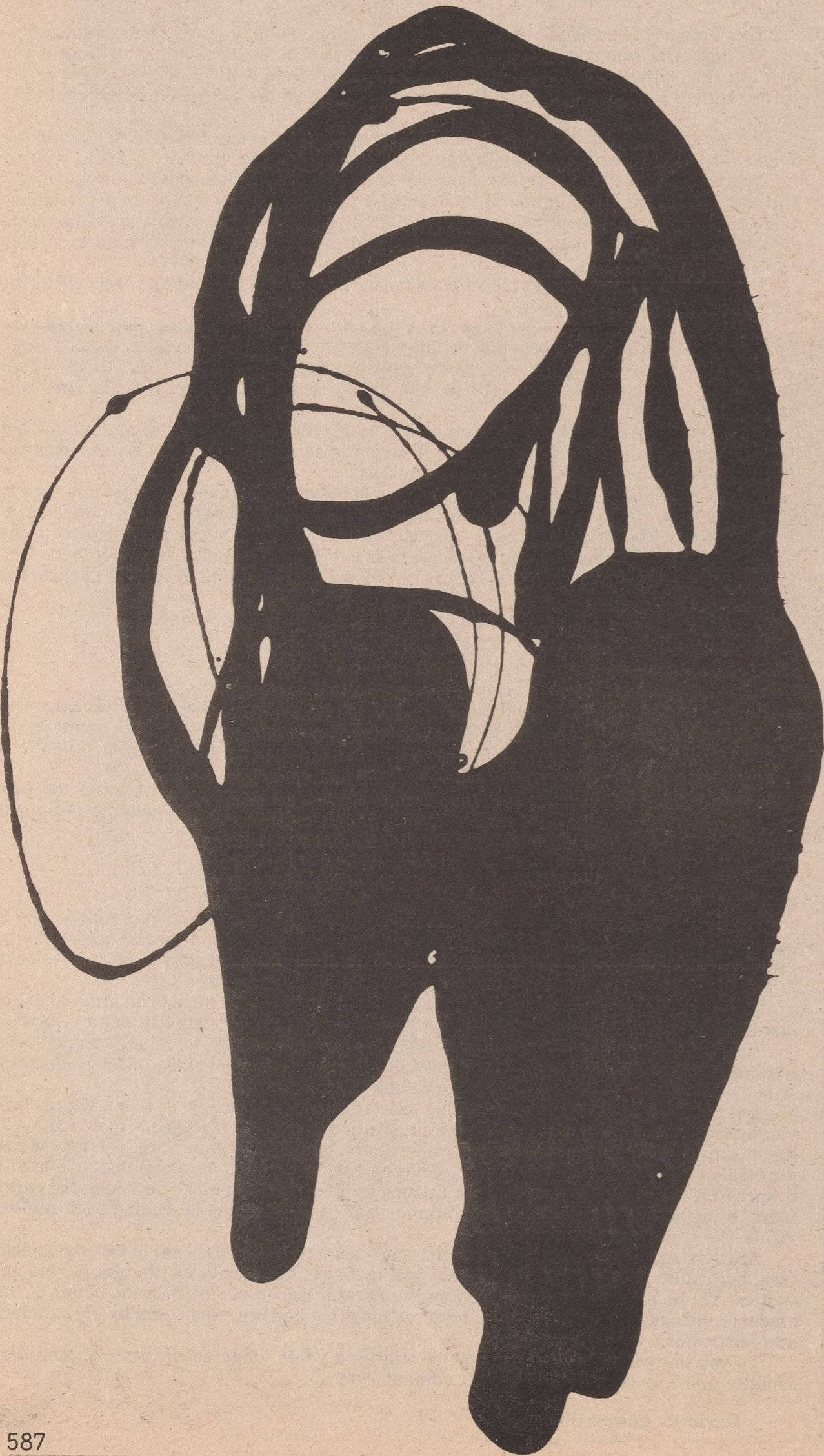
The Reno man struggled toward the shore but was aware only of darkness even while he pulled himself onto the white sand.

Fortunately, a kind Filipino woman pulled Donohoe and several others safely onto shore, where he was given passage to MacArthur's fleet by a local resistance group.

Though it was months before Jack Donohoe returned to Reno, a telegram from the Defense Department informed the youth's parents of his rescue. The boy's father, waving the telegram like a banner, ran into St. Mary's Hospital to share the good news with his friends. The entire first floor of the hospital crowded around the happy father.

Suddenly a Western Union messenger entered the hospital and asked for a Sister Hyacinth. The Dominican nun, who was one of those pounding the elder Donohoe on the back, claimed the offered telegram from the boy. The telegram informed the nun that her brother had been killed in action.

John Donohoe stuffed the telegram back into his pocket. The crowd filed silently away. In World War II, good news had to travel fast because everyone knew bad news would be right behind it.



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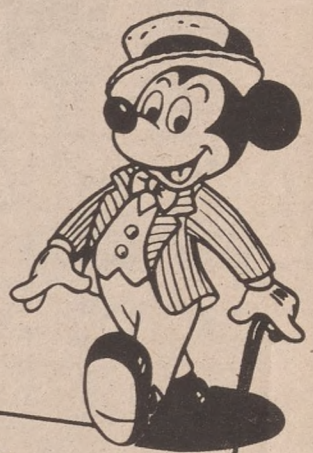
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TODAY, APRIL 8

- Noon—Slim Downers, McDermott Room, Union.
- 2 p.m.—Arts Festival Committee, Ingersoll Room, Union.
- 2 p.m.—Women's Intercollegiate Athletics Board, Mobley Room, Union.
- 5:30 p.m.—Spurs, Hardy Room, Union.
- 7 p.m.—American Indian Organization, McDermott Room, Union.
- 7 p.m.—Chess Club, East-West Room, Union.
- 7:30 p.m.—Chi Alpha, Hardy Room, Union.

- 4:30 p.m.—ASUN Activities Board, Ingersoll Room, Union.
- 7 p.m.—ASUN Senate, East-West Room, Union.
- 7 p.m.—"The Gang's All Here," Art Department film, Room 101, SEM.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10**

**ASUN GENERAL ELECTION—VOTE**  
Polls open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- 2 p.m.—Graduate Council, Hardy Room, Union.
- 3 p.m.—Sagens, East-West Room, Union.
- 5 p.m.—ASUN Finance Control Board, Ingersoll Room, Union.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9**

**ASUN GENERAL ELECTION—VOTE**  
Polls open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

No. 750: Restaurant counter help. Hours: 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Days: Flexible. Wage: \$2.50 per hour.

No. 751: Secretarial. Hours and days flexible. Wage: \$2.50 per hour. Would work in summer also.

No. 758: Clerical. Hours and days flexible. Wage: \$2.40 per hour.

No. 759: Child care. Hours: 6 to 9 a.m. Days: Monday through Friday. Wage: Open for discussion.

No. 760: Sagebrush. Hours: Horrible. Days: Sunday-Saturday. Wage: 25 cents per hour (if you're lucky).

**Jobs**



The 1975 season for UNR's track and field team is full of surprises to the youthful squad. First, it was the big Boise State upset and then Saturday, Coach Jack Cook's squad upset Chico, 82-72.

The victory sends the Pack into Saturday's meet with UNLV, Fresno State and the University of Pacific at Mackay Stadium with a mark of 6-0. The meet is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Nevada's standout in the distance, Domingo Tibaduiza, captured both the mile and three-mile events. The junior from Colombia finished the mile in 4:15.3 and had a time of 14:08 in the three-mile.

Teammates Tom Wysocki and Jiara Vargas followed Tibaduiza in the three-mile. Both freshmen finished with personal bests. Wysocki was timed in 14:22.5 and Vargas, also from Colombia, was third in 14:47.8.

Also in the mile run, Nevada's George Hernandez was third in 4.21. Senior Bernie Juarez captured two first places, in the pole vault and 120 high hurdles. He cleared 15-6, six inches better than the Wildcats' closest competitor, to win the vaulting.

In the hurdles, the Oceanside, California native won in a time of 14:8, while teammate Dale Clayton was second with 15.2.

In the 100- and 220-yard sprints, Nevada's Isaac Ford stopped a Wildcat sweep of the first three places in each event. The Mineral County High School graduate finished second in the 100, 10.6, and third in the 220, 23.2.

After Chico, who now has a 6-1 meet record, swept the 440, Nevada's Bruce Williams won the 880 in 1:56.9. Close behind was teammate Terry Imbert in 1:57.2.

Ford returned to team up with Tony DaSilva and Mark Archer to win the 440-relay in 42.9.

Senior Joe Tyler finished first in the long jump event. He sailed 21-10 1/4 feet to win. Then the Reno native jumped 42-4 feet to gain a second in the triple jump.

In the high jump, freshman Dan Mosley leaped to a height of 6-4 to capture that event. Another Pack freshman, Scott Saibini, from Reno, was the victor in third position with 6-2 feet.

In the shot-put, Nevada finished 1-2 with Doug Smith first and Richard Bass second. Smith, from Portland, Oregon, heaved the steel oval 49-5 3/4 feet, while Bass, a senior from Fallon, had a toss of 48-4 1/4.

Swedish product Bjorn Koch set a school record in the javelin. He tossed the spear 241-4 1/2 feet, which surpassed the old mark of 240-2 1/2 set by Koch in 1974. Third place went to Nevada freshman Chris Keehn, 188-10.

# Undefeated

In 12 matches this season, no team as yet has been able to stop, or even come near, the steam-rolling Wolf Pack tennis team. The blue and silver racqueteers picked up the 12th victory Sunday morning against Willamette University from Oregon, 8-1.

Top seeded Mel Baleson led the Pack by shutting out Dan McClunge, 6-0 and 6-0, and Nevada sophomore Bill Gardner won by the same score over Willamette's Mark Mitchell. Second seeded Kyle Ramos defeated Brad Wells, 6-0 and 6-1, while Jimmy Little disposed of Al Montrose by that identical score.

Finishing out the singles action, Ken Schuler beat Steve Chambers, 6-4 and 6-1, and Dave McGee defeated Kirk Mosher, 6-2 and 6-2.

Nevada's only loss came in doubles, when Willamette's Chambers and Mitchell won by default. Pack Coach Bob Fairman said the match, which already had been won at that point, was forfeited because Willamette wanted to leave town early.

Nevada won the only doubles played with Baleson and Little beating McClunge and Wells, 6-1 and 7-5. Then Noel Baker and Mike Ellis defeated Montrose and Mosher, 6-3 and 6-4.

## *Nevada blitzed the College of Idaho, 9-0.*

The Pack will seek its 13th victory Friday against Washington State at the Moana West Racquet Club. Then they will play University of Pacific on Saturday in the same surroundings.

The Pack completed a four game road sweep Friday afternoon by beating Boise State 5-1. Earlier that morning, Nevada blitzed the College of Idaho, 9-0.

On Thursday morning, Nevada sailed past Whitman College, 8-1 and that afternoon, beat Northwest Nazarene College by default.

Coach Fairman was pleased with the victories on the road, especially the Boise State win. He said Boise beat them last year.

In the Boise match, Baleson led the Pack play when he defeated Jacho Larra, 6-4 and 6-0. Ramos beat Tony Pontious, 6-4 and 6-0, while Little went past Ken Parsons, 6-2 and 6-1.

Nevada's Gardner won his match with Ray Hamsing, 6-3 and 6-1, and reserve John Whitehurst defeated Greg Strong, 6-4 and 6-0. Nevada's only loss came when Boise's Sal Gibbens beat Schuler, 6-4 and 6-0. All doubles were canceled because of rain.

# Track of the cat

Unexpected individual victories helped UNR upset the favored Chico Wildcats, 82-72, Saturday at Chico.

"They have a well-balanced team and were figured to win by three points," commented head Wolf Pack coach Jack Cook about the Wildcats.

But the Pack runners overcame 20-mile winds as junior Isaac Ford claimed second in the 100-yard dash, clocked at 10.3. Kevin Christensen also picked up some unexpected points with a second in the steeplechase in 9:50.

Nevada also had a good day in the field events. Bjorn Koch and Doug Smith improved their personal bests in javaline and shot-put respectively. Koch set a UNR record for the javelin throw at 241-4 1/2. The old record of 240-2 1/2 was set by Koch in 1974. Smith claimed first in the shot-put with a 49-4 1/2.

Richard Bass placed second in the shot with a throw of 48-0. Dan Moseley won the high jump at 6-4, for the last of Nevada's upset victories.

"These kids have been a real surprise to me," said Cook. The Wolf Pack holds a 6-0 dual meet record.

"They have so much enthusiasm and always pull for each other. As it turns out, it's going to be one of my better years," he said.

Cook is confident of another victory when the Wolf Pack hosts the Fresno Pacific College Vikings Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Mackay Stadium.

Although he named some outstanding Fresno tracksters, he added, "They don't have the depth."

The Las Vegas Rebels were also scheduled to compete Saturday, but the meet was held earlier in the season instead.

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