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DOME VOTE

today ~ tomorrow

JOT TRAVIS STUDENT UNION - 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. BOTH DAYS

20 Awards

The Sagebrush has captured 20 local, regional and national awards in competition for the 1975-76 school year. In addition to the Columbia Press Association's "Medalist" award given earlier this month, the Sagebrush won 5 awards in the Nevada State Press Association and 14 awards in the Rocky Mountain Press Association.

The results of the contests are as follows;
Nevada State Press Assoc.: 1st place - Typography among Weekly newspapers; 1st place - Advertisement, Larry Winkler; 2nd place-Community Service, Dennis Myers for his series on the ERA in Nevada; 3rd place - Best Column, David Barnett; 3rd place - Best Feature, Dennis Myers.
Rocky Mountain Press Assoc.: 1st place - Advertisement, Larry Winkler; 1st place - Special Section, "New York Sagebrush"; 1st place - Best Editorial, Sue Engstrom; 1st place - Best Column, David Barnett; 1st place - Cartoons, John Kennedy; 2nd place - Best Illustration, John Kennedy; 2nd place - Cartoons, Larry Winkler; 3rd place- General Excellence; 3rd place - Investigative Reporting, Blue J. Whelan and Bob Anderson; 3rd place - Best Supplement, European Studies; 3rd place - News Writing, Bob Anderson and Sue Engstrom; and 3rd place - Cartoon, Larry Winkler.

Poor Turnout

Don Griffith

UNR had its first program on alcohol use and abuse last week, but it didn't turn out nearly as planned.

"We didn't break any attendance records," said Dr. Art Broten, director of Recreation and organizer of the lecture and Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, held last week. About 30 persons showed for each of the activities and less than five were students.

Broten and Roberta Barnes, chairman of the Alcohol Task Force on campus, attribute the low attendance to several factors.

Barnes said that due to a "breakdown in communications," Sagebrush and the Nevada State Journal published the incorrect dates of the alcohol programs.

Broten said the timing of it was also not the best. "Students really knew nothing about it until the Tuesday they came back (from vacation)," he said. The programs also had to compete with Arts Festival events.

Broten organized the first program because of his intense interest in alcohol education for university students. With two student deaths from alcoholism in less than five months, the Student Affairs Board recommended that an Alcohol Task Force be started. Barnes said the committee will be meeting for the first time within the next two weeks.

"We'll talk extensively about organizing the program," Broten said. He noted that the first official activity of the committee will probably not begin until next fall.

"The task force is wondering what kind of program the students are interested in and what they will come to," Barnes said.

Broten agrees. "We need a little bit more input from the students about what they'd like to see." Anyone who has suggestions for the program may contact Broten or Barnes.

Foresters Unite

Gayle Fisher

The men's and women's logging competitions are two of the main events for the Annual Association of Western Forestry Clubs Conclave (AWFC), Tuesday April 27 -- Saturday May 1. It is being sponsored by the UNR Forestry Club.

About 150 AWFC members from about 15 different schools in five different states are expected to attend this designated bicentennial event. Some of the schools participating are Humboldt State College, Colorado State University, University of Montana, and Oregon State University.

Members will be given a tour of Lake Tahoe and surrounding areas Wednesday and Thursday. Lectures and discussions about Lake Tahoe forest service planning and the past and present logging operation will be held at Lake Tahoe. A short visit to Independence Lake includes a talk on the proposed Disney development.

A lecture on "Truckee River Law," by Jon Willinghoff, of the Public Service Commission in Washington, D. C., will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Thompson Student

Services Auditorium.

Willinghoff was a former student at UNR and did extensive research on the Truckee River. This lecture is open to the public.

A dance will be held in the old gym Thursday at 8 p.m., in conjunction with the Mackay Week Committee. A banquet for AWFC members will be in the California Building prior to the dance.

The women's logging competition is scheduled at 12 noon Friday at the Fairgrounds. There will be several different events including: double bucking (two-man saw), single bucking (one-man saw), ax throw, pulp throw, bolt throw, and power saw bucking.

The last event is the men's logging competition from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Fairgrounds. Events include speed chopping, ax throw, bolt throw, double bucking, single bucking and a chain saw event. Prizes and awards will be given after the men's competition. Awards include "Bull of the Woods" for individual high man's score and "Belle of the Woods" for individual high women's score. Prizes were donated by local merchants.

Tree Planting

Planting of a grove of eastern white pines, trees that played a vital role in the Revolutionary War, will highlight an Arbor Day-Bicentennial ceremony April 30 at UNR.

Dr. Edgar Kleiner, chairman of the Arboretum Board, said the white pines will be planted as a bicentennial note at 2 p.m. just east of the Lombardi Recreation Building.

The ceremony will then be shifted to the south lawn of the College of Education Building for the planting of scarlet maples in observance of Arbor Day.

"The public is cordially invited to help us observe both the Bicentennial and Arbor Day by adding to the campus' beauty," said Kleiner.

Prof. Elwood Miller, member of the Arboretum Board and a natural resource authority, noted the tall, straight eastern white pines were highly prized as masts and spars by the British Royal Navy during the Revolution. Efforts of patriots in Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire to keep the navy from acquiring the needed timbers helped cripple the fleet.

The trees later served as a prime resource in the development and expansion of the nation.



Photo by Bingham

MA AND PA MACKAY CANDIDATES; Front row (L to R), Seated; Debbie Mills (Pi Beta Phi); Leslie Gray (Alpha Chi Omega); Kixie Keating (Kappa Alpha Theta); Rear, Standing (L to R); Pat Morrissey (SAE); Merille Prieue (Gamma Phi Beta); Dave Torell (Lambda Chi Alpha); Ann Thomas (RNR); Charlie Johnson (RNR); Karen Levy (Delta Delta Delta); Bob Kimberlin (Sigma Nu). Not Pictured; Shelle Grim (Manzanita); Joe Nishikida (Phi Delta Theta); Rick Parmenter (ATO); and Ian Hughes (Phi Sigma Kappa).

Letters

Dennis Myers;

Regarding your article in the April 20th Sagebrush, I would like to thank you for trying to set the record straight after a year's time. I was very pleased to find out at long last that I am not crooked. However I must admit that I have known I was always a little mismanaged.

Tom Mayer

Editor;

Don Griffith wonders if the general public is qualified (on a technical basis) to evaluate the media. If he would look into the Constitution, he would find that not only are the rights of the press protected but also that freedom of speech is protected as well. Both rights imply freedom to criticize. Journalists are not required (although on the better newspapers, they usually are) to have technical knowledge of film, records, theater, sculpture or any of the other arts in order to criticize those mediums. Why ask of the public something that is not required of journalists themselves?

Both journalists and the public at large eagerly criticize their governmental representatives and the workings of the "bureaucracy." Happily, this is our right and priv-

ilege in this country. No one asks if we are "qualified" -- technically or otherwise -- to make such criticisms. In many ways, journalists present themselves as representatives of the public. Because they are unelected "representatives," I believe they should be criticized more than our elected representatives normally are. At least we can get rid of bad congressmen, governors and presidents at the ballot box or through impeachment.

Anyway, very few, if any, of the criticisms made by the public about journalism and journalists have much to do with the technical aspects of the profession. In the long run, it matters little if "hot" or "cold" type is used to print a newspaper or if a television news program uses filmed or videotaped reports. What matters is whether or not the account is accurate and fair. That is dependent on the capabilities of a journalist to listen and to write. These are abilities within the purview of the public at large.

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Commentary

Kim Peterson

Today and tomorrow UNR students once again take to the polls. However, this time they won't be electing their officials to the ASUN but will be casting their votes for an issue that will affect them and all UNR students in the next twenty years much more personally and, in some cases, much more painfully. The issue to be decided is whether or not UNR undergraduates today and in the future want to contribute \$1 per credit per semester, up to a maximum of \$16, to support the construction of a dome to cover Mackay Stadium.

There are two camps of opinion on campus: one yes, one no. The "yes" camp believes the dome to be absolutely necessary. Members rightly argue the fact that the Centennial Coliseum is growing less and less available to UNR use and that an alternate must be sought. They argue that a dome is the cheapest alternative, and, in this case, a real bargain since \$6 million of the \$8 million will be covered by community contributions, leaving just \$2 million to be paid, over a period of time, by the students. They hold that the original costs will be the only costs since the dome will eventually be self-sustaining and ASUN will have no responsibility in its maintenance or utility costs.

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The "no" camp's contentions are much more complicated and varied. I can speak only for myself, and my views do not necessarily reflect the views of any of the student body, or the Sagebrush for that matter.

The whole issue from the beginning has been ineptly handled. The dome proposition was purposely hidden from both the students and the press, and then pushed through the ASUN Senate with no discussion from the audience because, as Pat Archer explained, the meeting was conducted by Robert's Rules of Order (Sagebrush, April 6).

Because of opposition, the Senate's decision was rescinded, and a committee was formed "to slow the supposed 'railroading' process" and to answer all possible questions concerning the dome (Sagebrush, April 2). This committee was to make its report at the end of the semester, but was speeded to a decision, and as ASUN President Jim Stone said, "it (the committee's report) doesn't go into the depth that the committee was originally charged with" (Sagebrush, April 23). The report, recorded in the April 23rd issue of Sagebrush is indeed scanty and doesn't consider some very important questions.

Perhaps the most relevant question not answered, or, for all I know, not even asked, was "can the average student financially handle this extra burden along with rising tui-

tion costs?" Here, I speak for myself and others who have said "No." Gee whiz, kids, Chris Ault thinks the dome is "the biggest thing to hit the West Coast since . . . well, since sliced bread" (Sagebrush, March 26), but maybe he doesn't realize that the structure will totally erase sliced bread from the tables of many students who are already seeing less and less of the commodity as the costs of living and tuition rise. Those who struggle with tuition each August and January as I do will appreciate my concern. They will understand that equal education at a minimal cost for all, to which the concept of a state university is dedicated, is simply a pipe dream sinking under the tides of domes and student government offices. If costs rise much more, it will be an impossibility for many to afford an education, and personally I'd rather see the basketball team playing on Virginia Street than serious students forced out of school.

But since our student government is determined to spend our money, why don't they tack on the price needed to elevate Getchell Library to efficiency or to hire more qualified teachers for the business college, which currently faces an accreditation problem? Many of the "no" camp believe the proposed increase should be substituted to these goals rather than to a dome. They argue that UNR would gain in prestige by money so directed. However, Jim Morgan, a member of the 1975-76 Senate, believes a dome would improve UNR academically because the prestige the dome would create would allow for "selective admissions and financial support" (Sagebrush, April 23). He continues: "Increased prestige will undoubtedly increase applications for admissions, allowing for more selectivity." Perhaps Morgan doesn't realize that a state university, here again, is dedicated to equal education for all, and minimal admissions requirements have been determined to allow a greater opportunity to those who desire an education. Such an elitist attitude goes against the very grounds upon which UNR is built. Plus, it's doubtful that a dome would bring that many more students to UNR, surely not a business major. All financial support from the prestige of having a dome would go to the athletic program, and certainly, contrary to Morgan's beliefs, would not aid UNR academically. Granted, some of the athletes drawn by a better football or basketball program would be excellent students, but it's doubtful that they'd make that much difference.

A dome would be great. It's needed just as many things on campus are needed. But should I and others have to pay for what we can't afford? If not, who should? Did the ASUN Senate and Dome Committee study the possibility of applying to the Nevada Legislature for financial aid? Did they consider extending the proposed construction date (fall, 1977) a year or so to generate an extra \$2 million from the community from which they're sure \$6 million will be readily donated? Such questions, to my satisfaction, have not been fully asked nor answered.

We're now asked to vote on the dome issue -- yes or no. It hits each student directly in the pocketbook, indeed a very sensitive area. For this reason alone, all students should express their opinions as to how they wish to spend their money. It is an issue worthy of your vote.

Mackay Daze '76

Schedule of Events



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Tuesday, April 27

- All Day — Kite Flying/Frisbee Day at the Mackay Quad.
- 11:15 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. — All School Barbeque, Mackay Quad. (\$1.75 for those without meal cards.)
- 7-8 p.m. — Free foosball for UNR students at the Fools House, 2161 Pyramid Way, Sparks.
- 7-8:30 p.m. — Discount Night at the Little Waldorf, 555 W. Fifth St., Reno.
- 7-8:30 p.m. — Discount Night at the Pub and Sub, 1000 Ralston St., Reno.

Wednesday, April 28

- 9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Voting for Ma and Pa Mackay, Union.
- 12-2 p.m. — Jazz band presentation by "Big Band of the Rogues" from Japan, Travis Lounge, Union.
- 2-5 p.m. — Bluegrass music by the "Live Wire Choir," Manzanita Bowl. (With free ice cream.)
- 8 p.m. — FLEETWOOD MAC and Savoy Brown Concert, Centennial Coliseum. (\$3 UNR students, \$6.50 General Admission.)
- 7-8:30 p.m. — Discount Night at the Pub and Sub, 1000 Ralston, Reno.

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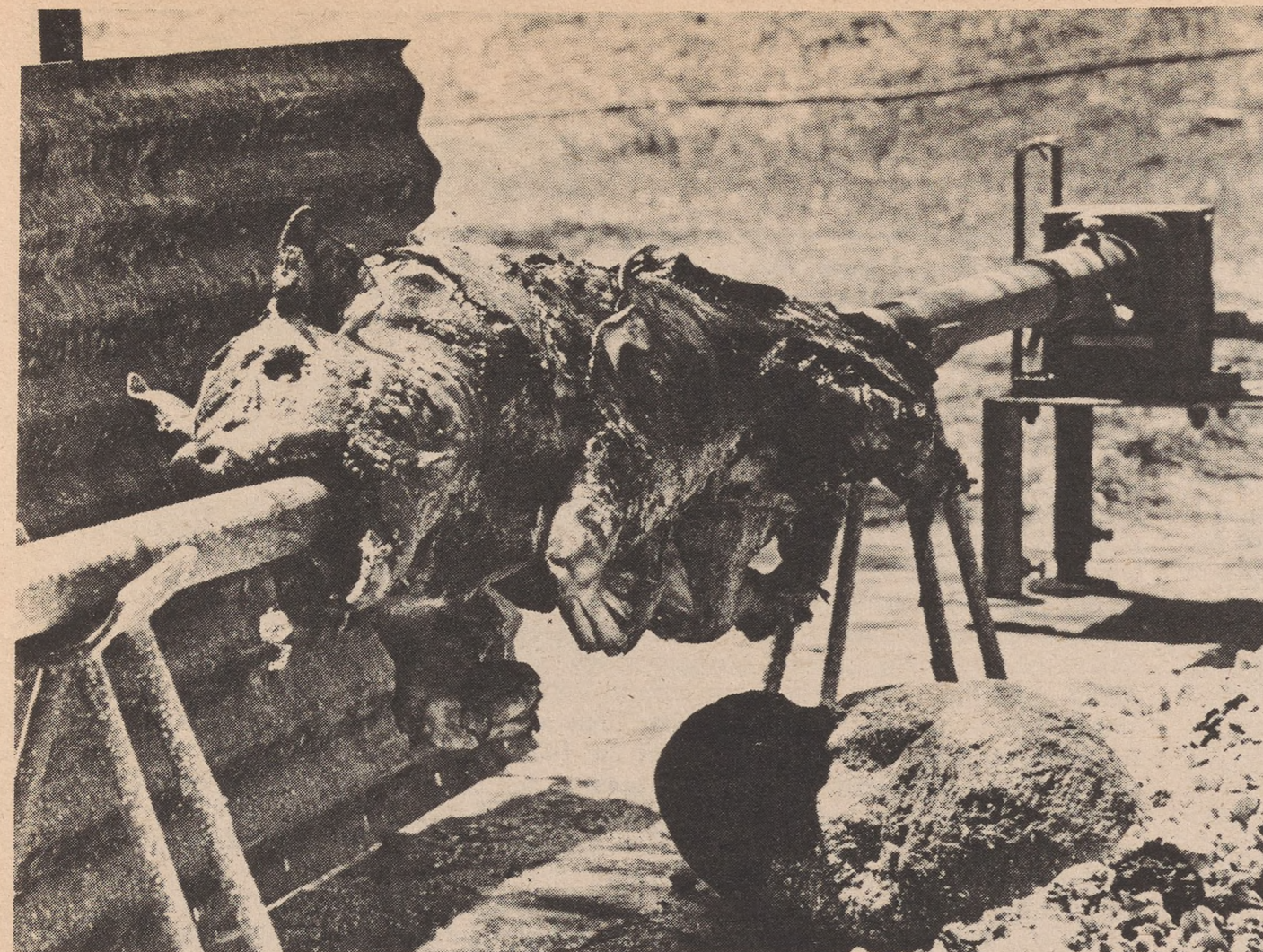
- 12-2 p.m. — Concert Jazz Band presentation, Travis Lounge, Union.
- 3:30-7 p.m. — COMIC RODEO, UNR Horse Facility, Valley Road, Reno.
- 8 p.m. — Dance, music by "Bump and Grind," Old Gym.
- 6 p.m. — Discount Night at the Library Restaurant (pizzas \$1 off).
- 7-8:30 p.m. — Discount Night at the Pub and Sub, 1000 Ralston St., Reno.

Friday, April 30

- 8-10 a.m. — Group beard and costume judging, Travis Lounge, Union.
- 11:30 a.m. — Individual beard and costume judging, Travis Lounge, Union.
- 12 Noon — Obstacle Races, races begin at Manzanita Bowl and will later move to Mackay Quad.
- 3-6 p.m. — All School Social, music by "Starcastle," Evans Park.
- 5-9 p.m. — MACKAY TOWN, corner of Ninth and Lake Streets.
- 8-12 p.m. — Dance, music by "Gravson Street Houserockers," Evans Park.
- 7-8:30 p.m. — Discount Night at the Pub and Sub, 1000 Ralston St., Reno.

Saturday, May 1

- 11 a.m. — Song Team Competition, Mackay Quad.
- 12 Noon — AWARDS LUNCHEON, Mackay Quad. (Cost TBA)



The West



Photos by Lockwood

UNR Arts Festival 1976



SHORT

That's A No No

As another Mackay Week gets underway this year, all students are to be reminded of the following excerpts from the University Policy on Alcoholic Beverages:

"Except as provided (above), the storage, possession or use of alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted on University owned or supervised property. Any student who exhibits offensive behavior on University owned or supervised property while under the influence of alcoholic beverages shall be subject to disciplinary action."

PR 'Person' Needed

Filing for the position of ASUN Public Relations Director will close tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. Applicants must have a Public Relations and/or Journalism background. Both graduate and undergraduate students may apply. Submit resumes to Peggy Martin in the ASUN office.

Don't Miss This

The University Dancers will present Dimensions Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1 at 8:00 p.m. in the Church Fine Arts Theater. Dances of many styles -- jazz, modern, ballet, and afro-haitian -- will be represented by over twenty UNR dancers.

Titles include "You've Come A Long Way, Baby," "Ballet a la Mode," "Bandstand Boogie," and "State of the Union."

Tickets may be purchased at the door: \$1 for adults, \$.50 for children.

Take A Trip

The UNR Law Club is taking a field trip to visit law schools in the Sacramento area Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1.

Any students interested in the trip may sign up at the Law Club meeting, Wednesday, April 28, in the Student Union.

A Success Story

The Department of Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering at the Mackay School of Mines, UNR, will present a public symposium as part of the Mackay Day celebration on May 1, 1976.

Repeating last year's successful Mackay Day seminar on hydrometallurgy, the School of Mines is again working in cooperation with the Reno Metallurgy Research Center of the U. S. Bureau of Mines and the Sacramento Section of the American Society for Metals to provide a series of technical lectures, this time on "Pyro- and Extractive Metallurgy."

Speakers will include Zuhair Munir, of the University of California, Davis; David Meschi, of the Lawrence Berkeley Labs; John Gomes of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Reno; and Margaret Kent, graduate assistant, Mackay School of Mines.

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Letters

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Regarding who should be qualified to pick the Sagebrush editor: My understanding is that funds collected from every ASUN member are used in order to publish the Sagebrush. Therefore, they have every right to have some input as to who should be editor. The only way they can do this is through their elected ASUN senators. The primary criterion they should use in the selection of the editor is who will serve the best interests of the students. The senators should also be concerned with the candidates' technical knowledge of journalism. But estimates of this technical knowledge usually can be provided by the "journalism-oriented" members of the selection committee.

SHORTS

Open at no cost to the public, the symposium will be held from 9 to 12 Saturday morning, May 1, 1976, in Room 326 of the Scrogg Engineering-Mines Building on the university campus. Program details may be obtained from Dr. Ross W. Smith, Department Chairman, Mackay School of Mines, 784-6950.

Grants-in-Aid

Application forms for Grants-in-Aid (i.e., fee waivers) for the Fall Semester will be available in Room 301, MSS starting May 1. Completed forms must be returned not later than June 1. Inquiries concerning them should be directed to Dr. Robert McQueen, Scholarship Chairman.

Grand Finale

Reno Little Theater will present The Secret Affair of Mildred Wild by Paul Zinde, in 3 acts, as its final play for the 1975-1976 season. Do you dream of being a movie star? So does Mildred Wild -- in fact, 6 of them, in this madcap, bizarre comedy.

The play will open May 14th, and will run the 15, 16, 20, 21, and 22nd. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m., except Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The box office will be open Monday, May 10 from 1-5 p.m. Telephone 329-0661. The theater is located at 7th and N. Sierra.

Attention: Veterans

Veterans who are planning to attend intersession and the regular summer session are reminded that they must fill out the VA questionnaire-certification form. This form can be filled out during registration in the new gym. If the form is not filled out, your VA checks will be terminated.

Four Students Compete

Four UNR students are competing in the annual IEEE Student Paper Contest, sponsored by the Reno Chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

The participants are David W. Loar, presenting a paper on "A Pulse Code Modulation Demonstrator"; David C. Meek, with a paper on "Quantum Efficiency of Light Emitting Diodes"; Jim Snyder, presenting a paper on "An Automated Weighing System"; and Kenneth G. West presenting a paper on "A Digital Readout Real Time Spectrum Analyzer." David Loar and Kenneth West are seniors and David Meek and Jim Snyder are juniors majoring in Electrical Engineering. Cash prizes of \$250 will be awarded.

The contest will be held at 6:30 p.m., tonight at Rod's Shy Clown Casino in Sparks. Professor Joseph A. Warburton of the Desert Research Institute will give an invited presentation after the paper contest.

Fleetwood Mac

Tickets are going fast for the Fleetwood Mac concert to be held Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. in the Centennial Coliseum. Student tickets are \$3.50 and are available in the Activities office at the Union.

The next time someone criticizes Don to his face about journalism, the first question that should pop in his mind is not whether or not that person knows "what the press is all about." The first question should be whether or not Don can find better ways to serve that person -- and, hence, the general public -- better as a journalist. I hope he and other Sagebrush staffers will.

—Bill Spaniel

Editor:
Over Easter vacation, while driving through Idaho, I stopped in Moscow and took a look at the Kibbie Dome. This is the dome that Reno wants to duplicate. I must admit it was very impressive. However, so was the campus.

It was obvious to me that the University of Idaho was the most important thing to ever happen to that city.

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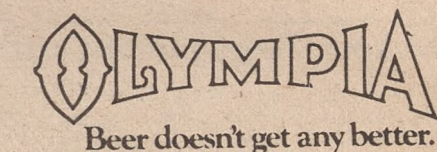
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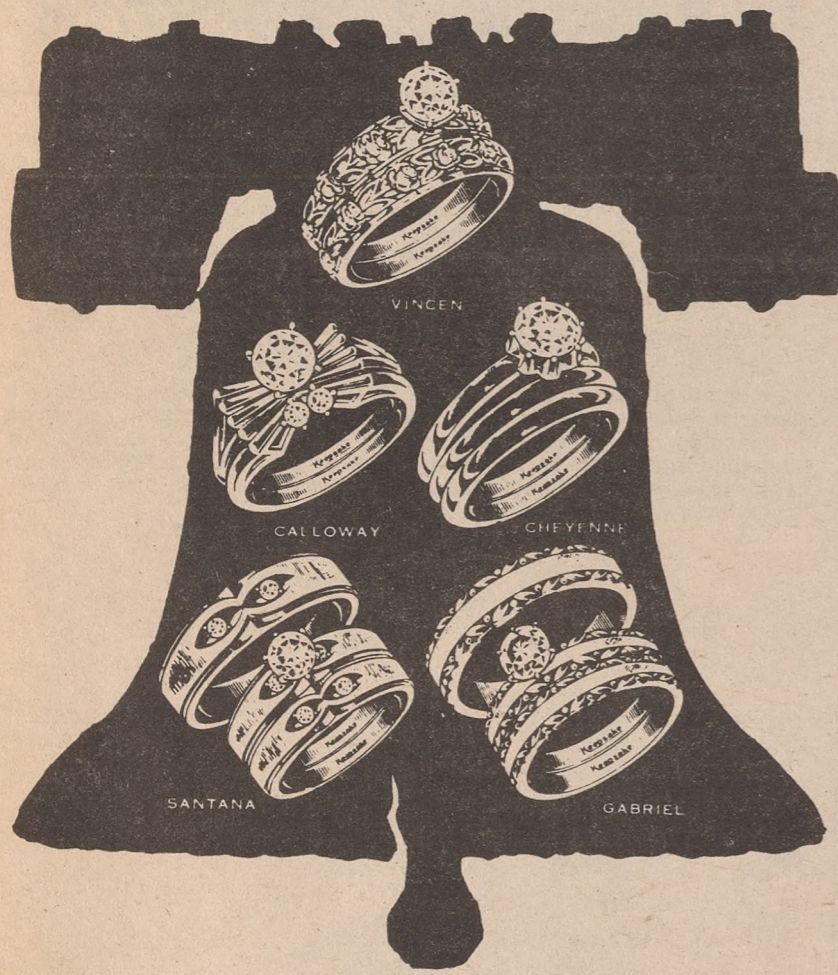
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Armand Austan

I met an old friend not too long ago. He just happened to be passing through town, and it was nothing less than a happy coincidence we met. The last time I had seen him was during a demonstration in Washington in '69. I wouldn't have recognized him because he'd shaved and cut his afro. He knew me immediately, however; I was wearing my jeans, blue denim jacket, and the single gold earring.

Until he spoke, I had only casually noticed him standing on the corner of Second and Virginia haranguing the people walking by, and somewhat dementedly waving a fistful of leaflets in the air, the kind of people I generally try to avoid. It seems they can't let my immortal soul rest in peace. So when this person started toward me with a look of recognition (and condescending brotherhood) in his eyes I damned near panicked.

"This fool is gonna embarrass me right here in front of ten million tourists," I thought. He trapped me in a bear hug and shouted over and over, "What's happening Brother Austan?" When we got things sorted out it was my old comrade in struggle, Jamal Ahmed Baraka Muhammed, or as I'd first known him, Willie Robertson.

"My main man, Jamal!" I stuck out both hands for some skin. His response was to raise his palm facing me, and deliver the mild rebuke that he was now known as Brother Joseph. That was to prove not the only change I was in for. We found a cheap restaurant, and I ordered two beers. Brother Jamal -- that is Joseph -- was the only person who could out-drink me in the old days, and I knew he would love to have a beer after standing out in the sun. No, he informed me when it arrived. I offered coffee -- No. He had a flask of distilled water in his pocket. Then he asked me if I'd mind putting out my cigarette. I started to inquire would it be okay if I just inhaled deeper. I diplomatically decided against that approach.

Brother Joseph quickly and disdainfully waved away any reminiscence of our past movement exploits. He wanted to know if I had found the Lord. I quietly inquired which Lord was he referring to? (I always speak to fanatics quietly, otherwise they get upset, and loud.) I knew he'd been a Muslem once, but I suspected that with the change of name also went a change of sect.

"There is but one true Lord and Saviour, Brother Austan." I sort of winced in anticipation of the expected evangelical onslaught.

"Brother are you still blindly calling yourself an atheist?"

"Well, er, I er, well, sort of I guess . . ." Trying to call up my best Jimmy Carter side-stepping techniques.

"You know Brother, back in the old days -- when we were all lost and searching -- I always had an immense respect for your intellectual capacity. You really impressed me and taught me something. But I could never understand your one lack of insight and understanding. Why can't you see that a God exists -- necessarily exists?"

"Well there is just no evidence to my mind, Brother."
"Why, look all around you, Brother; there is the whole world!" He waved his arm around his head, and for a moment I thought I almost did see the entire world.

"Yeah. I suppose it does prove that the world exists."
He looked at me for a moment with the deepest pity in those wise all-knowing eyes. Then he went on: "Look Brother, you're going to school. In doing this you are looking toward the future comfort of your physical self. In a sense it can be said you are working out your physical salvation. There is nothing wrong with that, the Lord wants his children to be first among men so others might see how they prosper in His fold. But more importantly, we each must attend to the salvation of his Immortal Soul!" He concluded by causing all the objects on the table to rise several inches into the air. I looked around to see if anyone had noticed. No one had.

Letters

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Moscow is structured AROUND the university, both physically and culturally. The dome in Moscow compliments a most beautiful campus, and in this case I would say the students invested their money wisely.

Reno, however, is another story. A dome such as the Kibbie Dome would only be a huge "white elephant" for this campus.

As one student who looked into what our student body representatives wanted to commit student monies to, I am opposed to the building of a dome in Reno.

And as for the comparisons being made with the University of Idaho's dome, well, they're just plain absurd.

—Barbara Norton

"Well Brother Jamal, er Joseph, I have to admit I have a hard time coming to grips with this soul -- mortal or otherwise. I am afraid I am a dyed-in-the-wool materialist. . ."

"You mean all you are interested in is money, Lucre, Dirty, Filthy --"

"Now wait a minute Brother! That's not what I mean at all. I mean I cannot believe there is any plane other than that of the physical world, and all that occurs is directly related to it. There just isn't any hard evidence of anything else. I do admit there is reason to research some phenomena others claim are supernatural, but still no cause for an automatic assumption that these things are real."

"We are not talking about the supernatural! We are talking about God and Satan!"

"I have a hard time dealing with either of those concepts anthropomorphically --"

"Anthropor-my- . . . eye! Do you or don't you understand The Word of God. That He unequivocally declares His Existence in the Scriptures, and, therein, commands us to obey his abmonishments under the pains of Eternal Damnation!"

"The Bible is a record of the history and myths of the Hebrew people, and as such it does not contain proof of the existence of God -- or the Devil for that matter."

"Are you so far gone, my Brother, that you can't feel God, feel the need to know Him?"

"Well, I do feel the need sometimes to know somebody with a little pull. As for knowing God, I don't see how I could if he, excuse me, He exists. To be God, He must necessarily be infinite, and I have no experience with anything of the infinite variety. Therefore, whatever I can imagine cannot possibly be God. I first thought about that when I was a kid down home in Sunday School. So why should I assume others can somehow discern the wishes and designs of such a magnificent and infinite Being -- if Being is the word?"

"Brother, you cannot approach God with your arrogant intellect, you must go to Him with your soul full of humbleness and your unworthiness!"

I have to admit I have a hard time coming to grips with this soul - mortal or otherwise. I am afraid I am a dyed-in-the-wool materialist...

"Well, why in the hell did he give me an 'arrogant intellect'? And if I am so unworthy what does he want with me?"

"But you gotta understand that you can become worthy through penance and denial of the flesh!"

"I don't want to deny my flesh, I like it, I like it! And if anything is wrong with my flesh it's his -- I mean, His Fault. Anyway, why didn't he just skip all of this and make me 'Worthy' to begin with --"

"Man was the only creature He Blessed with Free Will, and because of that man sinned, became unworthy, and was evicted from the Garden of Paradise."

"Sounds like what my money-grubbing landlord did to me last month when I sinned and didn't pay my rent. And as for free will, if He knows everything, He must have known it was going to get us into trouble!"

You don't understand, my Brother. . ." he was dripping with condescension for my Lost Soul. I could've mashed his holy face in.

"You're damn right I don't understand!! There's a lot I don't understand. In fact, I want to go to Heaven -- if there is a Heaven -- I got a whole buncha questions I want answered. Like why do babies suffer and die, they ain't done nobody nothin'!" I was losing my cool, but I didn't care.

"The sins of the father are visited down upon the fifth and sixth genera-"

"Good! Let's apply that logic and go down south and kill some white folks; after all, their grandparents killed and held our grandparents slaves," I said with my best sarcasm.

"VENGEANCE IS MINE, saith the Lord."

"Yeah! and about the only time he wants it is when somebody steps on His toes -- then it's the old wars, floods, famine, and pestilence routine. He's out to get one guy for adultery and he drowns a whole nation. That's like the PLA blowing-up Washington to get Kissinger. Terrorism, that's what it is!"

I rose from my seat brandishing an over sized sugar shaker, seriously considering an on-the-spot crucifixion.

"My Brother, remember violence is no answer!"

At least he'd finally said something intelligent. I sat down and thought, maybe there was something to say for his system of beliefs. After all, he didn't have to be bothered with the constant dilemma of freedom and decisions. It could be my anger stemmed from envy of his infantile paradise.

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SPORTS

Pack Drops Three

Terri Gunkel

The Pepperdine Waves swept a three-game series over the weekend and held on to a first place position in the WCAC conference with a 13-2 record, but it was at the expense of the struggling Wolf Pack. They downed Nevada 3-0 Friday, taking a 5-3, 1-0 doubleheader Saturday.

Pack third baseman Tim Riley, who has been trying to fight off a slump, must have decided it just wasn't his series. Nothing went right for the junior co-captain who was 1 for 10 at the plate with one run batted in, also committing an error in each game.

Friday's game could have been labeled "the one that got away." Until the eighth inning, the Pack's Don Fisk (7-3) was holding his own against another strong pitcher Mike Scott (7-4). Fisk had allowed only one single, but then centerfielder Tom Ruegger poked another one, starting the action. A throwing error on a sacrifice bunt put runners on first and third and what proved to be the winning run scored on a squeeze play.

Scott struck out eight and gave up two singles to Tom Jessee and Mike Myszkowski on his way to the shutout.

Down 5-0 by the eighth inning of the opener Saturday, the Pack threatened a comeback, but fell short of its goal. On four singles it scraped together three runs from the top of the batting order. The Pack died, however, with the bases loaded in the ninth. Both Pepperdine and Nevada left seven men stranded in that game. Rich Jameson (4-8) was charged with the loss.

Pat Alexander (5-5) was the victimized pitcher in the nightcap, and he didn't even allow an earned run. The Waves had two out in the bottom of the fourth when Jesus Mejia rapped a grounder to Riley who booted the ball. Alexander's wild pitch gave Mejia second base where he scored on Dan Cowgill's single. UNR managed three singles by Jessee, Ron Ball, and Rick Damele.

The Pack returns home for a three game conference series with Loyola beginning Friday at 2:30 p.m. Saturday's doubleheader begins at noon.

Softballers Sweep

Terri Gunkel

"Team effort" was how coach Olena Plummer described the Pack's doubleheader sweep of the UC Davis Aggies, 5-4, 16-9, Saturday in Idlewild Park.

The women trailed 4-0 going into the bottom of the second, but then exploded for all five runs in that first game. Junior Bridget Galvin started it off with a single, followed by singles from Terry Elsrode and Ellen Townsend. Add to that three mishandled plays by the Davis shortstop, and Nevada had the victory with winning pitcher Cam Brownell.

"I was told she (the shortstop) was a good ball player," said Plummer. "It just wasn't her day." Meanwhile, the day was just right for Brownell, who struck out four and walked three, and for second baseman Cindy Rock who went 2 for 4. Defensively, Rock turned a double play on a back-peddling pop fly with the bases loaded in the second. She nailed the runner at the plate who was trying to score after tagging up.

In the second game the Pack gals literally tore the cover off the ball, pummeling Davis for 13 hits, including a triple by Sue Pierce. Plummer said that for some of her players it was their first hits of the season. Townsend was credited with the win.

Wrap-Up

Steve Martarano

The weekend turned out to be a very profitable road trip for the women's tennis team. The Pack picked up two victories defeating St. Mary's 7-2, and Humboldt 7-2, but lost to a very strong Davis team 9-0.

"They're getting there," said a pleased coach Kaeti Ecker. In its second year the women's team is 3-8, but Ecker remembers last year when even Humboldt defeated the Pack 9-0.

Rich Baskins led the Pack golfers as they finished 13th at the Stanford Invitational Saturday. Twenty-four teams were entered.

Baskins fired a 229 total, 17 shots behind the tournament winner. Dee Conton was second for the Pack team with a 233.

Netters Win Four

Terri Gunkel

The men's tennis team had a very successful weekend, beating four California schools to bring its record to 22-3.

The Pack used a home-court advantage to beat Boise State Friday 5-4. Then on Saturday, they won three, beating Stanislaus State 8-1, St. Mary's 6-0, and Chico State 5-0.

Elton Lobas won three matches Saturday and the one Friday to lead UNR.

What probably had to be the most exciting match against St. Mary's, as far as scores were concerned, was the come-from-behind victory of Nevada's Celeste Verneti and Alice Moy. They dropped the first set 5-7, but bounced back to take the match 6-2, 7-5.

Against Humboldt, Verneti was involved in a singles match which turned into a 2½ hour marathon of long rallies. She and Jan Turner were still playing when the first two doubles matches had ended, but Verneti finally pulled through 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Davis was an entirely different story, though. Undeclared so far this season, the Aggies are expected to be one of the top contenders at the Northern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regional tournament in Santa Clara next weekend.

"It was kind of exciting to watch them (Davis) play," said Ecker. "They can put that ball anywhere."

Saturday, UNR's Deanne Mastos was leading the first set 2-0 over her Davis opponent, but then she turned her ankle and everything gradually went downhill. She lost 6-2, 6-0, and was forced to default the doubles match.

The Pack women go to the double-elimination NCIAC tournament, entered only in the doubles, and Ecker feels they should do pretty well if they get a good seed "as long as we don't wind up playing Berkeley, Fresno or Davis first."

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