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Editorial

Transient housing a need for Reno area



The Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission is one of few sleeping facilities available for penniless transients in the area.

Photo by Siri

We're the official newspaper of the university, and we don't know where we are.

Hi. We're the official newspaper of the University of Nevada-Reno. Publishing twice a week in our 84th year as the university's primary news medium, and operating on a budget of \$40,000 plus annually, the *Sagebrush* is located in the basement of Morrill Hall. We think.

There's been some confusion this summer as to our actual and real location. Rumors are circulating that we've moved to another condemned building on campus. Those rumors were printed in the *Reno Evening Gazette*, August 2; the *University Summer Times*, Aug. 1 and 15; the 1977-78 *Student Handbook*, page nine; and on our own stationery and ad rate cards.

The rumors are absolutely untrue. We are here in Morrill Hall.

We are here until Thanksgiving, Christmas perhaps, when we will spend cheery holidays packing and moving \$20,000 worth of equipment. Or, maybe we'll be here until March, April when snows of a predicted, but unprecedented early winter thaw, allowing construction to commence on Morrill Hall.

Soon after we're settled into our new facility (the Mechanical Arts Building, among the remains of an anatomist's work), we'll once again prepare for evacuation. The building is slated for demolition, as are so many

brick buildings on campus, or perhaps renovation into a faculty lounge or art museum.

We are here in Morrill Hall to stay until Ed Pine, vice-president of university business, and Brian Whelan, physical plant director, decide when and where we are moving.

The Alumni Association announced in early June its renovation of Morrill Hall this fall. The problem of where to house student publications apparently didn't become an issue until the *Sagebrush* editor was appointed in mid-July. We were then promised an office by mid-August. Two weeks prior to publishing today, we were told to remain in Morrill Hall, temporarily.

During the interim period that publication editors awaited news of their new location, many hours of planning were lost.

And we estimate many hundreds of dollars in advertising revenue were lost for publications and the Associated Students.

We encourage our readers to visit our temporary Morrill Hall location. Writers, photographers, contributors are always a blessing at our doorstep. You know where to find us. Although we're not sure.

-Hinton

Say a man has spent all but his last \$15 on the bus ticket that brought him to Reno, a region of opportunity for busboys and slot machine attendants. He gets a casino job the first day. He has two weeks to wait for a paycheck.

The man is unable to afford a room. Leaving his parcels at a local church, he spends the graveyard hours following his swing shift nodding in a downtown coffee-shop. He goes two nights without sleep. He feels he can't go on working.

The man has tried for a bed at the Salvation Army. But he passed through town some eight months before, and they won't accept him twice in the same year. The Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission had closed its doors before his midnight quitting time.

Either organization has a three to four day limit on sleeping privileges. And the Gospel Mission requires that he attend an hour-long Christian worship service daily.

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Say two Belgian students are touring the U. S. on a shoestring budget. They arrive in Reno and seek the shelter described in their 1977 tour books.

The students are left without an alternative when they discover the Reno Youth Hostel folded last summer, and the "crash pad" in the choir loft of Our Lady of Wisdom Church was discontinued a year and a half ago.

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Today, civic leaders and concerned citizens are meeting at the Holiday Inn on 6th Street to discuss human needs of the Reno-Sparks area. The Human Resource Conference, sponsored by the Washoe Council of Governments, will provide workshops on health, housing, family problems, education and consumer rights.

We feel that they should consider also the urgent need to lodge transient persons.

Every community has its flow of transients, and every community should provide temporary shelter for those who—for one reason or another—have neither money nor friends nor alternative local resources.

During summer, the traffic is especially heavy with young back-packers seeking cheap lodging. Many of them end up sleeping on university lawns.

After struggling for five years, the local hostel—funded by the ASUN and other donors, using volunteer help—failed because it could find no permanent location.

A permanent hostel could be realized if a suitable house or building were donated. Supported by local churches, citizens and the university, a new youth hostel and transient center would be a milestone in the development of a farsighted Reno-Sparks community.

-Hinton/Crawford

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 Aside

Elvis Presley: Rags to riches



RABBI ABRAHAM L. FEINBERG

At the risk of irreverence, if not blasphemy, I take pen in hand to offer an unworshipful assessment of the legend: Elvis Presley. His earthly extinction triggered demonstrations of grief that astonish even the social psychologists who talk about adolescent, hysteria-prone middle-America. The flood of tears was "fit for a king" . . .

Aside from the emotional binge which inevitably overwhelms masses of people inhibited by Puritan self-restraint and the American pioneer tradition of the "strong silent man," what, in Elvis himself, cast so many (and the media) into eulogistic paroxysms of sorrow?

For one thing, Elvis was the embodiment, and fulfillment, of the American dream. No other land on this whirling planet exalts material wealth with such boundless homage—and no rustic yokel in American history has so gloriously and glamorously "made it."

The "rags to riches" hero of my boyhood around the turn of the century was packed into the pages of the Horatio Alger books (now a collector's item). He rose from boot-black to banker and married the boss's daughter. A sparkless dud compared to the emperor of rock 'n roll! Elvis led a whole generation of fantasy-ridden females to an imaginary nuptial couch and gave males the illusion that anyone can rise to the top.

Ball-bearing hips; a curled lip; low-down specific sensuality; a mediocre, gut-inflammatory voice coated with show-biz (and unspoiled by vocal technique)—all became a vivid symbol of total "do-your-own-thing"-ness. That was like an LSD trip for people of all ages and sexes hamstrung and shackled by Big Brother-ism, paternalistic bureaucracy, religious conditioning, the tyranny of respectability—and lack of money.

They couldn't dare imitate the defiance of the system Elvis packaged so dynamically into every note and every pelvic thrust—but they found in it an almost orgasmic spasm of liberation.

The recollection of Elvis always appears to me as an image of hostility. His fury, his mien, his posture, the subtle snarl and sneer (and leer) bespoke an angry young man out to intimidate and shout down the wealthy nabobs who reduced his parents to threadbare odd-job poverty. He was out to "beat the game" and laugh at the fine folk who exploit it.

Not that he deliberately chose to be the singing paladin of freedom for the oppressed! Far from it! Nor was he at all conscious of such a role! But it lent a subconscious force to his performance.

Above all, his hearers, also from the depths of their subconscious, recognized and reached out to him as the assurance of their possible liberation. He showed them that a country bumpkin can conquer the powers that be—and the "little guy" loved him for it.

Abraham Lincoln comes to mind. The charisma of "Honest Abe" transformed a backwoods log cabin into the White House. Elvis Presley's magic metamorphosed a Tupelo, Mississippi, depression-shadowed frame house into Graceland mansion of many rooms and marble halls. I doubt that the sombre, tragedy-smitten leanness of "Honest Abe" could achieve an iota of the massive adulation evoked by the neon-lit brouhaha that enveloped the acolyte of success who reluctantly took anti-appetite pills in a losing struggle to lose weight.

Americans (like most human beings) want noise, laughter, release from problems such as Korea, Vietnam, the Kennedy murders and inflation (all of which sur-

faced in the Presley era). Where shall release be found if not in the rock 'n roll tom-tom beat of the skilled performer who made "Elvis" a byword for untrammled

frenzy? (Both Abe and Elvis got a funeral worthy of a martyred President.)

American youth today, especially at the college level, likes to downgrade the old cliché that this is the great "land of opportunity." A glance at long lines of unemployed graduates can dampen such patriotic ardor.

Hasn't Elvis resurrected that faith? He parlayed a \$35-a-week trucking job, a \$2.98 guitar and a remarkably shrewd promoter into the "biggest estate Tennessee ever saw" (and a fleet of airplanes and Cadillacs). The fabulous royalties of 500 million records (and more to come) will presumably pour into his carefully-guarded posthumous coffers until the end of time or of the human species.

That river of gold had another source: the canny financial mind of Elvis himself. Inside the hot core of a romantic "star" was embedded the cold, pragmatic mentality of a computer. A Southerner with the money orientation of a "dam' Yankee" trader from New England! Was it an accident that gifts from Elvis to his cronies and staff bore the initials TCB: "Take Care of Business?"

"I never thought he could ever die!" a sobbing devotee was heard to cry out at his funeral. Will Elvis be immortal, as his far-out fans believe? His voice on continuously-pressed discs guarantees a kind of immortality.

A Methodist minister, at a memorial service in Las Vegas, prayed for "acceptance of Elvis Presley into the heavenly halls to bring music and joy and laughter." Would the angelic choir welcome the king of rock 'n roll? I suspect he would not even get an audition. Joy and laughter, I'm sure, will be aroused *on earth!*

Elvis Presley's career began to skyrocket when he spent four dollars to make a birthday record for his mother—an act that typified life-long loyalty to his kin. He was a good family man to the end. He willed his vast fortune to an 85-year-old grandmother, nine-year-old daughter and elderly father empowered to relay monetary bequests to other living relatives.

Nothing for charity and good works, or a foundation for the nurture of rock 'n roll, or the care of unemployed show-people? Or the poor folks who gave him their adoration—and fame? One might think of free schools, hospitals, homes for the elderly, and wonder.

Yes, Elvis was "good to his family." And humble, too (!). Perhaps he felt that a boulevard named for him in Memphis was honor enough. He didn't need "Elvis Presley" engraved and plastered on humanitarian institutions.

And the legions of idolaters to whom his primordial shout and stomp give an experience of uninhibited release will always be grateful. Again, as a preacher might say, he's engraved on their hearts. Amen!

Abe ("Tony") Feinberg, rabbi-in-residence at The Center for Religion and Life and reknowned spokesman for international peace, had his own professional career in music as the radio star Anthony Frome back in the 1930's. Several years ago he recorded an album of contemporary songs under the Vanguard label with the help and encouragement of John Lennon and Yoko Ono.

Feinberg, at 77, currently hosts a radio program, sponsored by the Nevada Humanities Committee, for benefit of senior citizens called "Grey Lib Plus." The show is recorded live weekly at the Blue Mailbox Coffeehouse and aired over Nevada stations. He is author of two books and is vigorously working on a third.

—Editor

"Elvis led a whole generation of fantasy-ridden females to an imaginary nuptial couch, and gave males the illusion that anyone can rise to the top"

Periphery



Senior Gary Chayra savors his ASUN cantaloupe, served free to students last week during registration by the Activities Board.

Faculty Senate Boards and Committees

Academic Standards (2)
Code Committee (2)
Faculty Information and Documentation (2)
Salary and Benefits Committee (2)
Institutional Studies and Budget (2)
Library Committee (1)

UNR Committees and Boards

Arboretum Board (1)
Arts Festival Board (2)
Computer Users Advisory Board (1)
Educational Radio and Television Board (2)
Environmental Studies Board (2)
Equal Opportunity Board (2)
Ethnic Studies Board (1)
Financial Aid and Scholarship Board (1)
Honors Study Board (1)
Interdisciplinary Programs Board (1)
International Studies Development and Review Board (1)
Intercollegiate Athletic Board (2 men, 2 women)
Military Affairs Review Board (3)
National Student Exchange Program Board (1)
Outstanding Teacher Award Committee (2)
Public Occasions Board (1)
Residency Appeals Board (1)
Space Assignment Board (1)
Student Affairs Board (3)
Student Health Service Advisory Board (3)
Teacher Education Board (2)
Traffic and Parking Board (2)
Whittell Forest and Wildlife Area Board of Control (2)

The cost of higher education

A long-term study of the effects of liberal education has suggested that college graduates with the best records of academic achievement turn out 10 to 15 years later to be less competent and less mature than students whose academic success was comparatively modest.

Put another way, the implication is that—at least for graduates of one small, selective liberal-arts college—the higher a student's grades and test scores, the less "effective" he is likely to be as an adult.

Indeed, the author of the study theorizes from the results that increasing academic aptitude among such students may "get in the way of and detract from maturing and adult interpersonal competence."

The researcher, Douglas H. Heath, professor of psychology at Haverford College, says the findings, though not yet conclu-

sive, raise disturbing questions about the role of liberal education and the means educators use to evaluate what they're doing. Most colleges do not inquire about their graduates a decade later, he says, so they have no way of knowing the "enduring effects" of their programs. He thinks such inquiries—and the reforms they generate—are essential to the vitality and survival of liberal education.

According to his study, which has focused intensively on 68 Haverford men since their freshman year in the early 1960's, "non-academic factors" such as character development, moral values and interpersonal skills ultimately may be more important to a graduate's growth and success as an adult than the intellectual accomplishments that colleges traditionally emphasize and evaluate.

Chronicle of Higher Education

Solicit for ASUN publications

Applications are now being accepted for the position of ASUN Publications Advertising Manager.

Responsibilities will include the solicitation and sales of advertising for both the *Sagebrush* and the campus yearbook, *Artemisia*.

Applicants must be members of ASUN with at least a 2.0 GPA.

Deadline for filing is Monday, Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. For applications and details contact Peggy Martin of the ASUN Office in the Jot Travis Building. Telephone: 784-6589.

A \$1 million donation, from a Las Vegas health spa owner, to help build phase four of the UNR School of Medical Sciences was presented to the school's advisory board last week.

Claude Howard's surprise gift will be used toward science and research laboratories when the school develops a four-year program.

Ya'll come back

Reno Little Theatre has opened its 43rd season, with "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" by Mark Medoff. The play, presented at 8 p.m. in the Semenza Circle at RLT, concludes Friday and Saturday.

Seating is limited to 100 persons. For reservations one may call 329-0661, 1-5 p.m. Parental guidance is advised, as for reasons of vulgar language and violent action this play is not suggested for children.

No rejections at Brushfire

Brushfire is an unreliably-produced periodical which emits from the personal whims and shortcomings of an occasionally-appointed and casually-supported editor; it is ostensibly, depending upon the quality of the contributions, a literary and art magazine.

As this year's editor, I will accept fewer criticisms than manuscripts. In fact, there will be no rejections of anything written in our language and having the forms and pretensions of poetry, fiction, literary essays, photography and pictorial expression. We will print ourselves monthly throughout the year, excluding January, so the final deadline will be April 15, 1978.

Paul Lyon
Brushfire Editor

Lawful citizens

Being law-abiding citizens, we are following the provisions of the new open meeting law which requires us to post agendas three school days in advance of any meeting.

Please note these agenda deadlines now in effect:

Activities Board: Every Thursday at 12 noon

Finance Control Board: Every Friday at 12 noon

Publications Board: Every Wednesday at 12 noon

ASUN Senate: Every Thursday at 12 noon

Students interested in submitting items to be included on agendas should contact Peggy Martin in the ASUN Office. Telephone: 784-6589.

Board offer

The Herculean challenge to find students willing to represent the ASUN on university-wide committees and boards is at hand.

Don't delay. See Peggy Martin in the ASUN Office for details of this special offer. If you don't see anything you like—we'll change the titles to suit your individual quirks!

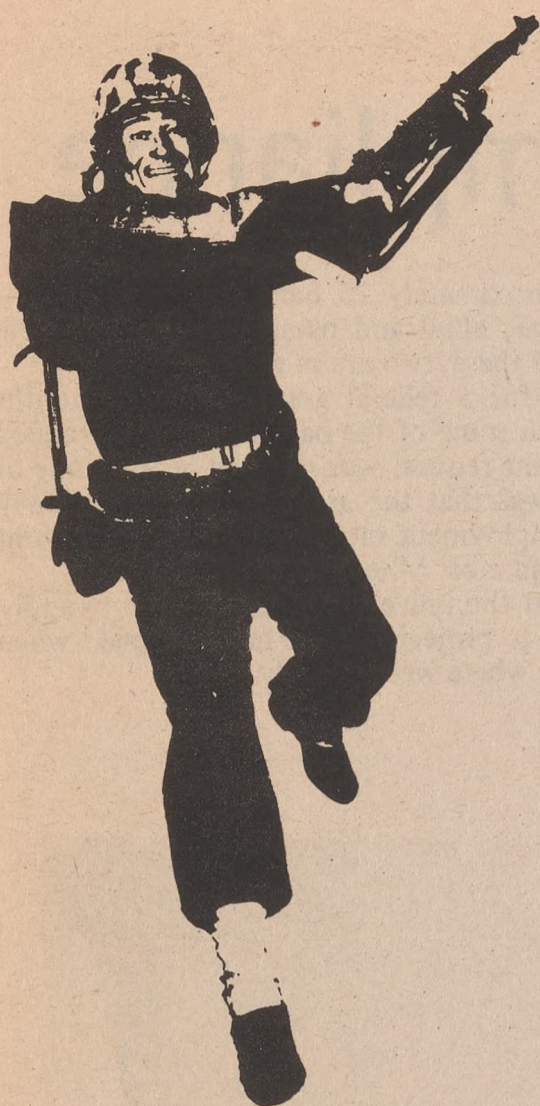
Numbers in parentheses indicate how many representatives are needed for each committee.

\$1 Million

Med School gets gift



Men behind the Med School: Dr. Manville; Claude Howard, million dollar donor; George Smith, dean of the school; and Dr. Fred Anderson.



DON LAPLANTE

ROTC abolished fall '78

who had originally moved to retain the requirement, indicated to the regents' secretary his intention had been to require Military Science for both men and women.

At the June meeting, Dr. Anderson reversed his first vote and with Karamanos and Lombardi absent the vote was 5-2 to make Military Science voluntary.

Anderson said he changed his vote because new and more persuasive information was presented. He said he was influenced by how few schools still had a military science requirement.

Max Milam, UNR president, said he was pleased by the action to make the program voluntary and said he believes the program will benefit over time.

"The effect will be fewer people in the freshman course, but where you really want people is in the advanced program," he said.

The Military Affairs Review Board, composed heavily of persons involved in ROTC, had urged unanimously the program be made voluntary and an improved recruiting effort be started. At the May meeting, the review board's recommendation had been endorsed by Ken Braunstein, chairman of the criminal justice department and review board chairman; Joan Chambers, chair of the UNR Faculty Senate; and John McCaskill, ASUN president.

It was McCaskill who first brought up the possibility that the Military Science program violated sex discrimination laws. Milam also said the program might violate the law.

However, with the action in June, the program will violate no laws. The requirement is still in effect this year because of a stipulation in the contract with the Army stating that any change in the program must be preceded by a one-year notice. However, next year freshmen will be taking Military Science only if they are interested, not because of a requirement.

Milam said the mandatory program had a negative effect. "Being in a class with 100 people who hate ROTC creates great peer pressure not to continue in the program," he said.

The change to a voluntary program will start as an experiment, with a review after the first year.

Milam told the regents that should the program not improve or should the university be in danger of losing the program, he would recommend its reinstatement without the Military A option.

He later said he believes the Military A option was strictly illegal. He said it might be possible to have a Military Science requirement for males only that would withstand a court test, but Military A was definitely a violation.

Milam cited national defense considerations that could be applied to the class requirement, but said there was no such content to the Military A option.

At the May meeting, when the regents voted to retain the requirement, they were addressed by a number of retired military officers urging the program remain mandatory.

Chancellor to leave this week for Alaska

Neil Humphrey, chancellor of the University of Nevada system, will leave his position this week to become president of the University of Alaska.

The two posts are equivalent, although the titles differ. In Nevada, Humphrey directed two universities, three community colleges and the Desert Research Institute. In Alaska, he will run a thirteen-campus system.

Before becoming chancellor, Humphrey had served as UNR business manager, vice-president and acting president.

With Humphrey leaving, the Board of Regents will hold a special meeting Sept. 2 in Las Vegas to select an acting chancellor and to begin the search for a permanent replacement for Humphrey.

Among those mentioned as possible acting chancellors are Donald Baepler, UNLV president; Ed Pine, UNR vice-president for business; Russ McDonald, former Washoe County manager and a

number of other present and former officials in the university system.

It may be difficult for the university to find a first-rate permanent chancellor because of the low pay.

By law, the salary is limited to 95 percent of the governor's salary, or \$38,000 a year. That will increase to \$47,000 a year when the governor's salary increases in January, 1979. (Humphrey will receive about \$63,000 a year, plus a free residence, in Alaska.)

UNR President Max Milam said even at the higher figure it will be very difficult to attract a person for the job. "Faculty salaries are to the point where there is not the incentive to be an administrator," Milam said.

Humphrey said salary was not a major consideration in his leaving, but that after about 10 years as acting president and chancellor he was ready to move on to new and different challenges.

Open meeting covers ASUN government

DON LAPLANTE

The student governments within the University of Nevada system, including ASUN, are now covered by the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

The revised law passed by the 1977 legislature required the Board of Regents to establish student government regulations that were equivalent to those in the state law.

As adopted by the regents at the July meeting, the regulations require that virtually all meetings of student governments, including boards and subcommittees, must be open to the public.

The agenda for each meeting must be posted in at least four places on campus, three working days before the meeting. That means for the regular Wednesday meeting of the ASUN Senate, a notice and agenda must be posted no later than the Friday before the meeting.

The rules also require that the notice and agenda be mailed to any person who requests them.

Written minutes are required of all

meetings listing members present and absent, the issues discussed and what the resulting votes were. Those minutes are public records and must be available for inspection by the public within a reasonable time after the meeting.

The law does allow closed meetings but only to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person.

Closed meetings are prohibited to consider the appointment of anyone to the student government or to any office created by a student government.

The rules also provide that any student government member who attends a meeting that is in violation of the regulations would lose his post.

The UNR Faculty Senate is also covered by the state open meeting law, as interpreted by Larry Lessly, the university general counsel. This means that the faculty senate must follow the same basic rules as the regents and the student governments.

Donnelly dismissed

Charles Donnelly, president of Nevada's Community College Division, was fired by the Board of Regents at the June meeting in Las Vegas.

The regents also wanted to abolish the position of Community College Division president, but Attorney General Bob List ruled such an action would require an amendment to the university code and by-laws. List said that action would have to take place in an open meeting and not in the executive session where the decision was made not to rehire Donnelly.

When a proposed code change to abolish the position came up at the July meeting in Reno, a number of persons submitted statements and spoke in support of Donnelly.

Apparently the action by the regents was caused by two factors. First, there was dissatisfaction by some with Donnelly's performance. Second, there was the feeling that there was little for the Community College Division president to do after his budget had been slashed by the legislature. After the action by the legislature, Donnelly's office basically consisted of Donnelly and his secretary.

Although the action not to rehire Donnelly for 1977-78 was taken in closed session, from a vote at the July meeting it was apparently a five-member majority that ousted Donnelly. It appears regents James Buchanan, John Buchanan, Chris Karamanos, Molly Knudsen and John

Tom Ross voted against Donnelly, as these were the five who voted against a motion to take no further action to abolish the position.

Regents Fred Anderson, Lilly Fong, Louis Lombardi and Brenda Mason voted not to take any more action on abolishing the post. Lombardi was not at the meeting in June when Donnelly was fired, but supports Donnelly. In July he made a motion to give Donnelly the president's post, but was ruled out of order because he had not voted on the prevailing side in June.

The proposed code changes are now before the various faculty senates for review and another fight can be expected when the matter goes before the regents at the October meeting in Reno. At that time, a two-thirds vote (six votes) will be required to adopt the change abolishing the post.

If none of the regents changes his vote, a stalemate could occur with a majority against reappointing Donnelly, but not having the votes to abolish the position.

Donnelly was granted a six-month sabbatical leave by the regents, who waived the requirement that he return to the university after the leave of absence expires in January. Donnelly has said he is looking for community college positions elsewhere, but is presently scheduled to teach at Clark County Community College starting in January.

Handicapped facilities

Grant would assist federal rule compliance

TIFFINAE CHADWICK

UNR can expect no confirmation before October on its application for an Economic Development Advisory (EDA) grant, according to Bob Stewart, press secretary to Gov. Mike O'Callaghan. The grant would allow the university to comply with federal regulations regarding campus structural changes to benefit handicapped students.

UNR President Max Milam said that at the July Board of Regents meeting O'Callaghan committed approximately \$100,000 of the state monies as part of the governor's public works program. Milam added that estimates from UNR Physical Plant and Buildings and Grounds had set the project costs at \$99,500. This estimate was submitted to the EDA Committee in late July for a possible reimbursement.

Stewart said that the grant request was returned to UNR, "pending further required information by the EDA Committee." He added that the information was sent to EDA on August 5 and should reach the committee by August 8. Stewart said, "These things usually take around 60 days, and the university should know by October 6."

UNR is seeking federal funding sources in order to comply with the 1968 Federal Architectural Act which requires that all campuses provide accessibility for handicapped persons.

Brian Whalen, UNR Physical Plant Director and supervisor of the remodeling project, itemized some of the proposed revamping projects. His department will install an elevator and ramp in Thompson Student Services, as well as a bell at the doorway for students requiring assistance. Ramps will be installed in both Clark Administration and Fransden Humanities; Palmer Engineering will get either a ramp or lift; and the revolving doors will be replaced by hinged doors in Clark Administration.

Although no grants have yet been received, work began this summer in a few areas on campus. The half-century-old brick walk leading to the west entrance of Thompson Student Services was torn out and replaced

with a concrete ramp. According to John Sala, this project was funded through the Buildings and Grounds budget. When asked if his department would be reimbursed for this cost if the grant were approved he replied, "Probably not."

A joint suit was filed against the university last year claiming that the campus failed to comply with federal regulations which would make its buildings and classrooms accessible to handicapped persons. The claim, which was supported by the American Civil Liberties Union, was stayed in early July by U. S. District Judge Bruce Thompson, allowing the university an additional two months to comply.

There are approximately 25 handicapped students—including the deaf, blind and paraplegic—currently enrolled at UNR. Of these, two are in wheelchairs.

UNR applied for a federal grant about 18 months to help take down some of the barriers for handicapped students. This grant request was rejected because one of the stipulations was that the area receiving the money have a high unemployment rate. Reno's unemployment rate was lower than most other areas in the state.

Milam said that the university will continue to apply for additional aid to projects for the handicapped "when a source opens up where we can apply."



Campus accessibility would be improved for paraplegics and other handicapped students with monies from a federal grant

Traffic Board avoids moves

SYLVIA MANESS

Changes in campus parking zones were avoided by the Parking and Traffic Board (PTB) at its first meeting of the semester last week.

Chairman Stan Barnhill requested that the board defer action on some requests until new members are appointed by President Max Milam for this year and until the campus master plan, now being developed, is completed.

The PTB, appointed by and advisory to Milam, has been embroiled in controversy in past years while trying to develop a new parking system for the car-clogged campus. But a solution to the overcrowded parking conditions on campus does not seem to be in sight for this year.

A plan developed by the PTB in 1975, under chairman Tom Reed, was dumped last year after severe criticism from students, faculty and staff members.

Parking problems that the PTB has been trying to solve for a number of years include the following:

- Lack of adequate on-campus parking, forcing many students to park on surrounding streets.

- Lack of parking close to classrooms, forcing many students to park far from their classes. The large Mackay Stadium lot was often near capacity last year.

- Lack of space in the faculty and staff lots, forcing some to park in student areas which are already crowded.

- Lack of adequate parking for visitors near their destinations.

- Confusion, particularly among visitors, about where they can legally park.

During monthly meetings the PTB establishes traffic and parking regulations, sets fees and decides appeals. All appeals of parking citations issued by UNPD come before the board as do requests for parking-zone changes and requests for special parking privileges.

\$3 million Getchell expansion convenient for fall students

At a cost of more than \$3 million, Getchell Library has been expanded to better accommodate the reference and research needs of the university community. The building now covers 172,746 square feet and has the space to house 690,000 volumes.

The expansion was undertaken to provide room for a growing collection and to help meet the needs of an ever-increasing number of students. Until now, adding to the book collection meant depleting seating space, severely limiting student study areas. The new wing provides 500 additional seating spaces which will alleviate this problem.

This summer, much shifting of books, catalogs, offices and departments was completed in anticipation of increased use this fall. Ruth Donovan, assistant director of libraries, said that although the changes will take some getting used to, the administrative staff is "delighted with the way the new wing turned out and hopes that the students will take advantage of the improvements."

The new wing houses the administrative offices, Special Collections, the Black Rock Press, University Archives, Contemporary Issues, the Oral History Project

Basque Studies on the top floor. The serials department is on the main floor, where much of the space is devoted to open study area. The ground floor is actually two stack levels, each with carrels and tables for quiet study.

The moves have left room for expansion in other departments, most notably circulation, reference and government publications. Still other moves are planned for the fall, when the Mines Library, the Faculty Senate and the Affirmative Action Office will move into the main library.

A general information leaflet will be available throughout the library to help acclimate students to the changes. Those unable to find what they need are encouraged to ask any staff member for assistance.

Operating hours are as follows:

Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, 1 p.m.-10 p.m.

Hours vary around holiday weekends and exams, but changes are always posted.

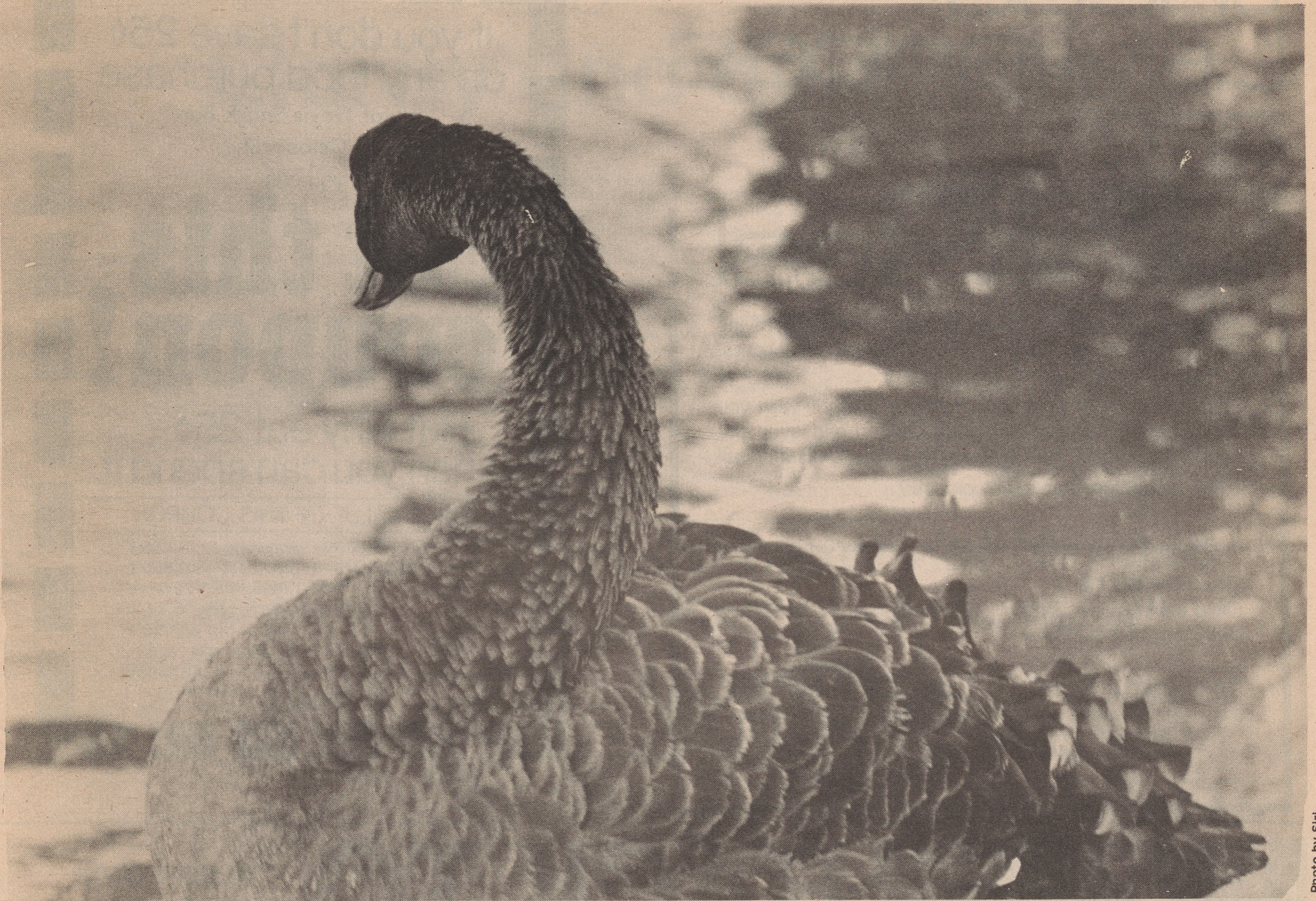


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JULIE WHEAT

Unfortunately, swans don't live too long on the UNR campus.

After the brutal killing last May of Siegfried and Odette, the white swans that inhabited Manzanita Lake, the university acquired two black swans. Now Meador, the only survivor, is going back to Sea World in San Diego.

Early last week, the female black swan Lena was attacked by an unleashed dog. Peggy Martin, ASUN secretary, took Lena to the veterinarian.

"I thought she was going to make it—I was supposed to bring her home the next day," said Martin, who feeds and takes care of the ducks and swans. But instead, Lena died Thursday morning.

In a meeting Thursday, a committee of student representatives and school administrators decided that it was too risky to get another mate for Meador because of the attacks and the fact that swans are more vulnerable in the winter. So Meador is returning to his original home at Sea World, where hopefully he will find another mate.

The black swans were donated to the university by Barbara and Allen Taylor, while at the same time radio station KOLO sponsored a community drive to raise money for new swans. Swans usually cost \$250 a pair.

"The black swans were so friendly, they would walk right up to you," remarked student Jon Truman. Many students felt this way about the young black swans, but agreed that the mature white swans always disturbed geese that frequently visited the lake.

Till of a sudden,
 May-be killed, unknown to her mate,
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Walt Whitman

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Clarity and quietude

PAUL LYON

Nevada, A History
Robert Laxalt
W. W. Norton & Co., Inc., 1977

"Until recent years, the prospect of parents from other states sending their children to Nevada for higher education was remote. Nevada's reputation as a sin state conjured up images of students spending their spare time and money lounging over gambling tables or consorting with hoodlums and prostitutes."

Spare money after out-of-state tuition? But we know what he's talking about, and in this strange state, the students could be on either side of those tables, or that consortium.

Mr. Laxalt, Nevada's Frank Dobie, and brother of that archetypal Nevadan Paul Laxalt (original proprietor of Carson City's largest casino, formerly of its governor's desk, currently conservative senator from Nevada, and lately Ronald Reagan's campaign booster), has written the shortest, most poetic, and best history of Nevada you will be likely to read.

Who can read the other ones? There's one written, or rather, built, in 1881, that in early days came with a buckboard to get it from the living room to the study, and is put together thematically on the Sears-Roebuck principle of editing; that is, things are available in it, but hidden just coyly enough to cause you to plod a bit first. Then there's the academic histories, written by our faculty, which tell us more about politics and economics than about ourselves.

The foreign (read: out-of-state) myths of Nevada tell us much more. What Laxalt has done has been to incorporate these spiritual facts about his state into a home-grown history—and thus bring them home where they belong.

Though highly personalized, the tract is an effective and swift summation of a makeshift community, which has rendered its makeshiftness an institution. In a state not noted for its humanism—though chock-full of humans here and there—Laxalt's history is richly subjective; and, either because of the impact of the landscape upon him, or his writer's honesty, it is basically selfless behind all the first-person narrative, even on subjects which are cesspools of avarice.

Even if history is not biography, or economics, or epic verse, it had better be something stimulating to almost everyone, or anyone, or it's of no value, for it's not read—or heard. The historical industry has shrunk into a jealous, confined science of high statistical, picayunish, and iconoclastic prejudice, but the historical spirit continues in all the genuine forms it is accustomed to.

I would bicker with Laxalt about his deference to what he considers to be better-qualified histories of Nevada. It is different from them, and it is the difference between a compassionate account of Nevada (which is more an event than a state) and a bulletin board upon which a hassled wife has tacked a list of things to do and a calendar of dates important only to her associates, the kids.

Much of the power of Laxalt's history is in his approach to language. He realizes that the facts of the past must pass through that wilderness of words before reaching us. In some cases he has taken the route of laying be-

the fundamental fact of the state, its shape. Or the value of this image of what surrounds us: "... standing armies of slot machines..." What these do for individual subjects, the format of the book does for the sometimes unwieldy subject of the state's past and present.

In spite of its brevity, the book suggests a vastness in which unrelated vagaries swim about like the endangered puffin in a somehow unifying solution. After all, so much of the material at hand is so eccentric, or amusing, or spirited away into old and obscure residual files, that Laxalt is correct in assuming, or sensing, that only the land, the place where it all takes place, makes final sense.

But this in no way disarms the peculiar value of knowing, for instance, that Tasker Oddie, for whom Oddie Blvd. in Sparks was named, that string upon which such priceless jewels as K-Mart, McDonalds, and Grand Central are strung, once hired a well-armed Wyatt Earp.

"Until... 1859... Nevada was simply a place to be gotten through as quickly as possible on the way to gol-

"The best history of Nevada you'll be likely to read"

fore us statements-from-life of Nevada speakers, claiming that "... nothing is more revealing of the character, attitudes, and environment of a region than the pure language of the people who inhabit it. Their expression needs no broadening upon."

But for the most part, he speaks for himself, and his compressive powers are great. Consider how much "... the nibbled triangular piece that is now southern..." tells us about, or happily and aptly reminds us of,

den California," is painfully true, in a way, even now. We are reminded that the major population centers today were originally begun here as watering holes for the locomotive, pony express, overland stage, and the major wagon-route west.

However, the author of this history is well aware that with a scarcity of things-to-be-gotten comes an absolute Comstock Lode of things-to-be-understood. He speaks of our home with a clarity and quietude available only in a clear and quiet place.

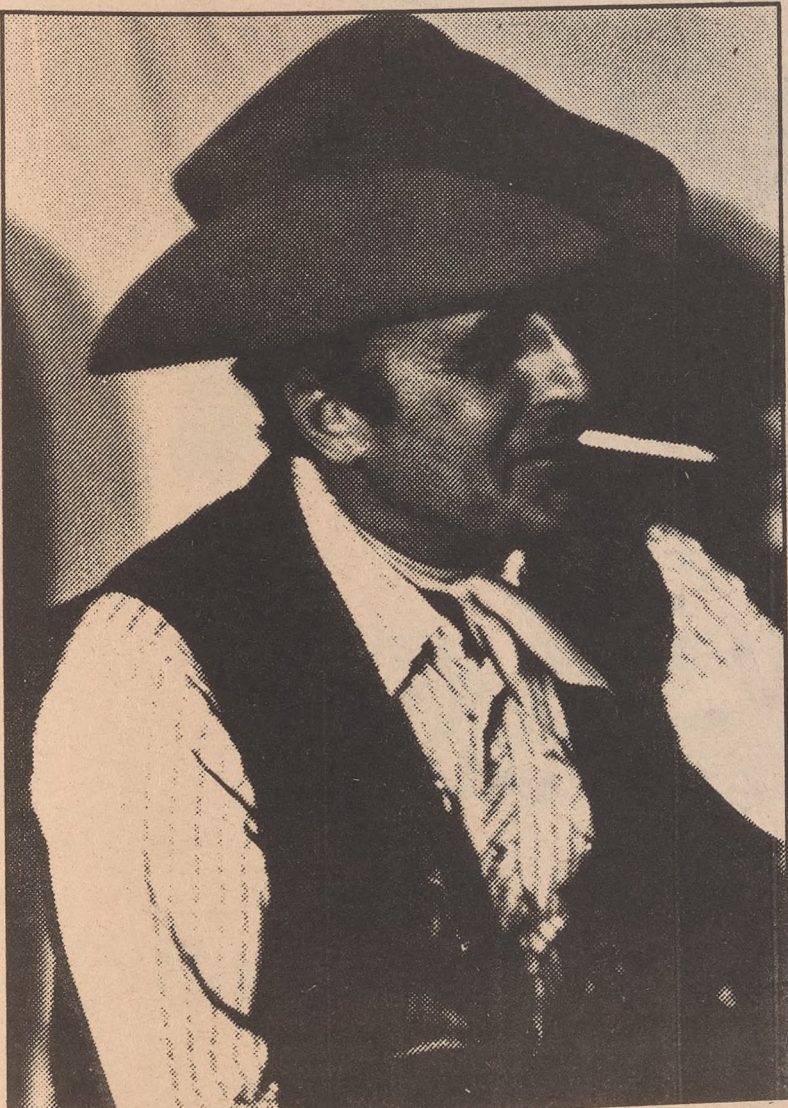


Photo by K. Laxalt

Robert Laxalt is the author of *Nevada*, his fifth book.



Photo by Joe Munroe from NEVADA: A HISTORY

Social-realistic film themes on decline

HUMPHREY CLINCKER

During the early and middle 70's a number of popular American movies were produced with either blatant or cryptic social-realistic themes. These films usually avoided the personality dynamics of social realism but instead were generally delimited in four, at times overlapping, categories. These categories normally existed in either the political or the criminal genre.

For example, social realism, was viewed in such movies as *WUSA* (1971), *Godfather II* (1974), *Hearts*

and *Minds* (1974) and *All the President's Men* (1976) as political exercise in the manifestation of power. It was seen in *The French Connection* (1972), *Magnum Force* (1973), *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1975) and *The Enforcer* (1976) as a means of saving a disintegrating social order. It was evolved in such moving pictures as *Dirty Harry* (1972), *Stone Killers* (1973), *Badge 373* (1974) and *Death Wish* (1974) as an outlet for personalized revenge. And lastly it was manifested in such movies as *Straw Dogs* (1972), and *Mr. Majestyk* (1974) as being a violent defense of personal property over individual liberty.

Since 1975, however, movies with social-realistic themes have begun to decline and gradually disappear from the wide screen. The reasons for this decline seem to be at least two-fold. Firstly, the Vietnam War which brought the American social order under close cinematic scrutiny has become a part of yore, and secondly, there seems to be an explosively renewed desire for pure escapism in cinema. The social realism that was so pronounced in moving pictures only a few years ago has apparently lost its vogue.

The Vietnam War, for example, magnified the American social order's weakest domestic points. To defend the social order from these negative factors, especially the high crime and murder rates, filmmakers often projected ruthless vigilantism (e. g. *Death Wish*) on screen. Violent extra-legal deals become justified in cinema to save the social structure. The end of the war, however, caused a forced re-focusing of movie priorities.

No longer entangled in Vietnam, for example, Americans began to focus their attention on such economic problems as joblessness, the high cost of living and energy shortages. Issues of personal economic disadvantage and surviving life's everyday hassles have become more important to most of us than saving the social order. The social order's problems thus became subservient to individual needs.

To capitalize on this current state of economic stress, moviemakers have over the last few years begun to mass produce pure escapist movies. These new escapist motion pictures, similar to musical films of the Depression-era 30's, don't attempt to magnify social problems but instead tend to take the movieviewer on flights into fantasy.

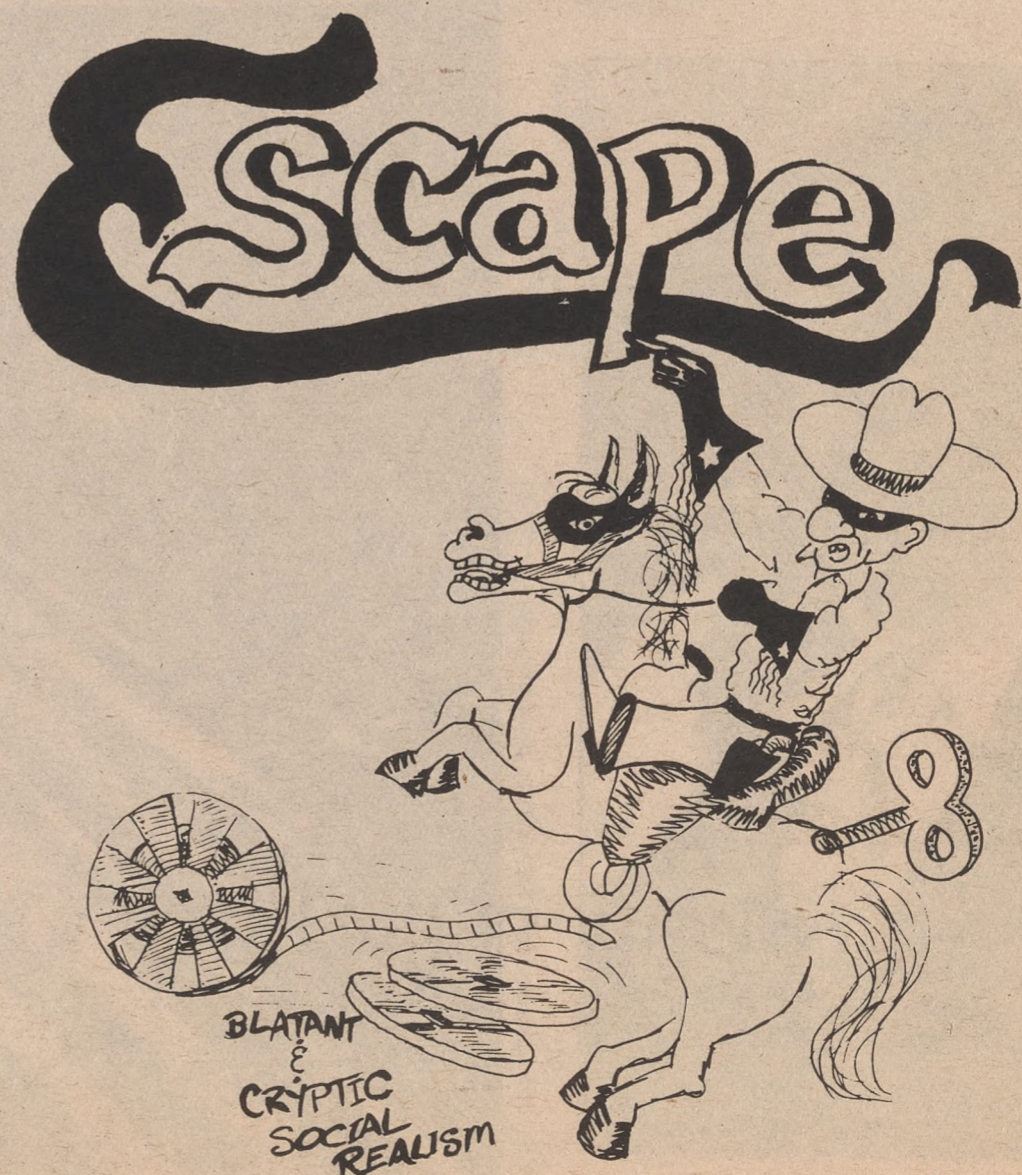
The moving pictures released during this last summer exemplified this new trend in cinema. *Star Wars*, *The Deep*, *The Spy Who Loved Me*, *Sinbad in the Eye of the Tiger*, *Smokey and the Bandit*, *Rollercoaster*, *The Last Remake of Beau Geste* and *The People that Time Forgot* are just a few examples of the current mode in pictures. A handful of movies, notably *Twilight's Last Gleaming*, *New York, New York*, *MacArthur*, *Sorcerer* and *The Heretic* which attempted to deal with serious themes proved to be box office bombs.

It appears that the trend away from social-realistic themes, at least in the political and criminal genres, will continue. Escapist movies are presently a hot product. In the near future such escapist moving pictures as those in the *Star Wars* mold will become increasingly commonplace. Movies dealing with comic book heroes such as Superman, the Lone Ranger and Flash Gordon, for example, are either in or set for production. Social-realistic themes in cinema consequently appear for the moment to be headed for a nadir.

The Stars Wars mold will become increasingly commonplace

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

5 p.m.—ASUN Finance Control Board, Ingersoll Room, Union.

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31

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

9:15 p.m.—Telescopic stargazing, Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium sidewalk, weather permitting. Admission free; the public is invited.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

Noon-2 p.m.—Concert, "A Child's Art," Manzanita Bowl. Admission free.

7:30 p.m.—Concert, "A Spring of Joy," Center for Religion and Life.

8 p.m.—Drama, *When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?*, Reno Little Theatre, 7th and Sierra Streets. Student admission \$1.50.

9 p.m.—Opening, the Blue Mailbox Coffeehouse, Center for Religion and Life, featuring Kandas Siren with Jim Hanson, "Blue J" Whelan.

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Sports

5 new athletic posts filled this summer

STEVE MARTARANO

At least five new posts have been filled this summer by UNR Athletic Director Dick Trachok.

The department is growing and as a result, the positions of business manager, coordinator of women's athletics, women's trainer, women's tennis coach, softball assistant and an assistant women's volleyball and basketball coach have been added.

Former UNR defensive backfield coach Tom Reed is the new business manager. According to Trachok, Reed handles the paperwork and also doubles as ticket manager.

UNR's current golf coach, John Legarza, now has an added job as coordinator of women's athletics. Trachok said

that most of Legarza's job will be organizing and setting up women's athletic events. "He will be doing the busy work that was left up to the women coaches before," Trachok said.

The other posts were filled by Evonne Wooten, women's trainer; Elaine Deller, women's tennis coach; Kendra Falen, softball assistant; and Cindy Metzger, assistant volleyball and basketball coach. Trachok will announce a gymnastic assistant next week.

Football coach Chris Ault also has a new face on his staff. Replacing Reed as defensive backfield coach will be former UNR cornerback Greg Newhouse. Newhouse, 25, played for the Pack from 1972 until 1975 and was an assistant coach last year at Chaffey Junior College in Alto Loma, Calif.

Extra seats for crowds

There has been immediate fan reaction to UNR's successful 8-3 football season last year.

Newly-appointed athletic business manager Tom Reed has spent a good portion of his job organizing the massive rush of ticket sales and coach Chris Ault has been scrambling to dig up an extra set of grandstands for the expected overflow crowds.

Athletic Director Dick Trachok said a goal of 1,977 season tickets has been set, and this week an ad campaign hit the Reno area to get the Pack closer to that goal.

Trachok said about 800 season tickets were sold last year, while 1,100 have already been gobbled up for 1977. "And that doesn't include the 650 or so that are given away with donations," Trachok said.

The two middle sections on the west side will probably be sold out, which will make getting a seat for such games as Boise or Las Vegas a near impossibility.

Next scrimmage slated Saturday

The 1977 football season is approaching and head coach Chris Ault will have some tough decisions to make in the next two weeks. To help Ault make the choices for starters on this year's team, two pre-season intrasquad scrimmages were scheduled.

In the first one last Saturday, Ault was impressed by the fired-up style the defense used in holding the offense without a touchdown. In a special scoring system, the defense netted a 18-10 win.

Scoring was as follows: the defense received one point for each quarterback sack, for each time the offense was denied a first down, and for each forced fumble. Two points were awarded if the defense recovered it. In addition, the defense got six points for each interception and six for each touchdown.

The offense received a point for each first down and six for a touchdown.

The Pack will have one more Saturday scrimmage before its opening game Sept. 10 against Westminster, Utah.



Photo by Dolan

On the sidelines

A money back deal

UNR football coach Chris Ault this summer made a daring commitment that made national headlines. Ault gave Wolf Pack fans a money-back guarantee on his football team.

Ault says that if the Pack doesn't play with enthusiasm and reckless abandon, fans can just show up at his door on the Monday after the game and get a full refund. Should a capacity crowd of 8,000 fans come away from Mackay Stadium dissatisfied, it could cost the athletic department \$32,000.

A short article on the Ault plan showed up in the Scorecard section of the July 25 *Sports Illustrated*.

E.J. ready to play?

No one around the UNR athletic department seems to know the exact status of Edgar Jones, the Pack basketball star who was the center of last year's NCAA investigation.

Jones reportedly still has to go to court, but that date still has not been set and nobody seems to be in any terrible rush to set it. Reportedly, Jones passed summer school classes and is academically eligible to play.

Camp a success

This summer's UNR basketball camp was a big success, according to Athletic Director Dick Trachok. The two-week camp, run by Pack coach Jim Carey, had about 110 participants. In the first week, about 70 boys attended, while 40 girls showed up for the second session.

Kicker released

Tony Madau, punter and defensive back on last year's football team, is home again after his shot with the pros. Madau was drafted by the Chicago Bears but was released after he tore a hamstring muscle. At the time of his injury, Madau was the Bears' starting punter.

Vegas in trouble

UNR's one-year NCAA probation ends this month, but the University of Nevada-Las Vegas' problems with the association are just beginning. UNLV was placed on two years' probation as a result of violations in the school's intercollegiate basketball program between 1971 and 1975.

The probation will prohibit the Rebels' basketball team from being televised on any NCAA-controlled games and playing any post-season contests during the 1977-78 and '78-'79 seasons.

Quarterback relic

Glenn Carano is gone from the UNLV football program and the Rebels are hard pressed to find a replacement. The latest candidate is a policeman from Los Angeles. His name is Carlton Kelly and he's 32 years old. He graduated from Manual Arts High in Los Angeles in 1964 and was L. A. Player of the Year in 1963. He spent six years in the St. Louis Cardinals baseball organization and then four years as a L. A. policeman. Kelly is the oldest player ever to don a Rebel uniform.

Special student entrance

UNR students will no longer have to hassle with long waiting lines for football games this fall. A special student gate is now available. The gate will be located on the east side of the field parallel with the student stands.



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- (2) Which former UNR basketball player from the 1975-76 season now plays for the Los Angeles Dodgers?
- (3) Prior to last season, when was the last time UNR had a winning season in basketball?
- (4) What do the following sports abbreviations mean: ERA, PGA, RBI, PAT, NBA?
- (5) True or False: The Super Bowl is always played at the home site of one of the two teams involved.

Persons under 21 not eligible for contest.