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Editorial

The beginning of the Spring semester brings with it the second go-around for the **Sagebrush** staff and Volume 83.

This semester promises to be even better than last, in many ways. We hope you will enjoy some of the new additions coming to the paper, including a regular entertainment section beginning in February, more coverage of minor sports, broader news coverage and editorials,

and hopefully, larger papers. Also, circulation will be increased and believe us, we will do everything we can to get you the newspaper as early in the day as possible.

Thanks are due to those who worked so hard during the Fall. Some of them found they couldn't return due to other commitments, but they played a big role in making the paper what it is today. Our appreciation goes to Jaci Vogt, Linda Donalson, Bob Carlson, Don Griffith and all others for the work and dedication they gave to the students and campus.

We look forward to working with those on campus who are faculty, staff, administration or students who also gave their help last Fall. **Sagebrush** expects to hire an additional number of students who applied for work

this Spring and we are sure they will also receive the same cooperation given to us last year.

Finally, we found the results of the readership survey conducted during registration informative. That means we dig the way people gave their time to tell us what they want, and we'll do our best to respond to your needs. It's also a morale thing and we want you to know there's a lot of enthusiasm in the basement of old Morrill Hall. Also, a lot of creativity and brain power. So, a word to the wise, *Rolling Stone* may not gather moss, but **Sagebrush** covers the state.

Like the man said, keep those cards and letters coming in, folks.

-GJ

TALKING IT OVER

Evelyn Levitan

Let's face it, higher education in Nevada has never been the darling of the state's lawmakers. Far from it. The university's history has been marked by sparse funds grudgingly allocated. Now the Nevada University System is reeling from the shock of Governor O'Callaghan's Executive Budget recommendation, which cuts \$2.5 million from the Board of Regents' proposed UNR budget for the school year 1977-78. But the crisis, this time, involves identity as well as money.

The University of Nevada is a hybrid, a public institution of higher learning that has been supported less by tax monies than by philanthropy and students' fees. It is not the state government but Mackay, Fleischmann, Orvis, Savitt and numerous others who have enabled it to grow and become a significant part of Nevada. In the first half-century of UNR's existence, private gifts in excess of \$25 million financed buildings and programs.

Students' fees, already very high for a public university and scheduled for an increase next term, include a substantial amount earmarked for the capital improvement fund. Making the kids pay off part of the mortgage on the homestead is rather cruel, when so many are beset with financial difficulties and the resulting stresses. This direct taxation of the consumer of higher education is on a par with Nevada's taxing consumers of food for every morsel they put into their mouths. The little guy is easily taken advantage of because he's vulnerable and helpless.

I doubt that the governor's recommendation mirrors the wishes of the people. After all, one out of every 24 of our adult citizens is an alumnus of the University of Nevada-Reno. And the recent outpouring of public interest in saving the Fleischmann Atmospherium/Planetarium to the extent of more than \$350,000 in donations demonstrates clearly that Nevadans are willing to dig into their pockets for the university. They know how much its services benefit them and bring added prestige to the state.

So, what do we do now? It's obvious that the university must utilize its important resource and become aggressively active in soliciting funds from private donors: affluent individuals, business and industrial firms and the general public. It can no longer afford to sit back and wait for benefactors to take the initiative.

I talked with Harry Gianneschi, who is Director of Alumni Relations and University Development at UNR, under Pres. Milam. He gave me the figures used in this article and, as the university's first full-time fund-raiser, told some of his plans to attract money from the private sector. He's intelligent, dedicated and personable, and the university's well-being rests upon the success of these plans.

"We haven't built up a strong foundation of support during the years," he said. "But so many people have made it in this state through mining, gaming and other industries that it will not be a hard task to get them behind us. We're looking at every possible aspect of securing private funds."

Gianneschi welcomes perpetual funds through trusts, wills and other types of deferred giving because they offer security through continuity of income not obtainable in one-time gifts. He wants to see alumni involved in fund gathering efforts and has designated April 14 as Alumni Action Day, when they will be invited to the UNR campus.

"We will ask for gifts not only to meet our budgets and operating costs," Gianneschi said, "but we want to make this the most quality institution we can. We need money to make it better, not just to meet the bills."

We're in shock, but we're not in mourning. If we can't get the money we need through appropriations, we'll achieve our goals by appealing directly to the people. We will find our identity as the University of the People of Nevada, a truly public institution of higher learning.



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Meet some of the new crew down at the Sagebrush, who have decided to spend their extra (?) time with us. From left are Shirley Sneve, Darla Davenport, John Hoffman, Ray Armstrong, Cesar Martinez, John Schafer, Pat Hartman, Micheal Chisum, Gordon Gregory.

Letters:

Editor:

The Sagebrush

Dear Students:

A pall of greed surrounds this campus like the haze which obscures our once lovely Truckee Meadows. Greed, like the haze we call smog, is just so much pollution. Like pollution it can be corrected, if we are alert to the signs which point to the root cause.

Re: The Tuesday, January 18, **Sagebrush** article on President Max Milam and the Parking Board.

Milam, according to the article, has usurped the powers of the board and taken the initiative to announce the implementation of 1,000 new parking meters to be installed on campus. This action has occurred since my removal from the Parking Board last December, where for eighteen months I fought on behalf of the students against such a move.

I did then and do now oppose such a move on the following grounds:

1.) That no real necessity has been demonstrated, nor has any justification been adequately set forth to warrant the meters.

and;

2.) that the need to further weigh down the students with a heavier financial burden which does not improve the quality of their education is ludicrous.

To date, the only justification most immediately proffered by meter proponents is (according to Chief Shumway of UNPD) that the existing parking rules are too hard to

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Survey draws 200

Enough politics, more features, humor wanted

Rick Schindler

Nearly 200 students from several dozen different majors filled out an open-ended readership survey of *Sagebrush* at registration last week. In addition to answering 14 multiple-choice opinion questions, many respondents also wrote personal comments reflecting a wide divergence of opinion.

The comments indicate that the most popular *Sagebrush* writer is Steve Martarano, author of the sports column *Grandstand View*. Comments included: "Grandstand View is a very good feature. Keep it up," "Grandstand View is the best part of the whole paper," "Steve Martarano is the number one writer in your publication." However, some respondents felt there was "too much football" and not enough coverage of minor sports.

Question 14 drew the most comment. It asked, "Do you think student editors of the *Sagebrush*, *Brushfire* and *Artemisia* should have complete editorial freedom as long as they are responsibly managing their publications?" Nearly 80 per cent of those surveyed answered yes, many of them emphatically; one student wrote, "Keep the ***holes in student government away from all publications."

Those who answered no were equally emphatic. One student said, "Not as long as students are forced to pay for the paper (through) student fees at registration." Another said, "I think they took too much freedom in *Brushfire*. *Artemisia* was terrible." A third said that student publications "should not be pornographic."

A relatively small proportion of respondents (6.5 per cent) felt the paper's news coverage is "biased and irresponsible." One student wrote, "It is not fair that the paper takes sides in elections, senate issues, etc., simply because people from both sides of the fence are forced to pay for it." Another felt the paper should "correct pro-fraternity bias."

The majority of those surveyed (62.5 per cent) felt *Sagebrush* should keep to the same proportion of advertising, which currently averages about 25 per cent. Several, however, said that the paper should take enough advertising to become self-sufficient. "The *Sagebrush* is way too small to do an adequate job," one respondent wrote. "It should have a minimum of 12 pages *not including ads* (say 20 pages overall, with six pages news and editorials, three pages campus events, sports and commentary, and the rest whatever.)"

Questions 8-13 asked whether there was enough coverage of national and local news, sports, campus events, student government, faculty and university employees. Opinion divided almost evenly on most of these, but 61 per cent felt there was enough sports (2.5 per cent said there was too much), and 70 per cent felt there was enough coverage of student government.

Forty per cent of the respondents said the best part of *Sagebrush* is editorials and columns, while 42 per cent said that news is the area that needs the most improvement. A plurality (23 per cent) felt the paper should have more humor, followed closely by 22 per cent wanting more feature stories.

The following is a breakdown of responses by percentage. Not all the figures total 100 per cent because some students skipped some questions, while others gave more than one answer to some questions.

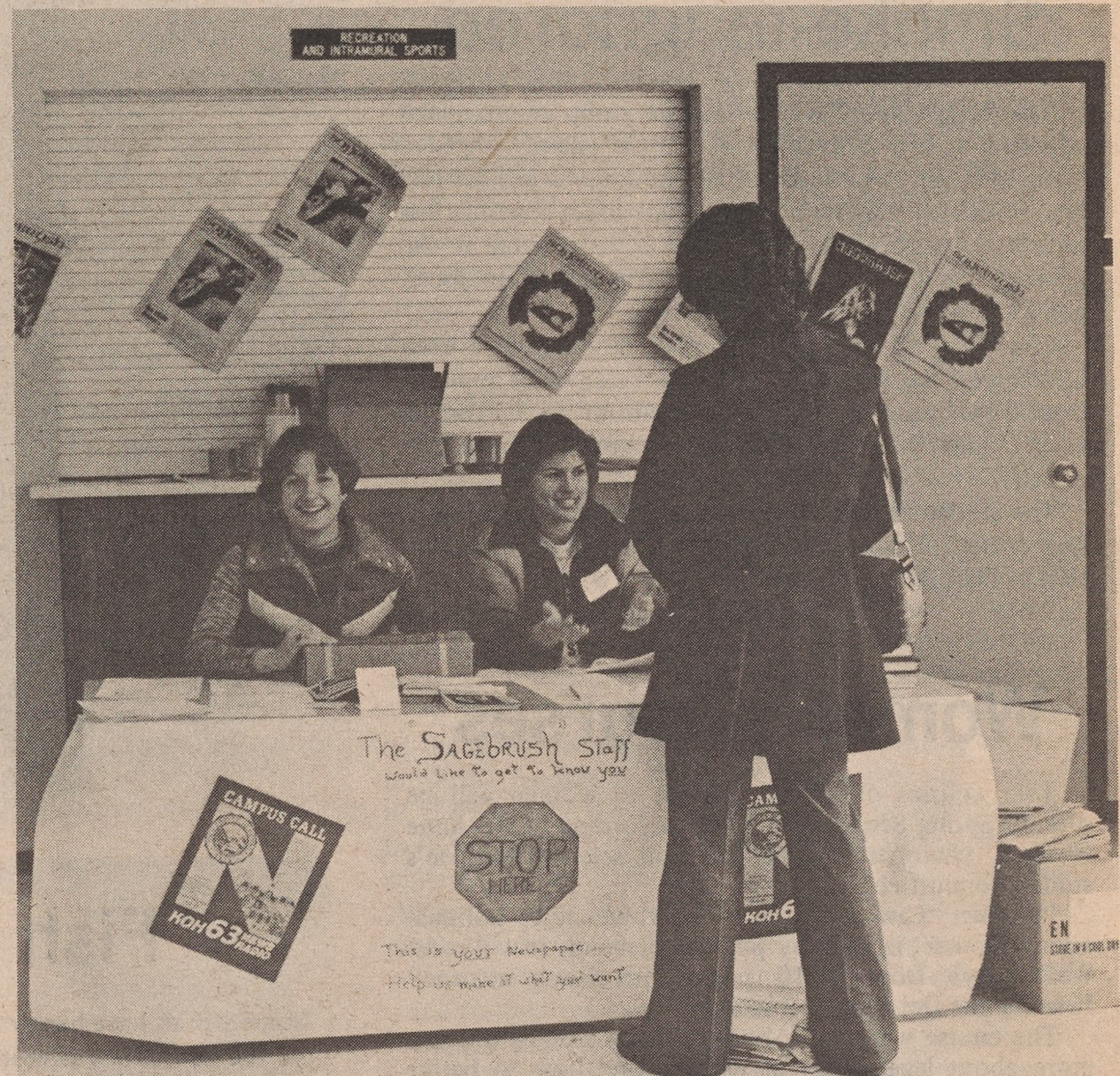


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Questions and Percentages

<p>1. <i>I read the Sagebrush:</i></p> <p>a. Every issue 62.5%</p> <p>b. Weekly 20</p> <p>c. Occasionally 15</p> <p>d. Hardly ever 2</p>	<p>4. <i>The best part of the Sagebrush is:</i></p> <p>a. News 26.5%</p> <p>b. Photos and art 19.5</p> <p>c. Editorials and columns 40</p> <p>d. Ads 6</p> <p>Sports 3.5</p> <p>Grandstand View 3.5</p>	<p>e. Humor 23</p> <p>f. Entertainment 13.5</p> <p>Sports 2</p> <p>"Campus-related stories" 2</p>	<p>b. No 53</p>
<p>2. <i>How do you rate your campus newspaper overall?</i></p> <p>a. Outstanding 13 %</p> <p>b. Good 49</p> <p>c. Fair 24</p> <p>d. Needs improvement 7</p> <p>e. Poor 6.5</p>	<p>5. <i>What area do you think needs the most improvement?</i></p> <p>a. News 42 %</p> <p>b. Photos and art 14</p> <p>c. Editorials and columns 31</p> <p>d. Ads 9</p> <p>All 2</p> <p>Sports 1</p>	<p>7. <i>In terms of advertising, the Sagebrush should have:</i></p> <p>a. More ads 19.5%</p> <p>b. The same amount of ads 62.5</p> <p>c. Less ads 18</p>	<p>11. <i>Student government?</i></p> <p>a. Yes 70 %</p> <p>b. No 29</p> <p>Too much 1</p>
<p>3. <i>In terms of news coverage, the Sagebrush is:</i></p> <p>a. Usually interesting 29 %</p> <p>b. Up-to-date, objective coverage 26.5</p> <p>c. Adequate 31</p> <p>d. Not interesting enough to the average reader 7</p> <p>e. Biased and irresponsible 6.5</p>	<p>6. <i>If anything, Sagebrush should have more:</i></p> <p>a. News 20.5%</p> <p>b. Photos and art 8</p> <p>c. Editorials and columns 8.5</p> <p>d. Feature stories 22</p>	<p>8. <i>Is there enough editorial and news coverage of national and local news?</i></p> <p>a. Yes 46 %</p> <p>b. No 54</p>	<p>12. <i>Faculty?</i></p> <p>a. Yes 53 %</p> <p>b. No 47</p>
		<p>9. <i>Sports?</i></p> <p>a. Yes 61 %</p> <p>b. No 35</p> <p>Too much 2.5</p> <p>Want more minor sports 1</p>	<p>13. <i>University employes?</i></p> <p>a. Yes 47 %</p> <p>b. No 53</p>
		<p>10. <i>Campus events?</i></p> <p>a. Yes 47 %</p>	<p>14. <i>Do you think student editors of the Sagebrush, Brushfire, & Artemisia should have complete editorial freedom as long as they are responsibly managing their publications?</i></p> <p>a. Yes 78.5%</p> <p>b. No 21.5</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY
 1-2 p.m.— Christian Fellowship, Tahoe Room, Union.
 4-6 p.m.— Chemistry Seminar, LB-3.
 5 p.m.— Women's Basketball, University of the Pacific, Gym.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22
 11 a.m.— Women's Basketball, CSU-Stanislaus, Gym.
 8 p.m.— Community College Basketball, Shasta, Gym.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23
 8 p.m.— ASUN Film, "The Other Side of the Mountain," TSS Auditorium.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24
 8 p.m.— Performing Artists Series, "Music for Awhile," CFA Theatre.

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Smoke-in ignored

The "High Noon" Club, a social group of marijuana smokers at the University of Rhode Island, staged a "smoke-in" in the middle of the campus to protest several arrests by state police during one of its meetings last month. Approximately 300 students participated in the protest, and 75 to 100 smoked marijuana. State, local, and campus police ignored the protest.

The club, consisting of about 25 students, had been meeting on the campus at noon on Fridays for approximately two years to celebrate the end of classes for the week. Police had made no arrests before last month's incident.

The student senate overwhelmingly passed a resolution supporting the concept of decriminalization and legalization of marijuana.

—The Chronicle of Higher Education

Women's courses

Two courses of special interest to women will be offered Spring Semester at UNR, according to Dr. Anne Howard, chairman of the arts and sciences women's studies committee.

"Women, Law and Politics," a three-credit political science course, is back by popular demand. It will meet Wednesdays from 7-10 p.m., with Reno attorney Frankie Sue Del Papa as instructor.

The course will enable both men and women to learn more about legal rights of women, and how to better participate in the political process, according to Howard.

"Women and Literature," a three-credit English course, is being offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m.

Class participants will have the opportunity to read fiction, drama and poetry— from Euripedes to Virginia Woolf and from Sappho to Louisa May Alcott, according to course instructor Howard.

The second half of the course will concentrate on contemporary women writers chosen by the students, she added.

Extended registration in the course is open through Jan. 25.

Socially secure

Persons in work covered by Social Security may be eligible for benefits should they become severely disabled before age 65.

Catherine Loughlin, State Cooperative Extension Specialist in Family Economics and Housing at UNR, recently discussed what such benefits entail.

Mrs. Loughlin explained that young persons may need only to have worked a year and half out of the past three to meet requirements. This amount of working time under Social Security increases up to 10 years at age 31.

According to Mrs. Loughlin, benefits are paid to the disabled worker, the minor children and any adult who depended on the worker for support such as spouse, parent, etc. The amounts of the benefits are determined, as in other Social Security benefits, on the average annual earnings of years of employment. This means that some families will be entitled to very substantial payments if a young, highly-paid person is disabled.

In order to qualify, Mrs. Loughlin continued, there must be a professional assessment that the disability will last or is expected to last a year or until death. Once the disability has been confirmed, checks can start for the sixth full month of the disability. As in all Social Security cases, a claim must be made to receive benefits.



photo by Terrebonne

Fish story

Some stories have happy endings, even fish stories.

At the end of last semester, Milton Fuller, the student representative on the Parking and Traffic Board, and ASUN President Jim Stone had some conflicts which resulted in Fuller's removal from the board. (Sagebrush, Issue 29)

Over the holidays, Fuller, whose philosophy is to start out every year new and leave the problems behind, let bygones be bygones and gave Stone a fishing lure and a Christmas card as a gift.

Now Stone has never claimed to be the world's greatest angler, but two weeks ago he made his weekend trek to Pyramid Lake. With the lure given to him by Fuller he scored for the first time in the new year and pulled in a 6-lb. cutbow trout. Then he pulled in a 12-lb. cutthroat trout with one of his own lures the same day. Nice work, Jim. We thought something smelled fishy at ASUN.

Group therapy

A men's and women's growth-therapy group is being offered through UNR's Psychological Service Center. The group entails a 15-session commitment. Those interested should contact Michele or Mark at 784-6688 and leave a message.

Inaugural undress

Starting on Sunday evening, the Art Department will sponsor a non-credit, non-directed workshop with an undraped model. These sessions will be held in Room 203 of Church Fine Arts 7-10 p.m. each Sunday evening. A small charge for the model will be assessed but this generally comes to less than \$2.00 per evening. This program will continue as long as interest is expressed.

shorts

Bad news Bayard

Dr. Bayard Wheeler of the UNR Department of Managerial Sciences points out in a recent book, "Good News: What's Right with the U.S.," that bad news serves as a warning signal which calls attention to a wrong that may need correcting. Bad news also alerts us to the good news submerged and often overlooked in the flood of bad tidings disseminated by the media, he notes.

In a running debate with what the author calls his "rubber-band friend" (so-called because he throws away his bad-news newspaper and reads the rubber band), Wheeler leads the reader easily and, at times, humorously through an overview of history, details what is right with the U.S., and pinpoints the good news to be found in the population explosion, the food shortage, the energy crunch and pollution.

Wheeler backs up his optimism with facts which he believes bear out his thesis: that America never had it so good.

New mucker

New Zealand geomorphologist William J. Brockie, 51, joins the staff of the Mackay School of Mines this semester.

A graduate of Cambridge University, Brockie received two masters' degrees from the University of Edinburgh in 1951-1952 with honors in geography and geology. He also holds a diploma in education.

His professional career has been mainly in New Zealand, except when he was a visiting lecturer at Western Washington College in Bellingham, Wash. in 1970. He has taught at Auckland University and Ardmore Teachers' College, and, since 1956, has been a professor at the University of Otago, Dunedin, N.Z.

His teaching specialties include the geography of landforms, glacial and periglacial geomorphology, the regional geography of the British Isles and Europe, and physical geography.

In his new position at UNR, Brockie will teach both upper and lower division courses in these subjects and conduct the first graduate seminar in geomorphology.

Office work

The demand in Nevada for persons who possess a degree in office administration exceeds the supply, according to a professor at UNR.

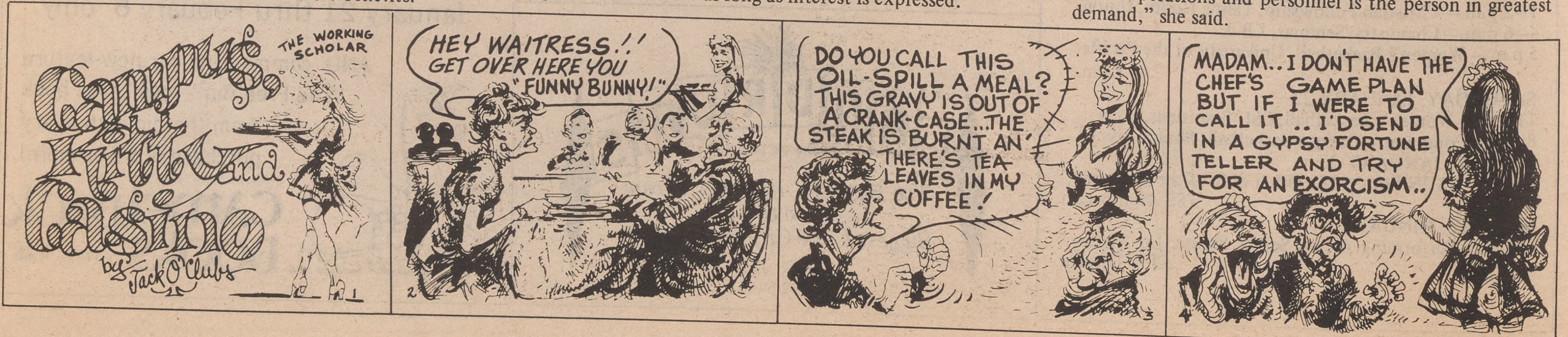
Barbara Chism, an instructor in the UNR Department of Accounting and Information Systems, estimated there are three jobs for every graduate holding a degree in office administration.

Office administration is a four-year program which emphasizes not only the traditional skills such as typing and shorthand, but also business machines, computers, accounting, statistics, business communication, finance, marketing and economics.

"We are not turning out typists," she emphasized, "but rather persons qualified for lower and middle management positions." For example, UNR graduates have stepped into positions as administrative assistants and office managers, she said.

Mrs. Chism noted it is becoming more difficult to operate within a business environment without possessing a combination of basic and administrative skills, for even small businesses are moving in the direction of more sophisticated operation.

"The person capable of organizing and managing a firm's operations and personnel is the person in greatest demand," she said.



Classified employes foil UNS takeover

Sylva Maness

A proposal by Chancellor Neil D. Humphrey to separate University of Nevada System (UNS) classified employes from other state employes and place them under jurisdiction of the Board of Regents has apparently been halted in the face of opposition from employes and from the State of Nevada Employees Association (SNEA).

Humphrey had asked for a reassessment of UNS involvement in the State Personnel Division because of SNEA's proposed legislative package, which includes recommendations to abolish departmental personnel offices and establish single-unit collective bargaining with no direct university involvement.

Employes made it clear during several open meetings in October and November that they would fight to remain in the state system. Pat Fladager, secretary for the Washoe County Chapter of SNEA, credits employe concern with stopping the proposed change. "Because we protested, it is no longer an issue," she said.

Humphrey, at a regents' meeting in Las Vegas Friday, requested authorization to ask SNEA to change its proposal to allow state classified employes to vote on whether or not they want collective bargaining and to vote to choose their own negotiating agent. Humphrey also wanted SNEA to include in its package that one member of the management negotiating team be designated by the regents.

During the meeting, however, Robert Gagnier, executive director of SNEA, said that the legislative package would not be changed. The regents then authorized the administration to lobby for legislation incorporating Humphrey's proposals.

Humphrey explained, "We are requesting a democratic determination by employes of whether or not they wish collective bargaining and a democratic decision by them of who will be designated as their negotiating agent."

Humphrey told the regents that the administration is no longer against SNEA's proposal to abolish agency personnel offices and the regents agreed to further consider this item. The chancellor explained that "two related problems affect this decision."

He said the current budget crisis makes it necessary to redefine budget priorities, and that if the proposed legislation is adopted and state employes are in one unit covered by one contract "it may be in the best interests of the university to withdraw from this area and depend entirely on the state personnel agency."

Humphrey said further action will depend on what develops at the legislature and on what happens to the university's proposed budget.



Willie Mays

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enforce and that the meters would alleviate this problem. Really!?! The swelling number of parking fines collected each semester by an ever alert campus police force would seem to point to a well enforced set of rules.

Further financial burdens weigh menacingly over the heads of both students at UNR and Washoe County residents as well. Once more the ghastly spectre of "Mini Dome" or "Ault's Glory," has been reborn. Risen from the ashes of its past defeats by self seeking personal interest groups and other individuals, most notably the UNR Boosters Club, Regent Chairman James "Bucky" Buchanan of Las Vegas and Governor O'Callaghan. All three seem to be willing to do more for the fleeting glory of sport than for the lasting value of education.

Voted down by a majority of students in a special referendum by the ASUN last spring, the "dome" once more rears its ugly uneducated head. The Boosters Club and Regent Buchanan have now come up with another scheme to get their brainchild off the ground. The plan—"to orchestrate a Nevada Legislature push for an optional county cigarette tax to fund construction of local sports facilities." The idea would not be so repugnant if it were to help improve the quality of education, but it is not to be for that. The only groups who would benefit from this tax (and hence the construction of the dome) would be local gambling interests, the construction trade, and that minority of students who are involved in collegiate sports.

At this point, enter Governor O'Callaghan-who with all the arrogance and logic of a roman emperor cuts the university budget to the quick and throws the students to the gridiron. While one hand pleads no funding is to be found for the university's needs-the other hand conveniently finds \$500,000 to improve seating at Mackay Stadium so that Ault and his glory boys can perform their pagan rites before more comfortable Roman citizens.

It is hoped that both Buchanan and O'Callaghan might come to their senses and reconsider what they are about. It would also be hoped that Regent Buchanan who has promised to meet with proponents of the "Dome" will, in all fairness, meet with "Dome" opponents. Of course fairness has never been a major plus with the regents in the past, so who could expect them to start now?

To quote Buddy Frank of KTVN: "It would seem that while students at UNR will be getting less education for more money; at least they will be able to get a seat at a ball game."

Milton Fuller

New bylaws insure input from faculty

Dennis Felts

Bylaws for UNR that insure faculty input in personnel and policy decisions here were approved by the Board of Regents at last Friday's meeting in Las Vegas.

"I was very pleased that the Regents approved the bylaws, because they represent four or five years of work on the part of a large number of faculty members," commented Dr. James T. Richardson, chairman of the Faculty Senate.

Richardson explained that the bylaws "codify a collegian model of university government," which means that faculty and administration will share the responsibility for university governance.

Dr. Robert Gorrell, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, said the bylaws will "certainly clarify procedures and regulations for faculty and administration.

"I do feel that faculty should have a voice in university affairs and the bylaws provide the machinery to do this," Gorrell explained. There will be little change in the participation of faculty members beyond current practices, but the bylaws will help everyone to operate in a more orderly fashion, according to Gorrell.

The university bylaws require that colleges and departments create bylaws that are consistent with the new document. Until now, it was not possible for colleges or departments to have their bylaws officially approved.

Dr. Jack Kelly, chairman of the Philosophy Department, was chairman of the Faculty Senate code committee that drafted the document.


Budget views on TV Sunday

Chancellor Neil Humphrey will discuss the university budget on Channel 2 this Sunday at 10 a.m. He will be interviewed by Dorothy Kosich and Buddy Frank of KTVN-TV and Rick Schindler of Sagebrush on the public affairs program "Face the State."

In other public affairs programming, John Dodson and Nadine Dewitt of the Center for Religion and Life interviewed Sagebrush editor Gary Jesch for their program "On Center." The program will be aired on January 29 at 2:30 p.m. on Channel 4, KCRL.

Also, for up-to-date news and opinion, tune your radio to KOH NEWSRADIO 63 at 10:35 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, for "Campus Call." "Campus Call" with Sagebrush editor Gary Jesch is in its fifth month, bringing information and discussion about the people and issues of UNR.

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Daniel Conant

Where can you go on a Friday night? For a change of pace, try the Blue Mailbox coffee house on 1101 N. Virginia St. Tonight is the grand opening night, beginning at 9 p.m. The manager, David St. Clair, and his newly acquired assistant Gary Smith, have scheduled fine guitarists, comedians, and poets to appear on stage. They are confident it will be a success, and with reason to be, considering that the patronage of the Blue Mailbox coffee house has doubled since the spring of 1976. The same things that attracted 65 persons a night last semester will again be offered this semester. Pleasant music, an open atmosphere, lively conversations—these are just a few of the things that the Blue Mailbox is offering to UNR students.

The coffee house...is a kaleidoscope of ideas and personalities that has given color to the campus atmosphere throughout the last eight years.

It began in 1969, and has had three names since then, according to Rev. John Dodson, director of the Center for Religion and Life. It was first called the "Coffee House." In 1970 it became the "Nok 'N' Grok," and in 1972 it was re-named the "Blue Mailbox." The Mailbox was started by a group of students with one common interest—they all wanted a place where students could relax and converse while listening to music.

Both Rev. John P. Marschall (now Dr. Marschall) and Rev. Dodson have given the students involved with the coffee house guidance and support. The space for the Blue Mailbox was donated by the Center for Religion and Life. The tables were donated by a local restaurant, and up until the fall of 1974, when the ASUN government began providing partial financial support, the funds were derived solely from contributions.

The community has been made aware of the Blue Mailbox through the media in recent years. Several radio broadcasts have been made, and a number of stories have been written about it. The goal in this area is to establish a good rapport between the Blue Mailbox and the community.

Rev. Dodson believes that the Blue Mailbox fulfills a real need of the students.

"Reno is a difficult place for students between the ages of 18 and 21. They need a place to talk with people their age, a relaxing place, where they can listen to music. What else is there for social entertainment? The bars, if they can get in," he said.

He admits that even he likes to "hear one of them cut loose" on the guitar.

Perhaps it is the atmosphere that draws students to the Blue Mailbox. Things usually get started at 9:00 p.m. The pace is slow, at first. People are engaged in conversations at only one or two tables, but soon words flow from one table to the next, and voices that were clearly audible at the beginning of the night eventually blend into the soft, constant murmur of the crowd.

The audience is unaware as the singer steps toward the stage. He readies himself, grips the neck of the guitar, pulls the microphone towards him, and greets the crowd. As he speaks, his voice fills all corners of the room. He sings lightly at first,

their hands, and begin to clap. They are satisfied. The singer is jubilant. He has reached the crowd.

Many, many individuals—entertainers, managers, and staff helpers have been involved with the Blue Mailbox. Bob DeJong, Blue Whelan, Becky Adams, Adlai Alexander, Michael Graham, Laura Hinton, Tim Gorelangton—these are just a few of the individuals who have offered their talents, and their time. The coffee house is an unusual place. It offers more than entertainment. It is a kaleidoscope of ideas and personalities that has given color to the campus atmosphere throughout the last eight years.

The Blue Mailbox provides entertainment for UNR students, and at the same time, it gives students and other talented Reno persons a chance to perform. As a matter of fact, Dave St. Clair first came to the Mailbox to audition for a poetry reading. He had no intention of becoming manager, but decided to take the job when Bob DeJong, the previous manager, left.

Since St. Clair has been manager, he has had relatively few problems. The

transition from last semester to this semester was difficult, because a few of the people on his staff moved elsewhere, or became involved with other things, but that problem has been resolved.

Tonight at 9, a host of talented individuals will perform. Gerald Grenfeld will complement John Almstedt's poetry with classical guitar; David St. Clair, the manager, will be reading poetry; Laura Hinton, a UNR student, plans to sing and play guitar; Kathleen, a poetess from Virginia City, will perform; Matt Horton, a Mailbox veteran, will play his "sliding blues"; Gary Smith, a UNR student, will do a comedy routine interspersed with guitar music. John Almstedt, a Reno resident, will read poems from his book "Sammy and the Wind."

Everyone is invited. It is free for ASUN students, and \$1.00 for non-students. You'll enjoy it. It is relaxing, and at the same time, stimulating. Enter the kaleidoscope of personalities and ideas that adorn its history—visit the Blue Mailbox.

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ASUN NEWS

The following action was taken by the ASUN Senate at their Wednesday, Jan. 19 meeting.

ASUN President Jim Stone reported that the half-million dollars given by Gov. Mike O'Callaghan to complete Mackay Stadium might be a result of requests he made to the governor. Stone said he does not know where O'Callaghan obtained the money for the appropriation, but he added, "No one was more surprised than me over the money." Stone also stated he thought the governor might receive criticism because of his actions. Because he initially approached O'Callaghan for the money, Stone said, "I'm also ready to take some heat over it."

Two senators resigned from the ASUN Senate over Christmas break. They were Gary L. Johnson, senior sociology major and member of the Publications Board, and Karen Harrington, an elementary education major, also a member of the Publications Board. She was chairperson of the Senate Rules and Actions Committee. Johnson said he won't return to school this semester for financial and personal reasons. Harrington said her reasons for resigning were student teaching duties and other school opportunities.

A move to change the way by which resigning ASUN Senators are replaced was made by Sen. Ross Chichester. It was agreed by the senate that the idea be turned over to the Senate Rules Committee for exploration.

A senate leadership meeting was scheduled for this weekend at Squaw Valley, but was canceled because the chairperson was one of the resigning senators. Expressing worries that they might receive criticism for not having the meeting ASUN senators agreed to hold the meeting during their remaining terms in office. Sen. Mark Quinlan suggested that the meeting be held in Reno to cut costs. He said, "I don't want to cut a group's budget and then spend the money on ourselves." The general consensus of the senate was to hold it in Reno.

New president pro tem of the ASUN Senate is Sen. Mark Quinlan, who replaces Karen Harrington.

The senate approved the Activities Board appropriations of \$2100 for the Winter Carnival and \$100 for publicity of the Milton Friedman lecture.

ANOTHER Senate vacancy?

Those Arts and Science Senators are at it again. With the second semester only five days old, we find ourselves with another senate vacancy to fill. All ASUN undergraduates who are enrolled in the College of Arts and Science are eligible to fill this opening. Contact Peggy Martin in the ASUN Office at 784-6589. Deadline for filing is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Project your job interest

Emergency!! The ASUN is in desperate and immediate need of a PROJECTIONIST to run the ASUN Sunday night films in Thompson Auditorium. If you have some experience in this area and could use a few extra pesos during the semester, please contact Peggy Martin in the ASUN Office. Telephone: 784-6589.

Go without snow

The 1977 winter carnival will go on as scheduled, Jan. 31-Feb. 6, according to Diane DeLauer, chairperson of the event.

In a meeting Monday the committee voted to "go for it," snow or not.

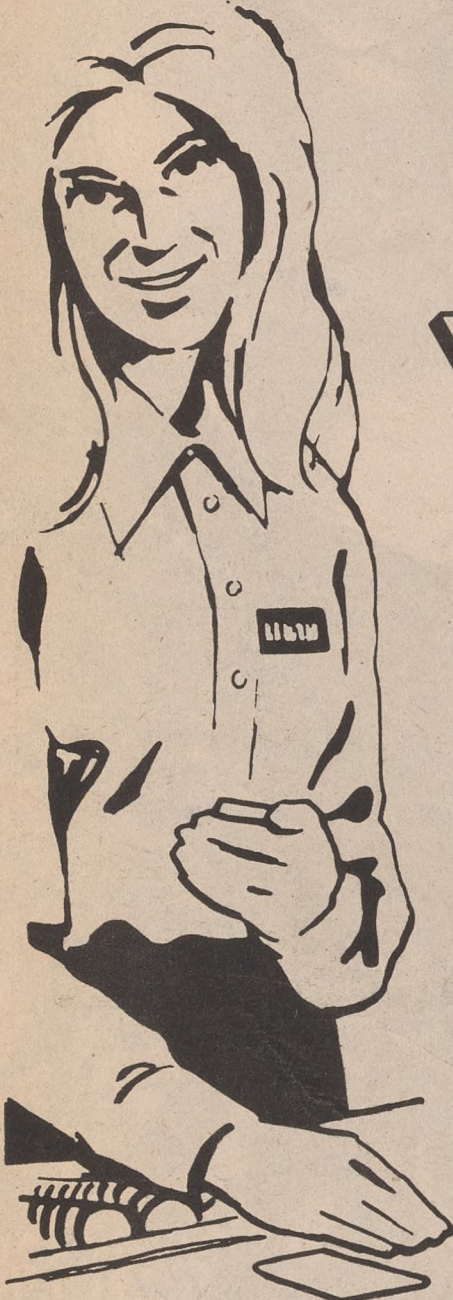
Clint Monfalcone, UNR ski coach, promised at least three skiing events in which an expected 180 skiers representing 10 schools will participate. "I don't feel like cancelling two years in a row," he said. "We can get it somehow, even if we have to go Incline and run the dual slalom on artificial snow."

DeLauer said that although the games scheduled on campus would be better with snow, there are still enough alternate ones planned to make the week-long event successful.

Among the events scheduled are hang-gliding movies, a snow shoe race, a tug-of-war, ski movies, skateboard races and snow sculpture.

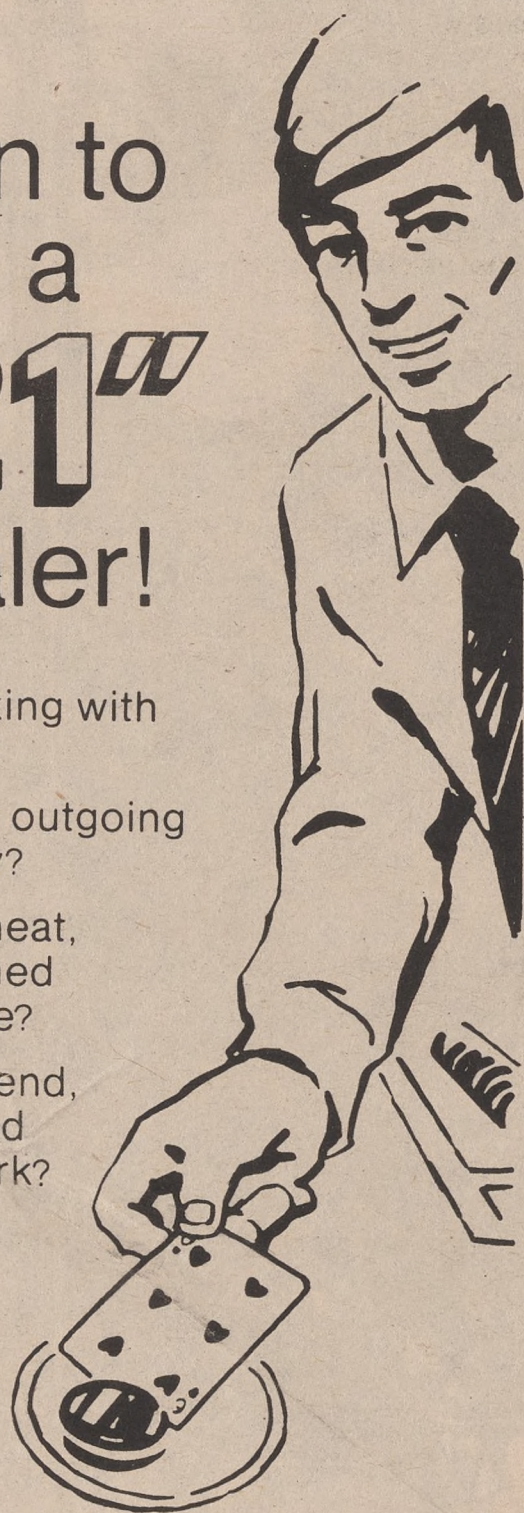
The carnival will begin with a dance on Monday night in the old gym. DeLauer also said there will be "happy hours" throughout the week at the Foggy Notion, Black Angus, Monte Carlo, Pub n' Sub, and Del Mar Station. Bands have been contacted and student discounts have been arranged for the nights scheduled. Skis, boot bags, back packs and other items donated by local merchants will be raffled each night.

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AGAINST THE GRAIN

The students have rights, too

On Dec. 16, 1965, Mary Beth Tinker, a 13-year-old Des Moines student, arrived at her junior high school wearing a black arm band to signal her opposition to the war in Indochina and her support for a truce. Mary Beth's brother John and their friend Christopher Eckhardt both attended their high school in Des Moines on the same day also wearing arm bands.

As a result of their actions, students in the U. S. would before long find themselves with strong new constitutional protections which they had not previously been sure of. Yet few students know of the Tinker case and its benefits.

Young Eckhardt and the Tinkers were participating in a larger activity than just a school protest. At a meeting in the Eckhardt home earlier in December, a group of adults and students decided to make known their feelings by wearing the armbands throughout the holiday season and by fasting on the 16th and on New Year's Eve.

When the school district authorities got wind of the plans of the students and their parents, school principals had announced a policy that students wearing armbands would be asked to remove them; those refusing would be suspended from school. Only when a student decided to comply would he or she be permitted to return to school.

Aware of the principals' policy, Mary Beth and Christopher wore their armbands to school on December 16; John wore his on December 17. All were sent home and suspended. The three students ultimately returned to school, but not until the intended period for the protest had passed.

In the United States, there had always been an easy assumption that the rights of people are somehow not extended to students—that the schoolhouse was somehow a special environment in which students must behave in any way they are directed and could not question the directives.

The Des Moines students apparently had some fine parents. Their fathers filed a complaint in U. S. District Court asking for an injunction to restrain school officials from disciplining the students and seeking some small damages. The district court (258 F. Supp 971 1966) denied the students' position, saying the school's action was constitutional on the ground that it was reasonable in order to prevent disruption of school discipline. The parents appealed.

The eighth circuit Court of Appeals was evenly divided, which in effect upheld the position of the school principals. The parents appealed again, this time to the United States Supreme Court. The result was the decision in *Tinker et. al. vs. Des Moines Independent Community School District et. al.* (393 U. S. 503 1969). The decision was so sweeping in its impact that it can best be called a Magna Carta of student's rights in the United States. The basic effect of the decision was the bring students under protection of the United States Constitution.

The majority opinion was written by Justice Abe Fortas. He described the court's holdings in three sections. They were these:

1. In their actions, the students were not disruptive, were indeed "quiet and passive." Certainly, they did not violate the rights of other students. As a result, their conduct was within the protection of the free speech clause of the first amendment and the due process clause of the fourteenth amendment. Mr. Justice Fortas quotes former Justice Robert Jackson's opinion in a 1943 case:

"The fourteenth amendment . . . protects the citizen against the State itself and all of its creatures— Boards of Education not excepted. These have, of course, important, delicate, and highly discretionary functions, but none that they may not perform within the limits of the Bill of Rights. That they are educating the young for citizenship is reason for scrupulous protection of Constitutional

freedoms of the individual, if we are not to strangle the free mind at its source and teach youth to discount important principles of our government as mere platitudes."

2. Mr. Justice Fortas observed: "First Amendment rights, applied in light of the special characteristics of the school environment, are available to teachers and students. It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

3. The first and fourteenth amendments bar the imposition of any prohibition of expression or opinion in the absence of "any evidence that the rule is necessary to avoid substantial interference with the rights of others . . ." "The problem," Justice Fortas wrote, "does not relate to regulation of the length of skirts or the type of clothing, to hair style, or deportment . . . It does not concern aggressive, disruptive action or even group demonstrations. Our problem involves direct, primary First Amendment rights akin to 'pure speech.' The school officials banned and sought to punish petitioners for a silent, passive expression of opinion . . ." Then Mr. Justice Fortas eloquently explained to school officials everywhere the meaning of the United States Constitution:

" . . . in our system, undifferentiated fear or apprehension of disturbance is not enough to overcome the right to freedom of expression. Any departure from absolute regimentation may cause trouble. Any variation from the majority's opinion may inspire fear. Any word spoken, in class, in the lunchroom, or on the campus, that deviates from the views of another person may start an argument or cause a disturbance. But our Constitution says we must take this risk . . . and our history says that it is this sort of hazardous freedom— this kind of openness—that is the basis of our national strength and of the independence and vigor of Americans who grow up and live in this relatively permissive, often disputatious society."

The *Tinker* decision was so broad that it meant important new protections for students in virtually every area of student life— school record, the student press, due process, law enforcement, marriage (and pregnancy and parenthood). In nearly every court case involving student rights, *Tinker* is cited.

Of course, *Tinker* applies with equal force whatever the educational level— on the college campus as well as in the kindergarten.

Tinker also established a rule of thumb for judging whether a particular expression of opinion or assertion of rights is constitutionally protected: that is, whether it materially and *substantially* interferes with or disrupts the educational activities of the school. (Minor disturbance or disruption— arguments, for example— do not provide justification for interference with constitutionally protected rights.)

Nor are rumors of disruptions or fears of disturbance an adequate basis for prohibition of the exercise of constitutional rights. A school administration must present clear evidence that a major disruption will result from, say, a student distributing an underground newspaper on campus. Unless such evidence is given, the courts will not tolerate interference, direct or indirect, with such distribution.

Of course, however strong the protections the Constitution gives to students, they are of little value unless used. A passive, dull campus where cheerleading and parties are more important than the issues of the day is an insult to the Constitution.

A copy of the complete *Tinker* decision may be obtained by writing Dennis Myers, P. O. Box 13234, Reno 89507. This column will be discussing several students' rights court cases in the coming weeks.

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'The Dream'--A theory of change

David Payne

My name is Mitch and I want to tell you about this dream I had; at least I think it was a dream. I dreamed I was lying in a park that I had never visited before. There were two people standing in front of me, a young man and a woman. The woman was tall and willowy with blue eyes and long brown hair. She was wearing a green skirt and blouse. He was tall with a dark complexion and brown eyes and hair. He was dressed in brown slacks and blue shirt.

"Where am I and why did you bring me here?" I asked the girl.

"You were dreaming," she replied.

I thought I was dreaming of waking up in a strange place and here I was. "Why am I here?"

The girl replied, "As to why you are here, you will know in due time, Mitch."

That was a shock! How did two people that I had never met before know my name?

"Mitch, we will do you no harm, so just relax. You will go home soon even if you wanted to stay. Come sit over here by these trees with us and we will tell you about our society and how we eliminated most of the social problems facing industrial man."

I felt that maybe I was dreaming. If so, I might as well sit back and listen; at least, until I found out where I was and how I could get back home.

"Mitch, we are here to tell you about our social system and to give you a gift to take home when you leave. It will be a gift that you can keep and share with as many people as you desire. Shall we start?"

"Yes," I replied, thinking the sooner we got this over with the sooner I could go home.

"Our system is set up on two basic premises: the first being the idea that no one will take care of you better than you will; the second is that the best way for man to achieve social stability is through cooperation with his fellow man. Our system also has an added bonus of rewarding those who try it."

"The first two make sense to me," I replied, "but I want to see how that last idea works out. It sounds like the pie in the sky to me."

The girl said, "Let's start, time is fading on us as we

bottom; we think that is more important."

"I never thought of it that way before," I replied. "There is one other thing I want to know. Does everybody get the same pay?"

"No, the average employe realizes that the headaches and problems that managers face require more compensation than he needs for his effort. However, we did eliminate some high wages that were uncalled for as far as management people were concerned. While we are on this subject, most of our management comes from the rank and file employes. Those interested got the training necessary for the job they desired if they had the qualifications. That, we have found, helps eliminate much of the boss-employe stratification that had occurred before. We also cut down on unnecessary management personnel. That saved money in its own right and got rid of a lot of dead wood at the top. If there wasn't a real need for a management position, we usually got rid of it."

"That does make sense to me. What about the housing, though? What do the people live in, gray cement apartment blocks or what?"

"No, they either bought or built the type of housing that the employes decided on."

"But what if one man doesn't want to live in an apartment?"

"You are free to buy houses and many do; they just don't get the savings break that the apartment dweller has. Some rent apartments and then buy houses and rent them out for the payments. They get the money through their credit union."

"That doesn't sound so much different than what happens where I am from. Where do the big savings breaks come from?"

"Once the original apartment building is paid off, the rent is lowered as it now costs just taxes, maintenance and utilities. We have also cut the utility bills by going to solar heating and cooling. That cut the cost of living quite a bit."

"I'll bet it gets dull around all these apartment complexes, doesn't it?" I asked.

"No, we have put in sporting complexes and recrea-

"The co-ops sound like a good idea, but where does the labor come from to run them?" I asked.

"The family members not working in the company duties take turns working in the co-op stores. We also try to encourage married couples to both learn the company duties if possible so they can change duties all around. It isn't for all people, but many of our people like it. It also allows fathers to have more time with their children."

"Oh, so someone has to stay home with the children," I replied.

"No, we have well-staffed and equipped day-care centers, but we do encourage close parent-child contact."

"I must admit that this system makes more sense than the one I live under now, but I still don't see how you solved most of your social problems, like crime, unemployment and corruption."

"We still have crime here, though it isn't caused by lack of employment, but by professional criminals. Their number is on the decline, however. We eliminated unemployment and by so doing, we helped to eliminate crime. One method of getting rid of unemployment was by slowing the population growth through family planning and the other was to have many people go on shorter work weeks or fewer working hours. It didn't happen overnight, but when the cost of living started to go down, more people were interested in working less hours and having more free time. That allowed more jobs to be open, and they weren't 'make-work' jobs. They were the same ones that other rank and file employes had. Not all employes volunteered for shorter hours, but enough did to open up these jobs to the unemployed. It also created more jobs in the recreation and tourist business, as more people with more free time wanted more things to do for fun."

"We got rid of almost all corruption by having a rotating membership of lower-level employes on the finance boards of their companies, and by encouraging the media to report any corruption they found."

"Wasn't there opposition to the social system you set up?"

"Yes, there was. People who were greedy or cynical

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sit here. I will start the story; feel free to ask questions as we go along.

"It all started with one college student and an idea that he had. He felt that improvements could be made to the social system he was living under."

"The first was that the workers should own the company they work for. The second was that the company should buy housing (of whatever type they wanted) for the workers to rent and live in. The last idea dealt with forming or joining co-ops to save money on food and other goods," she told me.

"I'm sorry, but I don't see how this system could do all the things you promise," I replied. "On top of that, how did all this come into being? Did the owners of these businesses just give the employe committees the keys and say, 'Here, it's all yours?'"

"No, exactly, Mitch," the man replied. "The workers brought their company under group ownership by several means, such as forming employes' associations and buying up stock by utilizing the combined wealth of the members. It was a slow process for many and a fast one for a few, depending on the conditions present in their companies. But in the end, it all happened. Some owners, those with a strong sense of personal ability, who had always treated their employes fairly, helped by selling the stock at low or no interest to the employe groups."

"I suppose all these companies were run by committee," I stated.

"No, although some of the smaller ones were," the girl replied. "Most management changes were gradual. The major shift was in management thought, which put the employes who were working for the company first in importance with efficiency second and profits, if any, third."

"What do you mean—profits third? Isn't that against good business principles?" I had to ask.

"Well, Mitch, if you will note in your own society, the ones who get the benefits of these profits are the people at the top. Our system profits all from the top to

tion centers for all to use. They are usually located close to the complexes so cars aren't needed to get there. We also field and sponsor sporting events and send teams from a local level all over the world."

"That sounds fine for large companies, but what about the small ones? Where do they get the money for housing and the other buildings?"

"There are two ways; one, buy smaller apartments and developments, or band together with other small employe-owned businesses and form a larger corporation that buys the housing. In fact, this was how many of the systems were started in our country, with small groups of people who set them up and refined and improved them as time went by."

"That sounds fine, but what about those who retired? Where did they live?"

"The first ones bought or set up housing complexes several years before they retired. They run their own affairs and have older members overseeing the health care that their peers need."

"Where did all the money come from?" I asked.

"We kept the insurance and health plans, but cut costs through more efficient and uncorrupt management. Also, most of the businesses set up clinics where active and retired alike would get medical treatment as needed. That cut the cost of duplicate facilities. We also provided our retired people with activities such as gardening or jobs in the co-op and responsibility for maintaining their own housing if they are able. That helped many of the retired people keep active and live longer. Speaking of active, Mitch, how do you feel?"

"I am getting tired," I said. "What about that gift you mentioned?"

"That you will find out shortly," the girl replied. "Meanwhile, let's get on with it. The co-op we set up with our own farms guaranteed farmers a place to sell crops and that eliminated the middlemen and cut costs. We also set up co-ops for other goods depending on what was desired by the members."

or corrupt didn't like it, but once most of the people got behind it, we were able to overcome these problems. It wasn't easy setting up this system. It took hard work and much dedication by those involved, but it was worth it to us."

"I must admit that this social system of yours makes more sense than the one I live under. I mean it really appeals to me. Isn't there any way that I can stay here?"

"No, Mitch," the girl said. "Your time is almost up."

"Well, before I go, I want to know how that college student with the idea got it spread around and published."

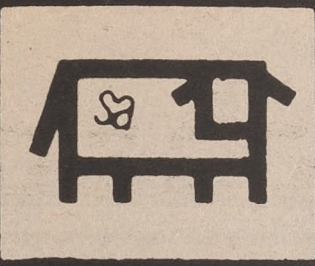
"He first talked over his ideas with friends. Then he wrote a paper on it for a class he was taking. When they didn't shoot any big holes in it, he put it into the form of a fable and his college paper printed it. People read it and wrote letters to the editor expressing interest in it. The people who were really interested in it started setting up the system. It didn't take any really drastic changes in our everyday thinking, as many of the parts of our system already existed. They just weren't put into one whole unit until then."

"Wow. I wish I didn't have to leave here; but from the way I feel, I think it will be soon. Wasn't there something you were going to give me?" I asked as I drifted off to sleep.

"Yes Mitch," the girl replied, "you will remember all you have heard here. You will have the same opportunity that we did."

Author's note: This can be more than a story. It will take a display of interest to get it started. Is there any out there? Please address your letters to the Sagebrush Editor, P. O. Box 8037, Reno, Nevada 89507.

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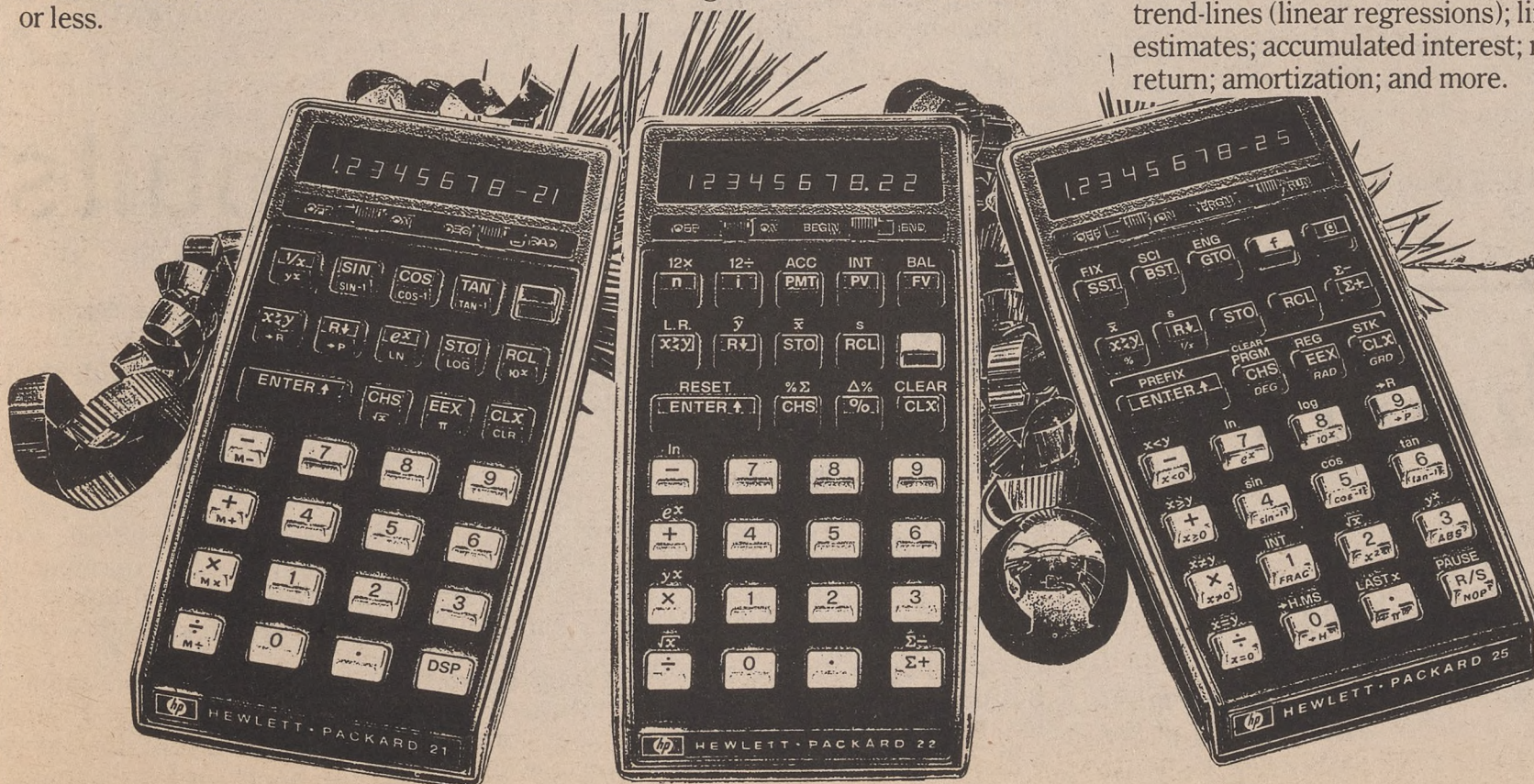
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Shirley Sneve

The Wolf Pack women's basketball team meets the University of the Pacific tonight in a home conference game.

"I haven't seen them playing," coach Kaprice Rupp said. "It will be interesting to see what happens."

The Pack now stands 2-0 for conference, 3-2 overall. This is Rupp's first year coaching; she is stressing conditioning and uses a running game, both for offense and defense.

"We don't have a great deal of height," Rupp said. "We have a lot of speed and quickness." Rupp said the girls have the potential to do well this season.

The Wolf Pack played its first game against CSU-Sacramento, Jan. 4. The varsity lost that non-conference game, 96-53, but came back to win a CSU-Hayward clash, 82-57. The first conference match was a win over CSU-Humboldt, 71-57.

Last weekend the girls won in Santa Clara, 70-28, but lost to CSU-San Francisco, 79-64.

"San Francisco had a lot of height," Rupp said about the loss. She said it was a totally frustrating situation for the girls.

"If it's not fun, they shouldn't be playing," Rupp said, "but I was very proud of the way they played in that situation."

Leading the team in scoring are Cindy Rock, Bridget Galvin, Pat Hixon and Lynn Barkley. There are 15 on the team, divided into varsity and junior varsity.

Rupp said she tries to give all the girls playing experience, and the JV and varsity teams aren't set. Others now playing varsity are Joanne Culverhouse, Susan Pierce and Ellen Townsend.

Making up the rest of the team are Regina Ratigan, Carolyn Sandoz, Lisa Alley, Peg Nelson, Teresa Courtois, Cindy Young, Sherri Humphreys and Beccie Huddleston. Rupp is assisted by Linda Smith.

The game tonight against UOP starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Gym. The Pack meets CSU-Stanislaus at 1 p.m. Saturday, also in the gym. Both are conference games.

Pack still winning ...but it's close

Terri Gunkel

If it must be said, Jim Carey's Wolf Pack has a flair for keeping a game interesting. And its players have rightly owned the nickname "Cardiac Kids" for their continuous nail-biting finishes. It doesn't matter whether the other team is Pepperdine or Fresno, the Pack's most recent opponent, the format is still the same. Wednesday the Pack defeated the Bulldogs 75-72.

Fresno, a team which has lost its last six games, held on to its lead over the Pack for most of the non-conference game. At times the Bulldogs led by as much as seven points, even into the final three minutes.

But UNR's Rich Travieso hit for two points with just under two minutes left to go giving the Pack a 71-70 lead. Larry Johnson was fouled a few seconds later and hit two crucial free throws, which proved to be the difference, because it kept the Pack's lead, even after Fresno scored again.

Co-captain Joey Schmidt was the one to add the finishing touches, though, with a pair of free throws with :15 left on the clock.

Both Schmidt and Johnson were UNR's leading scorers with 16 points each, but more notable was that for the second consecutive game the Pack was able to pull out a win despite the absence of its usual star Edgar Jones, who fouled out with over nine minutes still remaining.

The win boosted the Pack's season mark to 11-6 while Fresno fell to 6-9.

Sports Shorts

Intramurals start soon

Intramural basketball for men and women will begin Feb. 1 with entries due in the Recreation Department office, Room 100 by 5 p.m. Jan. 28. Games will be played Monday through Thursday from 7-10 p.m. with three games a night scheduled. Only five players are needed to form a team, and the department will furnish the equipment and referees. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 784-4041.



Grandstand View

by Steve Martarano

It is 1977 and in this day and age it is a little late to go around talking about women's sports as some kind of freak show.

It took a while, and although the fan participation has yet to come, women's sports are here to stay and flourish as well.

The UNR women's volleyball team was one of the best in the United States and now it's basketball season. Kaprice Rupp, a former volleyball star at Western Michigan, heads up the volleyball and basketball program. Although women's sports are still regarded as a minor sport at best, the program is thriving.

"I'm very happy with the coverage we've been getting," Rupp said Tuesday. "We have the potential and they really do play good, exciting basketball."

While a crowd of 4,000 will watch Edgar Jones and Friends tangle, Rupp terms the 50-60 turnout at her games "encouraging." Most of the women play all the sports: volleyball, basketball and softball.

There are five women on in-state scholarships and one out-of-state. The team, which is 3-2 overall and 2-0 in league play, must use university automobiles to travel out of town, while men's teams take chartered flights.

Their schedule is a tough one. It consists of 17 games before tournaments. The tournaments will take up practically the whole month of March.

The two biggest stars, Cindy Rock and Bridget Galvin, are now familiar to anyone who follows UNR women's sports. Rock has scored 84 points in five games for a 16.8 scoring average while Galvin has scored 65 points. The rest of the team consists of Pat Hixon, Sue Pierce, Lynn Barkley, Joanne Culverhouse and Ellen Townsend.

Women's sports still lack fans, television cameras, 6'-10" centers and big money. What it doesn't lack is enthusiasm, hustle or quality basketball. It is truly college athletics at its purest level.

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Before the Fresno game Wednesday, Edgar Jones was still leading the WCAC in shooting and rebounding. He is shooting at a 26.0 average for WCAC play and is rebounding at a 13.3 clip.

The 1976-77 Wolf Pack has been termed a one-man team and a look at the statistics would have to confirm that. After Jones' league-leading totals, the next UNR scorer is senior Joey Schmidt with an 11.5 average and then freshman Steve Hunter at 9.8.

Helped along greatly by Jones, UNR is sixth in the nation in team rebounding and they lead the WCAC. One glaring stat that proved the downfall in many a Pack loss is turnovers. UNR is averaging 22.4 a game compared with the 20.9 the Pack opponents have committed.

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Some thoughts on the old gym as a place for UNR to play major college basketball; I like it.

It's old, it's too loud, the court is too close to everything, and UNR isn't making any money playing there.

But there's something about watching a game there that makes it ideal for the Wolf Pack. Sure it's too loud, but that has to be an advantage for the Pack. Maybe their 2-0 old gym record is just a coincidence. Watching a game there gives the fan a feeling of closeness that you just don't get in the Centennial Coliseum. Every cough, every Bronx cheer can be heard loud and clear.

What the hell, it's only for this year. So if you are fortunate enough to get a ticket to a game there, sit back and enjoy a piece of the past. It will probably be the last time you'll be able to.

[Ed. note: There were still some available seats at the first two games in the old gymnasium, which holds 2,700. Tickets are available at the ASUN Activities Office. The next home game is Jan. 28 at 8 p.m.]

Billups calls it quits

Steve Martarano

Sophomore forward Herb Billups of Plainview, N. J., quit the UNR basketball team and left school to return home Monday.

According to sports information director Bob Shriver, Billups met with the coaches and said that he felt he didn't fit in with the program.

Head coach Jim Carey and the rest of the ballclub left for Fresno Tuesday and could not be reached for comment.

Billups, after what could have been termed a fine freshman season last year, was having his troubles his sophomore season. During the 1975-76 season, he saw considerable action and averaged 7.3 points a game. The 6'-6", 208-pounder had a .405 shooting percentage and pulled in 4.9 rebounds for the Pack in Jim Padgett's last season as head coach.

He appeared to have everything going his way—youth, size, and good leaping ability. But during this past season, he seemed to spend more time as a spectator. His major role for the team was to be a rebounder, but it wasn't working out that way. He was averaging only 5.2 points a game and shooting only .359 from the floor, the lowest among steady players on the team.

There were no reports of Billups' future plans.