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Clark burglarized

Lori Kinnear Briggs

A large but undetermined amount of money was taken early Friday morning from a

safe in the Clark Administration Building, according to university police.

Police said that between 1 a.m. and 6:20 a.m., someone entered the building by smashing a second floor window near the fire escape and opening the door. A Controller's Office safe had been opened and an estimated \$20,000 in bills were removed, according

"Unfortunately at this time, after having worked our personnel at registration, we were reduced to one man on graveyard Thursday," UNPD Chief Keith A. Shumway explained. "He couldn't be all places at once. However, our man did discover the break-

The ASUN Bookstore was also broken into the same night but nothing was taken. Police have not determined if the two incidents are related.

Shumway said he believes the Clark Administration burglary could have been done by someone who knew the two combinations as there was no evidence of forced entry into

He noted that the safe has an inner and outer door both with a type of dial that cannot easily be manipulated. Only four persons are known to have the combinations.

According to police, large amounts of cash are not usually kept in the safe. But Thursday the campus housing office was unable to deposit its cash in the bank. It was decided to place the money in the controller's safe overnight, according to police.

"Whoever did it was just lucky," Shumway said. "I doubt they knew that much money was there. Only two people knew how much money was in the safe and I can rule them out."

Shumway said police have no suspects at this time, but investigations on the scene have been completed and several leads are being pursued.

"A burglary of this kind is by far the hardest thing to crack," he explained. "I have two good men working on this."

Rally kicks off season

Dennis Felts/Ken Wiltse

Beer, soft drinks and hot dogs will be sold at a football rally in Evans Park Friday at 3 p.m. to kick off the season opener between the Wolf Pack and California State, Hayward,

to be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Mackay Stadium.

Pawl Hollis, rally coordinator, secured approval from Reno City Council for a park permit and liquor license and two members of the Sheriff's Posse will be on hand to check I.D.s. "The biggest problem will be keeping under-age students from drinking. The Reno Police will be in full force," remarked Hollis.

Hollis also said there will be no cans or bottles allowed in the park.

"The rally was not planned as a beer bust, but mainly as an event to allow students to get to know their football team," Hollis noted. The rally is being sponsored by ASUN, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the football team.

Dan Loranger, SAE president, said the UNR students are going to have to prove themselves responsible at this event. He said it was unfortunate that privileges were abused last year, referring to Homecoming and Mackay Week. "A lot of people will be watching this year's first function at Evans Park," he said.

Loranger said the fraternity will set an example for the other students to keep the rally from getting out of hand. He emphasized that it is important for this one to go well, so that the Reno City Council will approve future parties on the city-owned park. There was some concern that the SAE fraternity should even try this, he said, but the members agreed they could stay in control.

A band sponsored by ASUN will play from 3-7 p.m. and beer, soft drinks and hot dogs will be served from 4-6:30 p.m. The football team will be introduced at 4:30 p.m.

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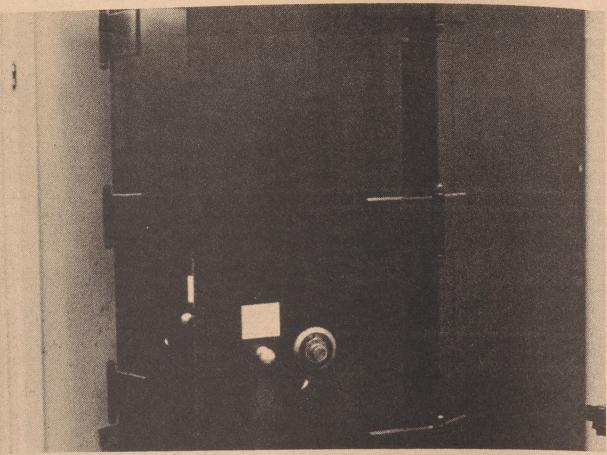
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Burglars who opened the safe in the Controller's office Friday took an estimated \$20,000 in cash

Budget \$47 million

The University of Nevada-Reno's requested share of \$47 million dollars for the coming two years was approved at the Board of Regents July meeting, following heated discussion over the proposed budget.

The \$141 million spending plan for the University of Nevada System was approved with an overall increase of about 40 per cent over the current biennium to accommodate more students and services. But no new programs were included for any divisions of the statewide university system.

The system's budget was passed as presented, but not without some argument. There were six seperate motions to adopt and all failed. The motion to approve was finally passed by a vote of five to two.

UNR is receiving 33.7 per cent of the total system's budget of \$141,177,613. It represents an increase of 34.6 per cent over the previous biennium.

The budget for the School of Medical Sciences was set at \$3.7 million and the Intercollegiate Athletics Department got \$1.57 million. This represents an increase of 33.4 per cent over the '75-'76 budget for athletics.

Of the system's budget, it is expected that \$12,652,136 will be provided by registration fees during 1977-79. Non-resident tuition is estimated to account for more than \$3

The projected student enrollment for the upcoming biennium is 13,450—an increase of 1,033 students.

Sewer facts sought

Ken Wiltse

The Reno Ad Hoc Sewer Committee is in an information gathering stage, according to chairman Brian Whalen, director of the UNR Physical Plant. The committee is trying to answer the most-asked questions about the three sewer bond issues on the November ballot. Whalen said "reliable sources," which might be an expert or a study report, are sought out and used in answering the questions.

The proposal was defeated in the April elections and Whalen said it had been influenced by scare tactics. There are people on one side saying Reno will look like Los Angeles in 15 years, Whalen said, and other people saying that the sewage will be flowing

in the street if the plant's capacity is not doubled.

He said the purpose of the mayor-appointed ad hoc committee has been to try to find the truth in answering questions, both pro and con, about the issue. The current Reno-Sparks Joint Sewage Treatment Plant is nearing its peak capacity, of 20-24 million gallons a day.

Although the two cities are supposed to be using the plant equally, Reno is currently using 15 million gallons a day compared to Sparks' four million. According to Whalen, this means Reno owes Sparks five million gallons of sewage treatment capacity which

could only be returned by building a new plant. "Personally," Whalen said, "I voted 'yes' on the April bond issue. I don't know anything about sewer plants, but I trusted the recommendations of a respectable engineering firm. If you're sick, you talk to a doctor and take his advice," he said. "If you have legal problems, you go see a lawyer. I'm an engineering graduate myself and know that these consultants are from one of the foremost companies on the West Coast in sewage facilities," he said.

The Kennedy Engineering Co. did the original sewer plant work for the two cities and recommended in the 1960s that by 1978 either an expansion or a new facility would be

The Kennedy Co. was founded in 1917, according to Whalen, and its home office is in San Francisco. It has 3,000 clients and does preliminary investigation, environmental impact studies, planning studies, and handles design and supervision of construction projects. Although 3,000 clients may not seem like many, they are representative of multimillion dollar contracts and many are cities like Reno.

District Court Judge John Gabrielli granted Sparks a 15-day temporary restraining order Friday, blocking new construction projects in Reno. The order also applied to Sparks. A hearing date will be set within the 15 days to determine if the order should be

Sparks filed the lawsuit in May because Reno was using the remaining capacity of the jointly owned sewage plant. When four Reno councilmen backed down from ratifying a joint policy statement on Aug. 25, Sparks pushed the lawsuit.

Whalen said that UNR also would be bound by the building moratorium. Gabrielli ruled that any commercial or industrial project on file or being processed in either city can proceed if a city review and dollar expenditure has taken place, so there will be no immediate effect on existing projects at UNR.

Milam has dog day afternoon

by Don Barry--The Yell, UNLV

Editor's note: Yell editor Don Barry covered the regents' meeting in Las Vegas Friday for his own paper and agreed to file this editorial with Sagebrush. Unfortunately, the controversy over the hiring of a Vicepresident of Academic Affairs did not get as much coverage in the Las Vegas newspapers, so Barry didn't have

much background for his article.

The controversy began when President Max Milam notified the UNR screening committee that there would be an internal search to fill the post left vacant when former Vice-president James Anderson resigned last year. He also said he "strongly encouraged" Robert Gorrell, dean of the College of Arts and Science, to apply. In Saturday's Las Vegas Review-Journal, it was reported that some of the regents implied that Gorrell was the selection of Milam and the screening committee even though the matter was discussed in a closed personnel session. The regents are expected to take the matter up again at their October meeting in Reno.

UNR President Max Milam came under heavy fire last Friday night at the regents' meeting for allegedly using "heavy-handed personal practices." The regents made inquiries into his methods used in hiring a Vice-President for Academic Affairs and whether they comply with federal standards.

The Reno campus president was represented by Harry Wolf, whose job it is to screen applicants for executive positions at UNR. Last year Reno had an opening, and rather than open that position to hundreds of applicants nationwide, UNR considered just three people. Wolf stated that since UNR exceeded all federal standards for hiring women and minorities, they were justified in an internal search for a candidate.

The position was "accidentally advertised in Las Vegas," so they had to accept some other interviewees, Wolf told the regents. Regent Helen Thompson then asked if that did not lower his quotas of women and minorities. Wolf avoided the question. Ms. Thompson then stated that if UNR was going to search statewide they would have to use statewide quotas when hiring.

North Las Vegas Regent Brenda Mason then asked if UNR has received any applications from qualified blacks or women. Wolf replied that he did but, "we did not consider black males or the woman Ph.D. We considered

three applicants."

Ms. Mason then asked, "Can UNR meet the Affirmative Action standard?" Wolf hedged and never did reply. Regent Chairman James "Bucky" Buchanan interrupted the spirited proceeding to inform the regents and the press present that "it is not to infer that UNR has failed to comply with any federal regulations in this

matter."

It is therefore concluded that this was simply an internal matter, of Milam failing to follow university procedure.

Milam had raised quite a fervor earlier in the year when he attempted to take over the student-owned bookstore from the UNR student government. That started when the student Senate voted to fire the manager of the bookstore. Milam wanted to keep him on and decided to annex the bookstore, saying that students and student government are transient and transients cannot own anything, so the bookstore belongs to the university. That didn't sit too well with the local courts and the bookstore was returned to the students.

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Message to the students

President pleased with new look

The Equal Opportunity Committee will meet tomorrow, Sept. 8, in the Jot Travis Union to review a final draft of UNR's Affirmative Action plan. According

to Affirmative Action Officer Harry Wolf, the draft will replace the current policy

with an updated version which involves students, faculty, staff and university administration. The purpose of the plan is to insure compliance with federal man-

I welcome you to a new school year on a campus which has undergone extensive renovation during the

dates requiring equal job opportunities.

summer months.

Those of you who were here last year will have noted the dignified new Center Street entrance, the new Quad walks, the extensive security lighting system on campus and in the parking lots and the new flower gardens and sculpture display stage where the sad remnants of Stewart Hall stood for so long. A little farther afield, we are very proud of the new Benson Gardens surrounding the Atmospherium-Planetarium, a gift from Mrs. Dorothy Benson in memory of her late husband, John. But it probably will be awhile before you are aware of some of the more subtle changes-such as new underground water and gas lines contributing to more efficient fire protection and energy utilization.

Another campus improvement-one I am particularly pleased with-gives a student confined to a wheel chair access for the first time to such places as the bookstore and the snack bar. Steps are being replaced by ramps

wherever possible.

I hope you find the "new look" campus attractive

and that you are as proud of it as I am.

Changes to look forward to in the future include expansion of Travis Student Union and, of course, the opening of our big, new Getchell Library addition. The former will give you an expanded bookstore and workrecreation space while the latter can give you an expand-

There are other, less visible changes which will have

important long-term effects upon the university. To begin with, we've put new emphasis on our alumni program-under the leadership of a bright, young communications specialist from Western Illinois, Dr. Harry R. Gianneschi. I'm sure the results of Harry's efforts will become evident during the year.

Another thing you and the state community will be hearing a lot about during the coming months is EPCE. The acronym stands for Extended Programs and Continuing Education, a new unit which combines the public service energies of Summer Session and General University Extension to present an exciting package of continuing education experiences for all Nevadans. The ebullient Dick Dankworth is director of the unit.

There will be a fresh approach in athletics this year, too. Both the football and basketball teams have new coaches. Chris Ault, formerly of Reno and more recently of Las Vegas, will be guiding the football program. The task of producing a winning basketball squad belongs to Jim Carey, formerly of Arizona State.

You'll also be finding new faces and plenty of fresh ideas in the academic departments. And graduate students will quickly come to know John Nellor, our new dean of the Graduate School.

All in all, I am very pleased to welcome you back to an attractive campus and to a new school year which I hope you will find both challenging and rewarding.

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Max Milam



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More burglaries

Several burglaries have occurred on campus since registration week, and according to UNPD Chief Keith Shumway, it appears many of these could be related to one another due to their hit-and-run nature.

Shumway said the burglaries, totaling several hundred dollars in losses, are currently under investigation.

John Schilling, director of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, reported that \$380 in cash and checks were taken from a room in the Scrugham Engineering and Mines Building Aug. 23. In another incident that week, a Reno woman re-

taken from her car while it was parked near Mackay Sta-Thefts of cash from rooms in Nye Hall have also been

ported that her purse, containing \$75 in possessions, was

reported during the past two weeks.

Help 'em come home

Homecoming Week is scheduled for Oct. 4 through Oct. 9. There's just one catch. The ASUN still needs a Homecoming chairperson. If you're an undergraduate and a member of the ASUN this semester, we can't think of any reason why you shouldn't take advantage of this generous offer.

The only qualifications sought are energy and a desire to create a week of excitement for your fellow students. Besides, you get a committee to help with all the plan-

If you know anyone who can help us, whisper in his or her ear that Peggy Martin in the ASUN Office will be willing to greet all candidates with a big smile. You can call too. Telephone: 784-6589.

New business

The College of Business and the Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) have added six new members to their staffs.

Dr. Eric Greenless has been named chairman of the Accounting and Information Systems Department. Dr. Robert Brigham and Dr. Douglas Leister have been named accociate professors in the Managerial Sciences Department and Dr. B.J. Fuller is a new associate professor in the Accounting Department.

The new appointments to BBER are Dr. James Walker, director and associate professor of economics, and Sam Males, editor and operations manager.

Greenless received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, and his Ph.D. from the University of Washington in Seattle. Before joining the UNR faculty, he was employed by an accounting firm.

Brigham was formerly vice-president of Harvey's Wagon Wheel. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri in Columbia

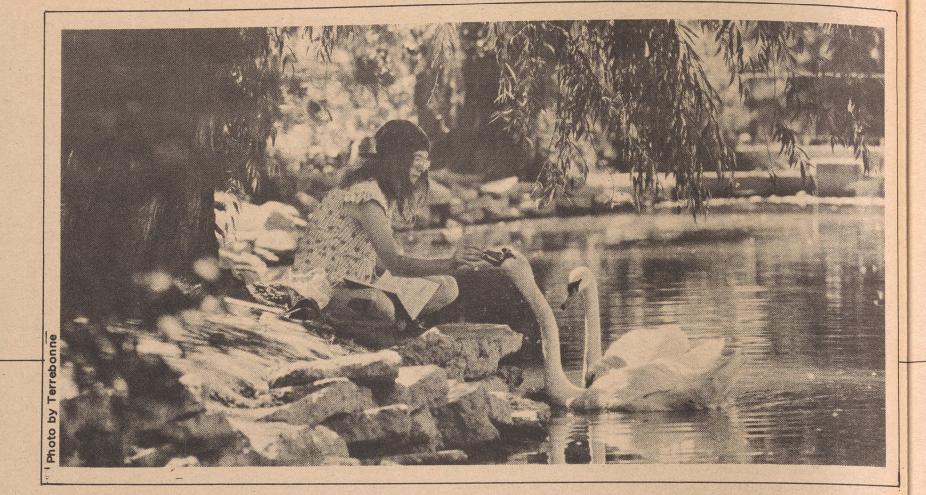
A Ph.D. graduate from the University of Oregon, Leister was an instructor for Pacific Lutheran University

Fuller was an associate professor and dean of the business school at Alabama State University, Jackson-

A former alumni of the University of Texas at Austin, Walker taught at the University of North Carolina prior

to accepting the UNR position. Males received his B.A. from Westminster College.

-Kinnear Briggs



Learn to snoop

The ASUN Research and Investigations Office (RIO), beginning its second year on campus, is now under the direction of Greg Swain.

Initiated by last year's ASUN president, Pat Archer, the office was established to provide students with a vehicle through which problems can be examined to their satisfaction. These problems may range from student-faculty conflicts to clarification of students' rights within the administrative procedures.

The effectiveness of this office will be greatly diminished unless we continue to make use of the resources and powers to which it is entitled on our behalf. Swain

Swain is seeking applications from students interested in working on his staff. Those who wish to participate should contact Peggy Martin in the ASUN Office for application forms and further information.

Smith and the Bible

Dean Henry Smith of West Coast Bible College will deliver a series of lectures dealing with "Positive Spiritual Encounter" at the Center for Religion and Life Sept. 9-11 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Center will provide child care for those in at-

Rockin' out

Prof. Y. S. Kim, chairman of the Mining Engineering Department in the Mackay School of Mines, recently presented a paper entitled "Unique Applications of Seismology in Open Pit Mining" at a symposium on rock mechanics in Salt Lake City.

Later this month Dr. Kim will speak during the International Conference of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in Mexico City.

Stars still shine

Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium hasn't quite reached the halfway mark in its \$350,000 challenge grant fund drive, but the staff and administration said they are confident that they can meet the Dec. 15 deadline. About \$150,000 has been collected so far.

"We're moving right ahead," said Dr. Richard Dankworth, director of the UNR Extension Programs in Continuing Education (EPCE). The planetarium was put under EPCE jurisdiction after the Desert Research Insti-

tute withdrew funding for it a year ago.
"As far as it looks, we're in good shape," said curator Art Johnson, "but we have to meet the challenge or we won't get anything."

Dankworth said that the fund campaign has reached its middle phase of soliciting money from large corporations that may have some interest in Nevada. He said funds were being solicited from community businesses, public agencies and individuals.

The Fleischmann Foundation offered the matchingfunds challenge grant to the planetarium earlier this year. -Hinton

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also student training.'

guage-will also be offered this semester on Mondays classes has ended, late registration for classes is being accepted through tomorrow.

Question: Is there still time for students in the College of Arts and Science to represent their college in the **ASUN Senate?**

of Arts and Science who have at least a 2.2 GPA.

How's that?

hearing are now available at UNR, according to Dr. Curtis Weiss, director of the Speech Pathology and Audio-

The expanded services were made possible by a \$25,000 HEW grant and the receipt of \$3,000 in lip reading and auditory training equipment form the Neva-

cal testing and fitting of hearing aides," said Dr. Weiss. "But the additional funding has made it possible to improve not only the clinical services to the public, but

Answer: You bet your sweet Vincent Bugliosi there is!

Courses in non-verbal communication-sign lanfrom 7 to 10 p.m. Although formal registration for

Senators needed

Two Senate seats await undergraduates in the College

If you qualify, applications and further information may be obtained by contacting Peggy Martin in the ASUN Office. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Oral rehabilitation services for the deaf and hard of

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Committee Positions

Thirty campus committees still have open positions for ASUN undergraduates.

Interested students should contact Peggy Martin in the ASUN Office at 784-6589. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17.

Positions include:

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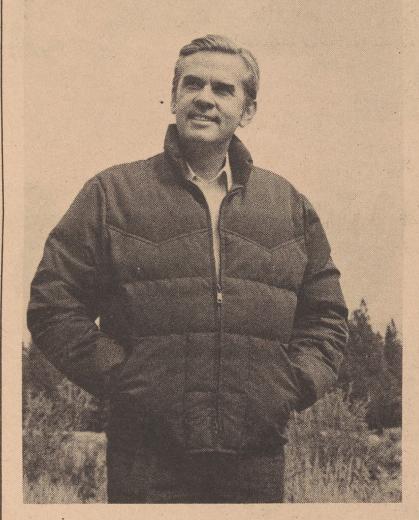
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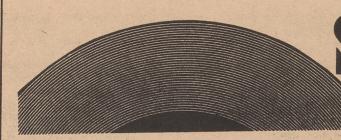
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by The First String

Agents of Fortune Blue Oyster Cult Columbia Recording Co. Col. P.C. 34164

Coming when it did, "Agents of Fortune" is the most important Blue Oyster Cult album the band ever put to vinyl. After last year's uneven "On Your Feet or On Your Knees" live album, it was time for musical reassessment. The Cult was bombing already devastated territory. The band members must have realized this, because out of their musical huddle they have put forth one of rock's most easily accessible L.P.s of the year, and more importantly the most pivotal one of their career.

Gone is much of the beery mysticism and psuedo S & M charms, whip and leathery lyrical imagery of past Cult albums, (most notably "Tyranny and Mutation," their second). Gone too, is a good measure of the bulldozer crunch the band hammered into the grooves of past L.P.s. But you heavy-metal die-hards needn't worry. Blue Oyster Cult still has plenty of blast furnace force left, it's just more controlled, better put to use.

A major factor in all this, is the retreat of Cult domo's Murray Krugman and Sandy Pearlman. Krugman and Pearlman have been behind the Cult since 1968, when the band was called The Stalk Forrest Group. Producing the band, the pair have always thrown a song or two onto each of the Cult's album, as well as exerting a great deal of influence over the band's public image. They must feel a bit lonely these days, as David Lucas is listed as a co-producer and their songwriting has been cut considerably, most importantly by the emergence of band members Alan Lanier and Albert Bouchard as songwriters of strength and intelligence finally at home on their own turf.

What all this means is that "Agents of Fortune" is as much surprising as it is consistently good. Opening with, "This Ain't the Summer of Love," a theme notoriously run into the ground by others, the Cult pumps intelligence as well as instrumental life into the song. Lead vocalist Eric Bloom leers and sneers his way through the vocal, while lead guitarist Buck Dharma fires sharp, short slivers of metallic counterpoint.

"True Confessions," the second track, is where the Blue Oyster Cult really starts to bend the rules of heavy metal. Written and sung by Alan Lanier, the song sallies forth in a stop-go-stop vocal hesitation that teeters just this side of chaos. But Lanier's ability to write good hook riffs and his strained, almost Jaggerish vocal make the song a shimmering example of what imagination can do to make metal more than mundane.

Even more surprising is "(Don't Fear) The Reaper," a song butchered by A.M. programmers, that has even found its way onto the polluted air-waves of Reno radio. Using a needle-like guitar line by Dharma and a Byrd-like vocal the Cult manages in 5:05 minutes to go from a spacy death-rap lyric into one of the most devastating bridges ever dumped on record, a minute-plus Dharma skin-tearing solo stab that blisters, burns, and finally annihilates the bridge. Just when you'd expect your stylus to shatter from the staggering force of it all, there's nothing. Just a short eerie quiet, cut again by that icy guitar intro, those Byrd-like harmonies, and Eric Bloom leads you off for one more verse. Unfortunately, those of you who get high on listening to KCBN will never hear it, 'cause they ain't got the guts to play the long version. What you get on AM is three verses, four choruses and one-tenth the feeling of the longer version.

A surprise guest artist on "Agents" is Patti Smith. Yeah, I know she's the "cretinous little bitch from New York City" who can't play, sing, etc., but she can write, and teaming with Albert Bouchard on "Debbie Denise," and "The Revenge of Vera Gemini," they come through with a taut lyrical formula framed by Dharma's ice-pick guitar and the ever-present Eric Bloom vocal slur.

As for you metal die-hards, who love to be beaten into submission with wall after wall of musical white-light, I'm sure you'll find that "Tatoo Vampire" and "E.T.I." fuel enough punch to keep your head pasted to the wall.

I said "Agents of Fortune" was a pivotal album, and it is. It's pivotal because the Cult has come up with a new musical posture. They've dropped nearly all of Krugman and Pearlman's penchant for image-making and have trusted their own creative sensibilities to push them farther up the heap of the iron-musicmakers. By using intellect instead of brawn in their lyrical and musical arrangements, the Blue Oyster Cult has passed by the rest of the field.

-John Sanford Adcock





SPORTS

The grandstand is a great place to watch any kind of athletic event. You usually have a pretty good shot of the action and if there is a good crowd on hand, the people around you can add a whole new dimension to the game.

With this issue of Sagebrush, I would like to introduce "A Grandstand View." There are many reasons why I chose that name for this column. For one, I have always been fascinated by the electricity a crowd produces during a game. Last season, while covering the UNR basketball team for Sagebrush, I took advantage of my press pass and sat at the table along the sidelines for the first couple of games. Although those were probably the best seats in the house, I felt they weren't conducive to writing about the real action.



Grandstand by Steve Martarano View

There's no doubt about it, the size of a crowd can turn a dull game into an exciting one. So I took to covering the Pack from a regular grandstand seat, sometimes the general admission cheapies up high or from the reserved seats right around mid-court. Because of my locations, I felt I got a much better overall perspective of the game. It's easier to understand how the fans felt toward the game: their gripes, comments and praise. After all, it's the fans who read what I write.

I enjoy sports immensely. I've played enough of them to know what it takes for an athlete to be successful. Sometimes it's a minute thing, unseen to the fans. But it has always intrigued me as to what exactly it takes for one athlete to be that one notch above

the others.

Through this column, I hope to get you closer to the players, the coaches, the events, the emotion. Emotion is such a major factor in sporting events and it is so often left out when those events are retold. This is a column, so my feelings will become evident. One thing I won't be doing, however, is making worthless predictions of single games. I don't pretend to be an expert by any means, so don't expect any intricate jock talk.

Also, if you have any ideas, criticism or even praise, I would like to hear it. I like to

think that at least somebody is out there reading my stuff.

It should be a good year for UNR sports and I'm really excited about it. The two major sports, football and basketball, both have new coaches. When was the last time that happened? Already football coach Chris Ault is arousing enthusiasm around campus although the Pack's first game has yet to be played.

The more minor sports won't be overlooked. Women's athletics at UNR is on the rise, track is always powerful and the number of professionally signed players the baseball

team has turned out show that program is also improving.

I'm looking forward to the '76-'77 season and I hope you are too. I'm happy to make you more a part of it.

Sports Shorts

Perfect match

The men's tennis team will play its first match Sept. 14 against the Reno Tennis Club

on the Washoe County Courts beginning at 9 a.m.

Six players are returning out of 10 from last year's team which boasted a 24-3 season record, so Coach Bob Fairman is looking forward to another successful season. In addition to those returning, there are also three recruits—Barry Gilbert, ranked as Number Two player in Northern California; Chris Patterson, high ranking Junior in Australia; and John Conway, the Number One ranked player at Antelope Valley Junior College, Calif. Fairman added that the team will also be picking up a tenth player from walk-ons.

Tennis tryouts

Women's tennis practice will begin Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. on the UNR courts for all those interested, tennis director Bob Fairman has announced. He said the women's team will have a very intensive program, practicing through the fall. The first match is in February. The women, who are receiving new equipment including blue and silver warm-up suits,

are scheduled for seven of 11 matches at home.

"We have a great bunch of girls," said Fairman. Out of 10 from last year's team, seven are returning.

Intramurals start

Intramural flag football and singles tennis will be beginning soon for both men and women, according to intramural director Lee Newell.

Team entries for flag football (with a minimum of six players per team) are due by 5 p.m., Sept. 14, in Room 100 of the Recreation Building. The games will start Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. and are not coed.

Tennis entries must also be turned in by 5 p.m., Sept. 14, with matches starting Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. The games will be played as a best two-out-of-three on the university courts.

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TODAY

Noon-Sigma Delta Chi, Journalism Department Reading Room.

1 p.m.—Student Accounting Society, East/West Room, Union.

4-5 p.m.—John Mackay Club, MM 207. 4-5 p.m.—Geology Club, SEM 234.

5-7 p.m.—Publications Board, Ingersoll Room, Union.

6-8 p.m.—RA Interviews, Mobley Room, Union.

7-10 p.m.-Folk Dancing, Gym.

7-10 p.m.—Nevada Repertory Auditions, CFA Theatre.

7-10 p.m.—Voter Registration Classes, LB-1.

7:30 p.m.-Alpha Epsilon Delta, Room 6, the old Anatomy Building.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

3-5 p.m.-Math Colloquium, SEM 234.

4-6 p.m.-Interfraternity Council, Hardy Room, Union.

4-10 p.m.—RA Interviews, Mobley Room, Union.

5-7 p.m.—Activities Board, Ingersoll Room, Union.

7-10 p.m.—Senate, East/West Room, Union.

7-10 p.m.—Nevada Repertory Auditions, CFA Theatre.

7-10 p.m.—Voter Registration Classes, LB-1.

7:30-10:30 p.m.—Reno Photo Club, AG 340. THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

4-10 p.m.-RA Interviews, Mobley Room, Union.

5-7 p.m.-Finance Control Board, Ingersoll Room, Union.

7-10 p.m.—Nevada Repertory Auditions, CFA Theatre.

7:30-10:30 p.m.-UNR Christian Fellowship, McDermott Room, Union.



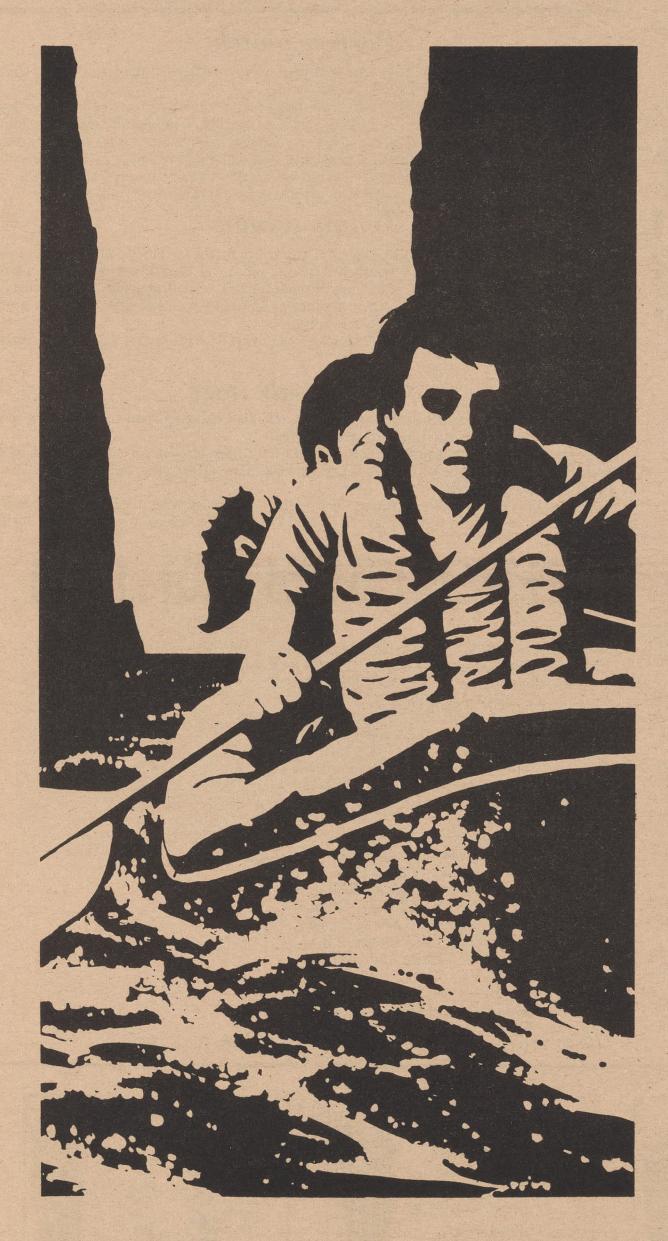






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