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Secret astronomy office

SYLVA MANESS

What is so unusual about the tiny, elaborately furnished office in the Physics Building? It is unique because it is decorated and supplied entirely with stolen goods.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of many items missing from around the campus during the summer has been solved. But the mystery surrounding who used the stolen property to furnish Room 215 has not been solved.

Last Wednesday Dr. Philip Altick, chairman of the physics department, opened the door to a small room—approximately 10' x 12'—which had been used as a darkroom. To his surprise the darkroom had been converted into a very comfortable office, apparently by someone interested in science, particularly astronomy. Altick and others looking into the newly-furnished room for the first time immediately recognized some things that had disappeared from offices in the Physics and Chemistry Buildings during the last few months.

Now hanging from the ceiling and sitting on a counter are six brightly-colored World War II model biplanes that disappeared about six weeks ago from associate professor John Nelson's office in the Chemistry Building. Nelson had built the planes over the last three years and said he is very happy that they have been found.

In the corner, a small refrigerator, missing from the Criminal Justice Department, is stocked with food reported missing from other offices. Cooling inside the refrigerator are two unopened cans of tuna, a pitcher of orange juice, an unopened can of applesauce and a partially-used jar of peanut butter.

On the stolen book shelves are numerous scientific volumes taken from UNR libraries, mostly relating to astronomy. On a counter is a pilfered globe of the moon and one of the earth.

Displayed on the gold painted walls are other stolen items including moon pictures, a map of the moon, several posters and signs. Hanging on the inside of the door is a sign warning, "A theft from your government is a theft from you! Report theft of government property to the FBI."

In the center of the room, on the right side facing the door, is a desk taken from another office. The desk is well-stocked with paper pencils, pencil sharpener, scotch tape, a three-hole punch, a typewriter, a tape recorder and a radio, all reported missing from other offices during the summer.

A stolen candy jar on the desk is full of red and yellow candies taken from civil defense supplies in the basement. There is also a large drawer full of the candies. Another drawer in the filing cabinet contains the only unscientific material—a collection of girlie magazines.

In the middle of the desk is a calendar opened to Aug. 9. On the left side of the calendar is a crudely printed pencil message saying "leave for tour of Alaskan pipeline and proposed natural gas line. Be back in early September—maybe."

Although UNPD Chief Keith Shumway said he has some leads on people who might be responsible for the well-stocked and supplied office, he said he is puzzled why anyone would go to the trouble to outfit a complete room that could not be used for long without detection.



Photo by SITI

The mysterious disappearance of items from campus department offices this summer has been solved.

Several of the items are large and would require more than one person to move, but so far no one has reported anything unusual happening on the second floor of the Physics Building. Shumway said that evidence points to young people, but not necessarily college students.

Even though the new office is carefully furnished and well supplied, it does not appear to have been used at all. Or else those using the office are very tidy. In fact, according to Shumway, the whole room has been wiped free of fingerprints. There are opened bags of cookies, the orange juice and the opened jar of peanut butter, but not a telltale crumb was found dropped in the office.

A few people have seen the office, including some faculty and staff working in the Physics Building, and they seem to consider the little room some kind of practical joke and laughingly tell about seeing some of their possessions in the new office.

But Chief Shumway said he does not consider it a harmless prank, even though there are signs of amuse-

ment on his face as he looks through the drawers and cupboards and examines some of the books and papers.

Shumway said that although he has a lot of compassion for kids and appreciates their enthusiasm for life, he thinks their energies should be put to better use. "They did remove other people's property," he said.

Found in the stolen filing cabinet was a long yellow sheet listing each item in the room and where it had been taken from, apparently carefully kept by those responsible for the birth of the office.

But there will be no new entries to the inventory, because the lock to the office has been changed and UNPD has placed police seals on the door. Right now the room is being kept as it was found and so far none of the stolen property has been returned while Shumway and his officers try to determine what was going on in the Physics Building last summer.

From desk to cookies,
it's furnished with stolen goods

To the Editor

Martarano does it out

Editor:

Sagebrush sports writer Steve Martarano has really outdone himself this time. Martarano, who in last Friday's *Sagebrush* wrote the article entitled "Three Sport Hustle: Who'll end up Winner?", inadvertently or maliciously wrote an article with almost as many incorrect facts as correct ones.

Martarano's largest mistake was foolishly saying that intercollegiate boxing is a dying sport. This is one of the most ignorant statements I've ever read. Intercollegiate boxing is experiencing the biggest comeback of any intercollegiate sport ever.

Percentage speaking, there is not any men's intercollegiate sport with even one-quarter of the growth that boxing is experiencing.

Though it is true that no new teams joined the western division last year, several new teams joined in the eastern one, and as many as five new teams might be joining the western division this year. With this vigorous growth I can't see how Mr. Martarano can possibly say "boxing has been a dying intercollegiate sport for some time."

Martarano (a wrestling fan—according to someone I talked to in the *Sagebrush* office) deliberately slanted his story in favor of wrestling.

More amazing than Martarano's blatant bias was the fact that he mentioned boxing's only fatality, when boxing has been statistically proven to be the safest contact sport in college. Boxers also have less major injuries than baseball or basketball players.

This "dying sport" is only one of three teams on this campus that makes more money than it requests to support it. That last fact is pretty amazing considering our athletic department sees fit not to give us hardly any publicity. (When was the last time you saw a boxing schedule around town like our football and basketball teams have?)

With boxing making its comeback I know that now is the time for backing the team, and not cutting it down. Intercollegiate boxing has picked up so much in the last two years that it has been nationally televised giving public recognition to UNR like never before in its history.

Coach Olivas and Nevada boxing are a legend. I heard of Nevada boxing when I lived in Clearwater, Florida, and an athletic scholarship has helped me become a part of this legend while giving me a chance to educate myself; a chance I might never had had without this financial support.

This university was the No. 1 boxing college in the country in 1976 and I'm not aware of any other time when UNR was national champion in anything.

I feel everyone on this campus should be proud that one of its teams is nationally-ranked. If the athletic department, students and fans in this state support us, we can be No. 1 this season, too.

Guy Karcher

If Mr. Karcher might disagree with some of my points of view, then that is understandable. But for him to say my facts weren't straight makes him the one at error.

It is Karcher who comes off the wall with such questionable "facts" as "there isn't any men's sport with even one-quarter the growth of boxing." Also, how he can parlay that five schools may pick up boxing into "vigorous" growth is beyond me.

S. M.

A happy Mailbox

Editor:

The Blue Mailbox. In the three years I have been going there, enjoying the music and people, I have never been disappointed. It is mellow, happy and more than I can really describe.

It's a place to go that is different than downtown or the student union or anyplace else for that matter. Over the years, the Mailbox has been blessed with excellent people to run it. This year is no different. The people are dedicated to making it better than ever. However, there is a problem. Money.

This Wednesday, the Blue Mailbox comes up for funding in front of the ASUN Activities Board. If this year is like the past two, it faces a tough time. It needs more money for all the plans for the coming year. It also needs the support of any student.

If you are interested or concerned about the Blue Mailbox, attend the board meeting at 5 p.m. in the In-

gersoll Room of the Union this Wednesday and let your voice be heard. It is important. It could be possible for the Mailbox to touch more students than any other single ASUN-funded event, if it gets the support it needs. Lend a helping hand if you can.

Marc Cardinali

Good show, Myers

Editor:

Re: Dennis Myers' series on ERA.

FanTASTic! The whole story was recounted in a way that made it intelligible to the world outside the legislature. I read the papers on a day-to-day basis when it was all happening, but this put it together in a way that made sense.

M. K. Simmons

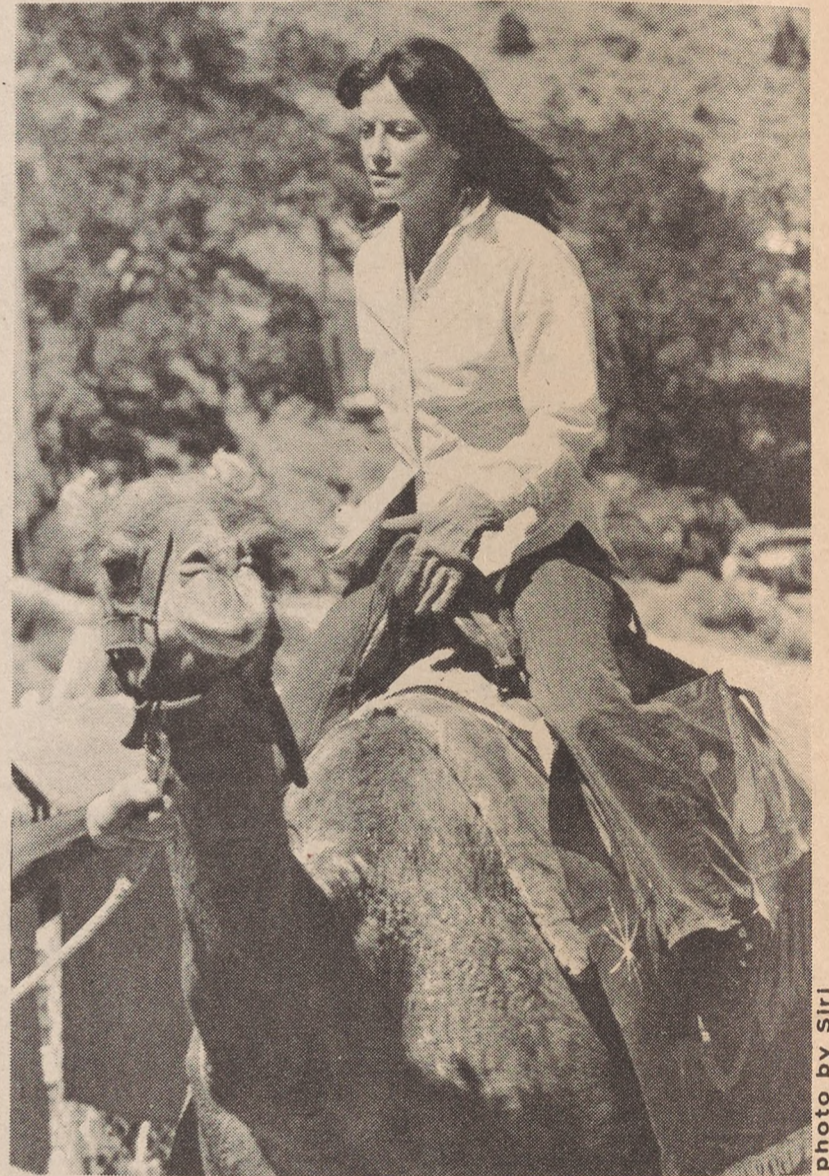


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Camel Races 1977, Virginia City, Nevada

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Aside

Winning her most difficult measure

CATHERINE SMITH

The article below was largely written more than a year ago, in July 1976, although it appeared in print in June 1977. It therefore needs some updating.

The passage of 16 months since the lawsuit was formally settled well illustrates the truth that time heals all wounds. As of this month, the issues associated with case are a dead letter in the Music Department. We are functioning as a professional unit, bringing our varied skills to bear on common professional problems and assignments. I am simply one-ninth of that unit.

I could not have hoped for a happier result to my individual case. I only wish there could be more such successes, inside the university and out. I will, of course, continue to work for the Equal Rights Amendment. None of us can afford to leave genuinely equal opportunity to any bureaucracy at any level.

Reprinted in full from the Delta Kappa Gamma (Education Sorority) Bulletin

Almost a year ago, I won a settlement of my sex discrimination lawsuit against my employer, the University of Nevada, Reno. I am nearing the end of my first year as assistant professor of Music, after seven previous years as a part-time lecturer. As part of the settlement agreement, a tenure review was conducted by an outside committee instead of following our normal procedures. In addition, I received a review for promotion during the present year. I was awarded tenure, giving me many more years in which to apply again for promotion, if I so choose.

My lawsuit was filed under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. I alleged discrimination on the basis of sex

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in hiring, classifying, paying, and promoting professional employees, particularly me. There is considerable interest in this kind of case these days, and other professional women may be contemplating some similar kind of action. One doesn't enter on a course of action that might lead to a lawsuit, or decide to embark on what may be an unpopular course, without a good deal of thought.

Therefore I offer an account of how I came to bring the complaint in the first place (on campus, not in court until over two years had passed). Also, a little of what happened to me, subjectively, while the process I had set in motion continued; and finally, a few afterthoughts. I offer my experience in the hope of providing food for thought and encouraging others; neat answers to difficult social questions will not be offered here!

How did I get into this in the first place? Like many others, by the drift of the times and various accidents of life rather than by any ambition to be a champion of social change. Almost a dozen years ago (1966) I accompanied my spouse and three small children to Stanford University from Rapid City, South Dakota. He was to work on a Ph. D.; I decided to work on a doctorate in music as an afterthought. I already held a B. A. in history and an M. M. in music; I am a flutist. I had always been realistic about any professional ambitions, which meant that I didn't think they were worth the trouble, so I didn't have any. In 1968 we came to the University of Nevada.

I was able to complete the Doctor of Musical Arts in 1969 with the help of a Danforth Graduate Fellowship for Women. The powers that be at the University of Nevada were politely impressed with my academic cre-

dentials, but decidedly noncommittal about ever giving me a job. By this time, I was very eager to be in the teaching profession, for my doctoral program was a very stimulating and inspiring one. A part time opening appeared suddenly in the fall of 1969 in the UNR Music Department, and I fell into it with gratitude and delight.

The University's first Affirmative Action statement came out in December, 1972. By that time I was a little less naive, and I was much impressed with the statement concerning part time professional employees. They should, I read, have access to job security, proportional fringe benefits, and committee assignments. I was well aware that I was in a good position to test whether the University meant to implement its policy statement.

There were very few women on the faculty, outside the colleges of Nursing and Home Economics. Mines, Engineering, and Agriculture had none; Education had very few; and Arts and Science, with a faculty of nearly 200, had but one female full professor. Music, Art and Speech-Theatre had not a single woman full time faculty member. I had a complicated multiple contract arrangement which yielded the opportunity to work almost full time at very low pay, a uniquely small and ill-ventilated office for my private teaching, and a status so low that I was not permitted to attend departmental faculty meetings. This meant that students often knew more than I did about the department's business; further, I had no say in the academic decisions in which I had a professional interest. Whatever my actual performance, my academic credentials were far stronger than those of several male faculty hired in the department during the years I taught part time. My spouse had tenure and a steady income, and I was not interested in going shopping nationwide for a position.

Many of the women who taught in the University were in positions no better than mine, and many had less impressive credentials. We mostly felt isolated, out of the mainstream, and not even strong enough for much mutual support. I felt certain that I was in the strongest position of any of them to bring a sex discrimination complaint. I also knew that such complaints are not brought without raising administrative resistance in some form, and that such a process might easily wind up taking the lion's share of my time and energy for an indefinite period.

The real question was a philosophical one. Should I not accept the status quo graciously as my contribution

toward a smooth-running university? Wasn't a little chicken-and-egg money on the side good enough? Couldn't I rise above the demeaning aspects of my position by ignoring them while serenely making my academic contribution? No, I couldn't do any of those things. But one is scarcely a heroine when equal pay for equal work and a more secure position would work to one's own financial advantage. Would it really do any good for some other woman who might be totally dependent on her earnings to make the complaint or could she risk making such a complaint? I pondered for a month or more before going to see our Affirmative Action Officer. He was as green as I at that point; all of those involved have been "educated" together. I felt no sense of identification with Women's Lib; I simply felt that there was no other practical choice: I had to have better working conditions.

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What happened to me while the process of complaint worked its way through a hearing, an appeal and another hearing; through actions that seemed like reprisals, through various maneuverings and investigations toward the inevitable filing of the lawsuit, followed by motions, injunctions, orders, depositions, conferences, negotiations, settlement, and post-settlement procedures?

First, the consciousness-raising part. I found that my female colleagues around the campus felt isolated, vulnerable, and frustrated. We were able to give each other support and encouragement. Next, students and former students rallied round. I began to realize that the female music majors badly needed a female role model. Their efforts were often not taken "seriously," and they were (and are) consistently excluded from some of the prestige instrumental performing groups. "With her legs, who cares how she plays her instrument?"

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Since her law suit against the University of Nevada in 1976, Dr. Catherine Smith was awarded a "comparable office"; plenty big for playing the flute.

Periphery

Rake muck, yet

Applications are still available for the position of ASUN research and investigations officer. In this job, a student investigates university problems of possible injustice to other students.

Applicants must be ASUN members with minimum GPAs of 2.0. Students may contact Peggy Martin in the ASUN Office for applications and further information. Telephone: 784-6589.

Filing closes Thursday, Sept. 15 at 5 p.m.

Change for better

The Counseling and Testing Center will be kicking off its fall group schedule with the start of TRANS (Transition: Resolution, Awareness, New Selves). This group is for those who are going through some sort of transition or are simply interested in finding out more about themselves.

Transitional problems arise from new life roles, new self-images, relationship changes, aloneness and loneliness and career crises. TRANS seeks to help individuals work out these changes and help integrate these adjustments into their lives.

TRANS will include eight to 12 participants and will run on Tuesday afternoons from 3-5 p.m. starting Sept. 27. Sign-ups will be held until Sept. 16 at the center in Thompson Student Services, Room 209, at telephone 784-6810.

Truckee Trek

Wingfield and Fulton Parks in downtown Reno will sport a decidedly urban atmosphere—with speakers, artists and musicians—from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. during "Twilight Trek Along the Truckee."

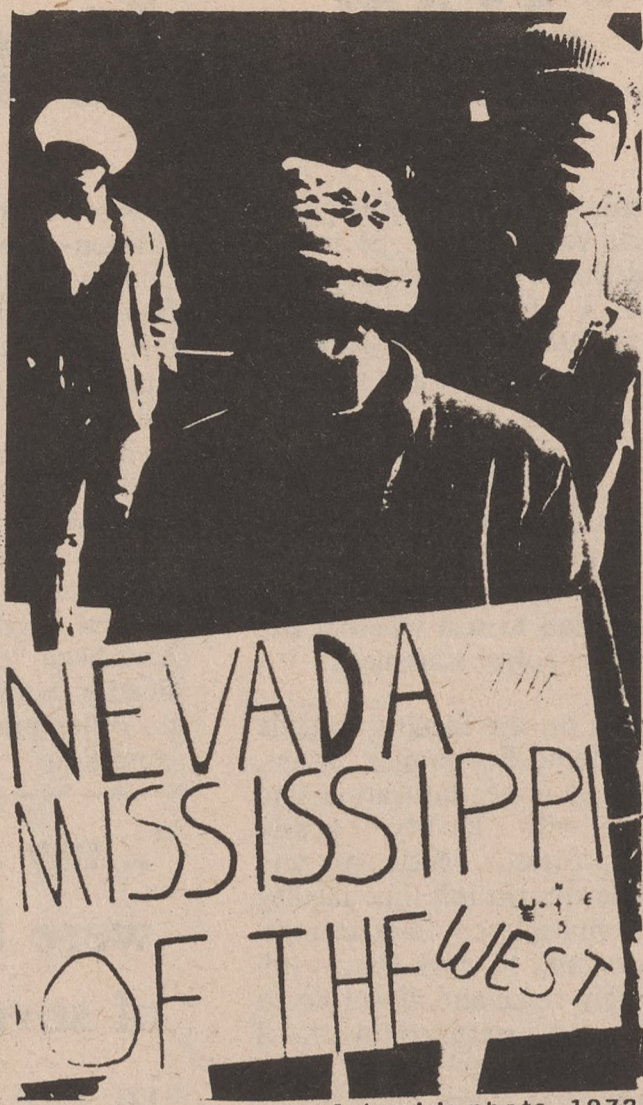
Free and open to the public, the event celebrates the opening of these redesigned parks along the riverfront.

Self-guiding maps of the river beautification project will be distributed. Local professionals in park and urban design will be in Wingfield Park to talk informally about the place of these parks in the beautification plan, the role of art and aesthetics in park design, and problems of vandalism and security in park management.

Within the park limits, artists will display their wares, musicians will play traditional instruments, and wine will be served.

The "Trek" is second in the four-part "September in the Park" program series, funded by the Nevada Humanities Committee and sponsored by the Washoe County Parks and Recreation Department. More information is available from project director Jean Stoess, telephone 747-1870.

FATS



Blacks to meet

A Black Student Alliance (BSA) meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 14, in Thompson Student Services room 107 at 6 p.m.

All those wishing to promote the interests of the BSA, regardless of race, are encouraged to attend. The group's motto is "We want to make things happen."

For more information contact Willie Turner at 329-5647.

Circle K helps

The UNR chapter of Circle K Club is conducting its membership drive today through Sept. 22.

Circle K International is a coed service organization sponsored by Kiwanis International. Last year's local activities included a 24-hour basketball marathon which raised over \$800 for the Special Olympics Program. Last summer Circle K distributed water conservation pamphlets by hand, saving Carson City \$6,000.

Circle K offers fellowship and leadership opportunities. This year's theme is "Embrace Humanity." Projects will include visiting the lonely, supporting health projects, improving public safety and protecting natural resources.

A meeting Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6:45 p.m. will be held in the Jot Travis lounge. Additional information can be obtained from Karen at 323-6415.

The collective collects

Once the loans are turned over to the collectors, individuals in default could find their credit rating jeopardized and later on have trouble getting mortgages, credit cards or car loans.

However, the government says it will give its debtors a last chance to pay before taking this action.

The collection contract will apply to the Federal Insured Student Loan Program, under which the government has insured about half of all loans in the Guaranteed Student Loan Program.

The federal government has decided to hire outside professionals to collect delinquent payments from students who had obtained government-insured loans for college.

Since the program began nine years ago, one out of six recipients, or 390,000 persons, have failed to pay back loans. The Office of Education will turn over the accounts, which total about \$430 million, to private collection agencies, hoping they will be successful in collecting the debts.

Neville to enlighten twilight

Robert Neville is a scientist-philosopher who has spent a good deal of time researching what may seem like something

out of the Twilight Zone. And he's got documented, scientific explanations for most of it.

Neville is Nevada's resident expert on UFOs and he's also compiled impressive data on psychic talents such as mental telepathy and premonition.

He shares this research in a free talk.

titled "New Frontiers of Reality," Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Reno branch of the Washoe County Library.

The talk previews a series of courses on Mind, PSI and UFOs that Neville offers this fall through the Off-Campus Programs department of UNR's Extended Programs and Continuing Education.

For information on the courses, scheduled to begin Sept. 19, contact Off-Campus Programs at the Stead campus, 972-0781.

Call your clinic

A cancer screening program is being offered by the Washoe County District Health Dept. to women at least 16 years old who have not had recent cervical and breast examinations.

The telephone number (misprinted in the Sept. 2 Sagebrush) to call for appointments is 785-4290. Clinics are being held every Saturday at the Health Dept. building, 10 Kirman Ave., Reno, through September, along with other weekly clinics.

For the convenience of those living near Stead, appointments can be made by calling the Stead Health Center, 12351 Rocky Mountain St., telephone 972-6785.

audiences not only in Reno but in five other Nevada cities.

The half-hour programs will be distributed to 11 radio stations statewide.

The right way

The Right Place, a campus-based student-help service, will begin counselor training sessions 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 in Thompson Student Services, Room 209.

Running for approximately seven consecutive Thursday evenings, the training sessions guide the student through the basics of individual counseling, placing special emphasis on sensitivity and awareness exercises.

Come on home

Homecoming Week is scheduled for Oct. 10-15. That means six full days of big football, big drinking, big dancing, big parties and big skipping classes. That's why ASUN loves Homecoming.

The ASUN is now putting out feelers for students whose SAT scores and achievement tests have indicated a high aptitude for the exciting and challenging position of Homecoming chairperson.

ASUN secretary Peggy Martin has organized homecoming parades and activities at Ohio State, Michigan State, UCLA and Tulane. With help like this homecoming can't go wrong.

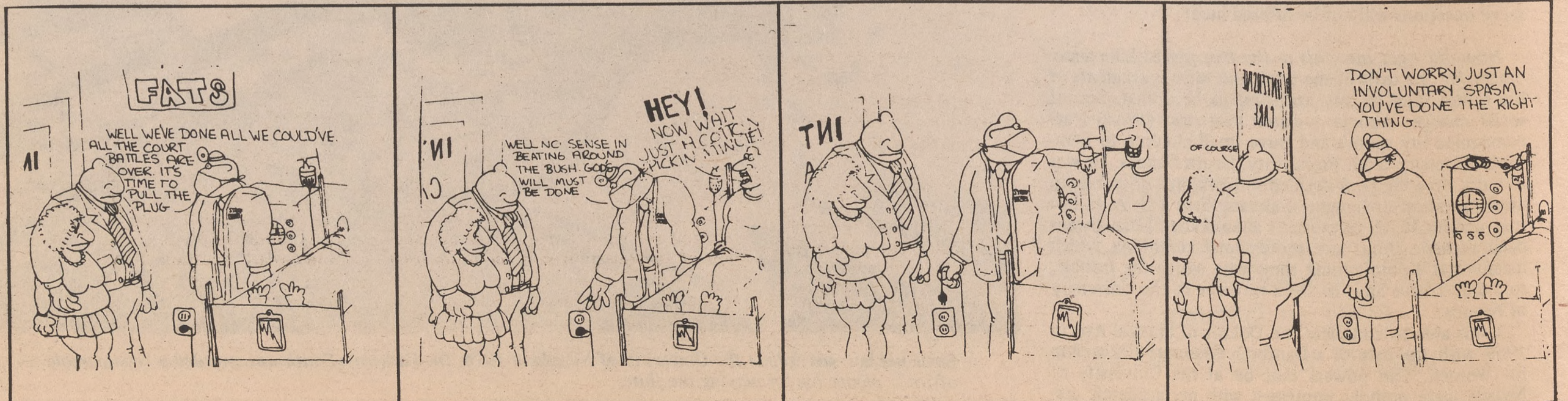
For details see Peggy in the ASUN Office or call 784-6589.

Grey Lib, again

The Washoe County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and campus radio station KUNR-FM have been awarded a \$6,500 grant from the Nevada Humanities Committee to produce a second season of "Grey Lib Plus," the successful radio show about aging.

Featuring Rabbi Abraham Feinberg and moderated by Mark Edinberg, assistant professor in the UNR health sciences department, "Grey Lib Plus" will be taped in 13 weekly segments before live

by Shoe



Fancy student union in progress

ROSELYN RICHARDSON WEIR

Students will not be able to use their money's worth until November 1978 when the new Jot Travis Student Union expansion will be completed. The year-long building project, costing more than a million dollars, will add 11,000 square feet to the eastern end of the present building.

The two major changes are the enlargement of the bookstore and the addition of a multi-purpose room on the upper level. The bookstore will be expanded to twice its existing size, allowing for better organization, especially during registration when freshman books will not have to be sold upstairs. For the time being, however, existing storage space in the bookstore will be eliminated, causing a few problems of relocating supplies.

The multi-purpose room will seat 500, with a collapsible wall and a movie projection booth. The old gym is now the only building on campus that can hold so large a crowd for student activities.

The Jot Travis lounge will be doubled in size. Tape listening plugs, a sky roof and foliage will be added, according to Pete Perriera, assistant dean of students.

According to John McCaskill, ASUN president, the expansion will provide much-needed space. "Right now we're really cramped; there's not enough lounge area for the students. It will also give ASUN some badly-needed meeting rooms and offices," McCaskill said.

The student health service will move from its existing quarters to the basement of Juniper Hall in November. When



Student union expansion, to be completed next fall, is still in demolition stage, as shown in open-air view from the ASUN office.

photo by Siri

ASUN offices are moved during the Christmas break, the rejuvenation of the present building will begin.

The move will give ASUN large meeting facilities, several small lecture rooms, more office space and an elevator for the handicapped and for food catering.

With the completion of the three-part student expansion, the UNR campus may look more new than old.

The squeaky wheel gets the grease

KATHLEEN CONABOY

The squeaky wheel gets the grease. Remember when your mom used to say that and you wondered what she meant? Well, the message is that those who speak up, drawing attention to themselves or to what they consider as problems, are those who successfully initiate change. And Mom was right.

In tune with this home-grown philosophy, the university library encourages students to fill out "bitch tickets" when they have a suggestion, complaint, criticism or compliment to offer.

According to Joyce Ball, public services librarian, "The bitch system provides students with a means of communicating with library staff. It gives people with a gripe an opportunity to express themselves and gives the library an opportunity to explain."

The idea for the board came for a northwestern university that had success with such a system. When it was instituted here five years ago, according to Linda Newman, assistant reference librarian, the staff felt that if it caught on, it would last a semester. "But," she said, "it's popularity never did die out."

The bitch box is an indicator of the pressure level on campus, becoming extremely popular at exam time. Newman checks the box daily, directing complaints to the person who can best answer them, even if it's outside the library (as in the case of "Avid Chewer," who requested that the bookstore carry strawberry chewing tobacco).

Most bitches are answered within 24-28 hours, and the answer posted as long as the ticket is legible, doesn't use foul language and makes no personal attack.

Most complaints center around the operating hours of the library (which may be expanded this fall), the noise (with most students complaining about their peers, the buzzing clocks and ringing telephones), the temperature in the building ("Roast Duck" thinks it's definitely too hot) and the fact that students are not permitted to eat inside ("Hungry Duck" suggested a hamburger stand be put in the new wing).

Initially, some persons were offended by the term "bitch." But, said Newman, "Most of the tickets are genuine expres-

sions of dissatisfaction," and the *American Dictionary of Slang* defines bitch as "to complain, to gripe, to criticize." She said it's a term students notice and understand, one that encourages them to express themselves freely.

Although change is not always feasible, the library is looking for suggestions and happy to comply whenever possible. Newman said that "lots of complaints can only be answered with dollars we don't have," and that students get discouraged. Even when the answer has to be "no," though, the complaints are valuable because they draw attention to existing problems.

"We try to give honest answers," said Mrs. Ball. "We recognize our own shortcomings and sometimes there's just no glossing over the problem."

Faculty leaves Easter alone

DON LaPLANTE

In an advisory referendum, the UNR faculty has voted not to move the spring vacation to the middle of the semester, but to leave it coinciding with the Easter holidays.

The University Calendar Committee proposed moving it to mid-semester, but the faculty voted 193-130 to keep the break where it is.

The referendum was sent to 695 faculty members, with 339 returning the ballot. The results were announced Thursday at a meeting of the Faculty Senate.

If the committee follows the advisory referendum the break will coincide with Easter vacation in the public schools even when it falls close to the end of the semester, as it will in 1979.

The faculty also voted, 212-111, to keep the Monday after Easter an academic holiday to allow students living out-of-state or in rural areas to return to campus without having to travel on Easter.

One area where the advisory referendum may not be followed is in the total length of the semester. The poll showed 196 faculty wanting the semester to be no more than 75 class days, including examination periods. There were 124 who wished 76-80 class days and 11 who wanted a longer semester.

However, Don Driggs, committee chairman and professor of political science, told the senate he thought the question was not well worded. Part of the explanation of the question said the norm used to accredit the university has been 75 class days and that most universities in this area used that standard.

Driggs said the norm is 75 class days, plus a final examination week. He said he thought the faculty would have picked the 76-80 day option had the norm been better explained.

The faculty voted strongly to change the length of classes during the final week. Presently, the classes are scheduled for 150 minutes (2½ hours) during the final week. In the poll, 183 faculty chose to make the final week a regular week with 50-minute periods. Periods of 100 minutes (2 regular periods) were chosen by 103 faculty and 45 voted to leave it as it is now.

The senate voted to request that the proposed calendar state the time and day when vacations begin. This was requested to avoid questions as to whether a class should meet on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, for example. (Present university policy is that classes scheduled for the night before a vacation should meet.)

The senate also approved a proposal to end instruction on a Wednesday instead of Thursday in cases where Tuesday-Thursday classes have more class hours scheduled during the semester than Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes.

This will happen more years than not, because holidays tend to fall nowadays on Mondays and Fridays. The proposal is designed to keep the number of class hours as even as possible.

Under the proposed calendar, instruction would begin next fall on Monday, Sept. 28, and classes would end on Thursday, Dec. 21. Spring classes would begin on Monday, Jan. 22 and end Friday, May 18. The proposal retains the current three-week vacation between semesters followed by the advisement and registration week before classes begin.

The results of the poll were referred to the calendar committee along with the two additional proposals. A report on the final calendar for the three-year period beginning with 1978-79 will be made at the October meeting of the senate.

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4-year Medical School a growing reality

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The UNR School of Medical Sciences' prognosis for conversion to a four-year-degree system moves closer to reality this fall with Construction Phase Three, a library-student lounge-administrative offices complex.

Although Phase Three's financial bulk comes from state and federal funds, private donations from senior citizens are significant, according to Cliff Straton, anatomy professor and chairman of the Phase Three building committee.

"Older persons have seen how today's medical technology has benefited their lives," he explained. Young people might not think twice about diseases such as polio, but older people look upon medicine with a "benevolent" attitude. He added, "They have an appreciation toward medical advances."

Advances in medical education began in Nevada with a 1967 study on health care. The study showed a shortage of health care professionals and called for a two-year basic science medical school.

By 1969, the school was established.

Two years later, studies began in biomedical sciences including biochemistry, anatomy and physiology; behavioral sciences, dealing with human behavior, community health and drug abuse; clinical sciences, dealing with the problems and skills of biomedical and behavioral sciences; and a division of educational support and communications, which operates a television production studio and a photography laboratory.

Two divisions were added later: the Division of Health Sciences, including pre-dentistry and health education; and the Division of Laboratory Medicine, including pathology and the study of reproductive systems.

The first phase, the Fred M. Anderson Health Science Building, opened in 1972 with classrooms, offices and laboratories.

Four years later, the H. Edward Manville Medical Science Building—Phase Two—opened with offices and anatomy laboratories.

And now Phase Three begins. Upon completion next year, it will become the school's main entrance, joining its top floor with Phase One and its ground floor with Phase Two.

The ground floor will also accommodate an audio-visual department along with administrative and student affairs

offices. Together with the library and student lounge upstairs, Phase Three promises to offer a "first-class" medical environment, according to Straton.

The professor added that with the localized medical community, "We'll have the proper education necessary for our students."

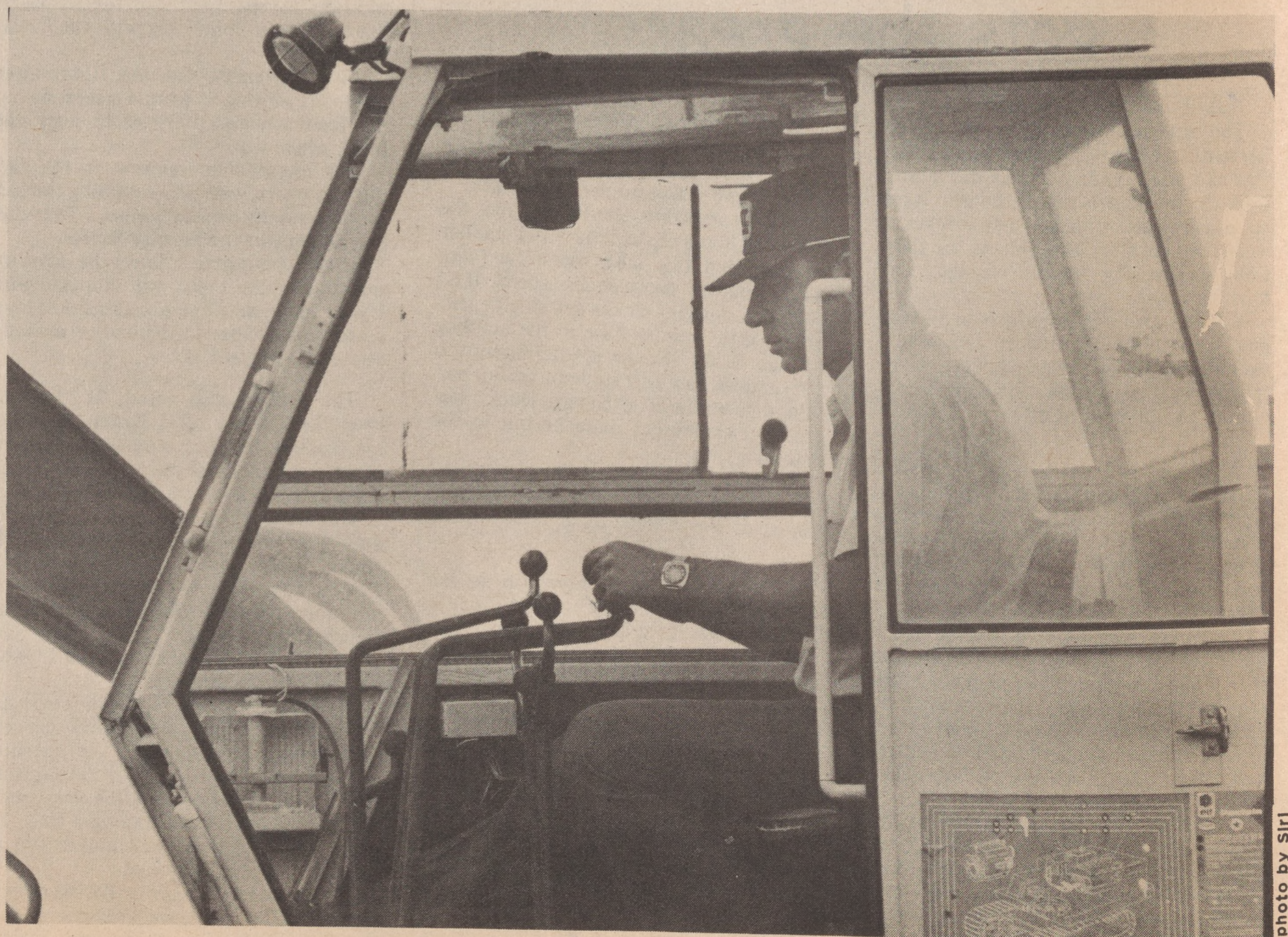
Those students, of whom more than 90 per cent are Nevadans, will eventually use basic science and research laboratories in the fourth and final phase to be built on the school's north end. This addition will connect the complex in one quadrangular system.

The system's personnel development program is under way, also. The school is currently taking applications, and those accepted will be interviewed within the coming months.

The system's personnel development program is underway, also. The school is currently taking applications, and those accepted will be interviewed within the coming months. The student-faculty schedules and curriculum will be set by June 1978, according to the medical-school conversion timetable.

One month later, the third-year class will begin its studies.

In July 1979, the fourth-year students will begin their final year. And in June 1980, those eligible will receive the first full medical degree granted in Nevada.



Construction work on the Phase Three program of the new four-year Medical School has begun.

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More than ERA and abortion:

ROSELYN RICHARDSON WEIR

Since the defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment by the Nevada Legislature this year, women in the state are becoming more aware of their roles in society. Many have demanded changes, and many have argued contentment. Women—the homemakers, the career women, the politicians, the students, the young, the old—all were interested in the Nevada Women's Conference which was held during the summer in Las Vegas.

The state conference was sponsored by the International Women's Year Commission, established by presidential executive order in January 1975. Congress passed a law establishing state meetings, a national conference and federal rules and guidelines for each state to follow. These conventions were to present recommendations to the president and congress on vital issues concerning women across the country.

According to Frankie Sue Del Papa, vice-coordinator of the Nevada Steering Committee, some of the conference goals included examining the role of women in Nevada's economical, social, cultural and political development; identifying the barriers that prevent Nevada women from participating fully and equally in all aspects of state and national life; and seeking consensus by which these barriers can be removed.

Women in the state first came together as a group between 1895 and 1897 when a women's suffrage convention was held in Tonopah to establish the Nevada Equal Suffrage Association.

But never before this year has Nevada seen so large a gathering of women. More than 1300 people attended the conference in June.

The 35 members of the Nevada State Coordinating Committee had been appointed in December of 1976, but from that date until the actual conference last June various obstacles and setbacks, including the anti-ERA movement and the pro-life organizations, divided the women of the state.

Jean Ford, former assemblywoman from Las Vegas, was elected coordinator this June. The other executive board members included Frankie Sue Del Papa, vice-coordinator; Cynthia Cunningham, Christina Everhart, Renee Diamond, Josephine Gonzales and Helen Myers.

The three-day conference included workshops on organizational skills. "These were set up to try and enrich people's lives, to make them better able to participate in community activities," said Del Papa. Other workshops covered areas relating to personal growth and leadership skills.

"Any time you manage to bring that many people together—regardless of their political leanings—to come and participate in something has to be a success," Del Papa said about the outcome of the conference.

"It was unfortunate that stop-ERA and the pro-life people did not participate more in the actual conference," said Del Papa. "We had a number of people who came to register to vote and attempt to influence the delegation that Nevada would be sending to the national conference. I recognized a number of those women and they are good decent people, but it is unfortunate that many of them didn't participate in the various aspects of the conference."

Of the 1300 participants, 918 voted for 12 delegates to be sent to the national conference. The delegates from Reno are Josephine Gonzales, Frankie Sue Del Papa, Assemblywoman Sue Wagner, Senator Mary Gojack and Christina Everhart. Representatives from Las Vegas are Jean Ford, Renee Diamond, Kate Butler, Blaine Rose and Ruby Duncan (North Las Vegas). Jan MacEachern is from Boulder City and Lois Whitney is from Elko.

The national conference, to be held Nov. 18-20 in Houston, will deal with issues that have risen out of each state meeting. A final written report will be submitted to President Carter with a priority listing of the issues that concern women across the nation. This will be a prelude to a second national conference which will be held sometime in the 1980s.

Del Papa believes it's too soon to speculate on what will happen in Houston. "Many groups have tried to divide the nation. There are delegations going strictly on the ERA issue, pros and cons." She expressed dissatisfaction that women would stand divided on one issue and let so many equally important issues remain unsolved. "There are a lot of really genuine issues that could be aired in a good heated exchange of ideas," said Del Papa.

Del Papa hopes to join the other Washoe delegates in an open forum at The Center for Religion and Life sometime in October to discuss issues and answer questions anyone may have concerning the national meeting.

There was a lot of controversy regarding the steering committee, but according to Del Papa, they tried not to make the Equal Rights Amendment such a big issue. "We didn't even have a workshop on the ERA, like many other states had. We knew the state was already divided on it and we didn't want to cause more division, or so we thought. In the end the activities of the stop-ERA and pro-life organizations had the result of forcing other people to come together," she said.

According to Del Papa, 11 pages of resolutions were endorsed by the conference. Some of these included forming women's centers across the state, improving state and federal statutes regarding credit opportunities for women, reforming tax laws to give direct tax deductions to employers or unions who support child care centers, funding political campaigns for women and seeking women political candidates of all ages.

The two most volatile issues were the Equal Rights Amendment and the reproductive freedom resolutions. After heated debates, the conference overwhelmingly voted to support the ERA and defeated the pro-life resolution, supporting the reproductive freedom resolution.



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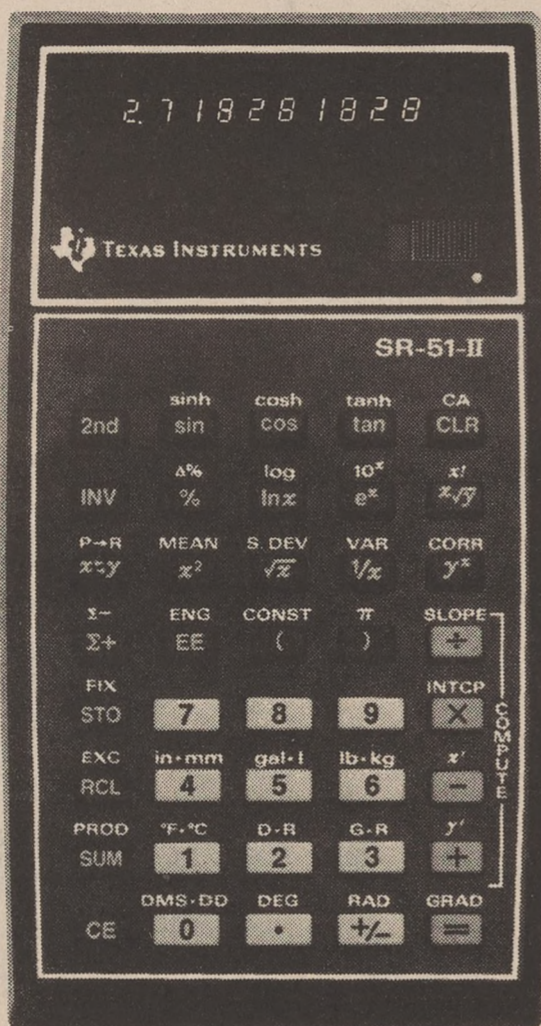
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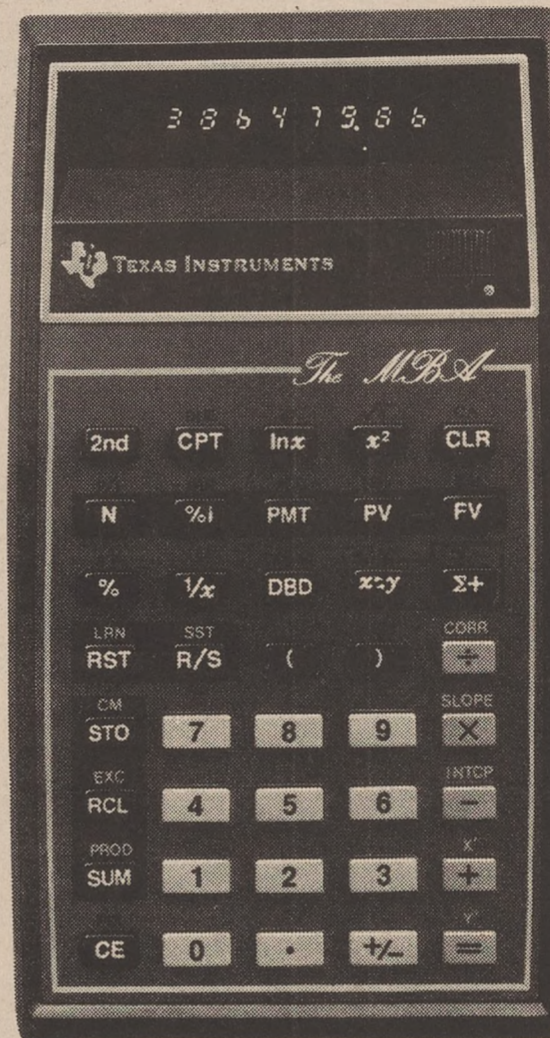
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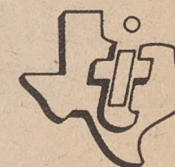
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Regents in Las Vegas

Little controversy this Friday

DON LaPLANTE

When the Board of Regents meets in Las Vegas Friday there will probably be little of substance decided and even less controversy.

The only major item of business affecting UNR is a proposal by President Max Milam to reorganize part of the university structure. Milam proposes to have the audio-visual services and intercollegiate athletic departments report to Richard Dankworth.

Dankworth would have his position retitled vice-president for university services. He would continue to have responsibility for the summer session, extended programs, continuing education and staff assistance to the president.

Presently, the audio-visual department reports to Robert Gorrell, vice-president for academic affairs, and the intercollegiate athletic department reports directly to the president.

This proposal received the endorsement of the Faculty Senate last Thursday.

Most of the other items on the UNR section of the

agenda are routine matters.

The only matter that would directly affect students is a proposal by Milam to allow graduate students taking less than seven units and post-doctoral fellows to use the student health services, for a \$20 per semester fee. Before the consolidated fee took effect this year, these students had the option to pay the fee if they wished. This proposal would merely again give the students the option of choosing to pay the fee.

The regents will also consider a set of policy statements and assumptions to be used by planning consultants in preparing master plans for UNR and UNLV. It contains assumptions as to what buildings may be needed, what departments are inadequately housed and what constraints are imposed upon university growth.

The university attorney, Larry Lessly, and Chancellor Neil Humphrey have recommended to the board that it not become financially involved in the litigation over the "Mormon will." The university is named in the will, and would receive many millions of dollars if the will is declared valid.

...most difficult measure

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My family was unfailingly supportive; my spouse was heard speaking before the State Legislature in favor of

the Equal Rights Amendment. I became aware of various long-standing irritants and put-downs; there was a steady radicalizing effect, if you will. I began to read about women in my field, and I even produced a paper on women in American musical life.

Then there is the matter of one's self-image. I learned, or perhaps relearned, to value myself as a professional person on terms entirely independent of the terms and conditions of my employment. This was necessary for survival. For, as the matter proceeded, my regular merit raises disappeared. My teaching assignments were reduced, and I was effectively isolated from the very students who would have been potential supporters. My position became more and more "temporary," altogether disappearing twice, to be saved only by administrative blunders and backstage maneuvers by attorneys. I learned that part time instructors are by definition inferior to "real" full time ones; that they are evaluated on

lower standards; that they can't possibly have an intellectual commitment to their discipline; that if I was any good I would never have accepted a part time position in the first place. There was continuing pressure along these lines.

In reaction to this steady turning of the screws, I performed and published more vigorously than I otherwise might have. I jogged a lot in order to keep my sense of humor. I viewed the unfolding developments as a mini-Watergate, parallel in time if slightly less earth-shaking.

Now that it's over, what's the moral? If I wanted to teach, I still believe that I had no choice but to proceed as I did. The cost, in time, health, and dollars, was far greater than I had anticipated; but the rewards may turn out to be greater, too.

I seriously underestimated the tendency of any bureaucracy, even an academic one, to consider any potential criticism as an attack, and to defend itself vigorously rather than to change or even to be reasonable. This reaction was sufficiently impersonal in nature so that I have not had serious difficulty in working amicably with yesterday's adversaries. Or perhaps, now that I am tenured in a full time position and the University has even cut a hole in a blank brick wall in order to provide a "comparable office," I am better able to deal with whatever residual problems remain. The ways of thinking which produced the discrimination in the first place haven't changed entirely, even after a four-year struggle.

Many cases similar to mine have not fared as well in the courts as I did in my out-of-court settlement. It's important, in getting into such a situation—if you have any choice—to be prepared for a long siege, to be lucky

enough to find the emotional resources to cope with some difficult pressures, to have at least an intellectual idea of what you will do with yourself if the case, however right, is lost. I would rather it had not happened at all, but I am a stronger and better teacher because of it. Sometimes one must do what must be done.

A postscript: In bringing a sex discrimination complaint, it is impossible to avoid the intervention of one or another federal bureaucracy, at least in a state with no effective machinery of its own. All of the laws and rules concerning job discrimination are written so that a federal agency must take an active role in any complaint. Under the Executive Order (11246 as amended), an HEW representative may come to the campus, investigate, threaten the administration with a show-cause letter in order to force access to records. But the representative could not force an acceptable offer, so his effort only created more hostility. Under the Equal Pay Act, the Labor Department may look at the university's payroll, decide whether women and minorities are underpaid, attempt to negotiate a settlement, and even sue on behalf of the employees. I was not permitted to sue in my own behalf under this act. In fact, the Labor Department negotiated its own settlement with the university and advised me of the the amount of back pay which I would receive as the result of negotiations conducted entirely by that agency without ever consulting me.

Before I could sue under the Civil Rights Act, I had to get a "right to sue" letter signed by the attorney general of the United States. This letter was granted after a mere four months' delay (some persons wait for years) on the advice of EEOC that I had an attorney who could handle my case. I can only conclude that the laws about sex discrimination still reflect the "protected" status of women in our society, and the ambivalence of our attitudes toward equal opportunity. What our laws say in ringing terms at the top is vitiated or even negated by the fine print below. Equal opportunity is the law, we're told—but a woman or minority who believes that she or he has experienced job discrimination is barred from having her, or his, day in court without compulsory bureaucratic intervention. Female citizens shouldn't have to wait for federal permission to sue their employers. The Equal Rights Amendment would probably enable us to bypass this bureaucratic problem.

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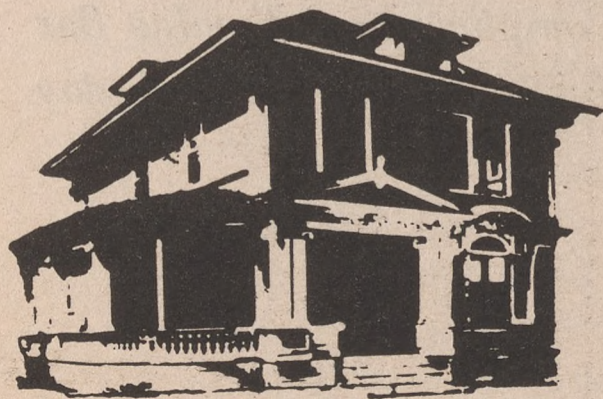
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TODAY
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7:30 p.m.—Folk Dancing; Old Gym. Beginners welcome. Please wear soft-soled shoes.
Wood sculpture by Walter McNamara, watercolors by Fred Reid and prints from the UNR permanent collection; Church Fine Arts Gallery, now through Sept. 30.
“The Last Quest,” 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 8 p.m. daily through Sept. 20, Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium. Student admission \$2.
Fiberations, by the Nevada Weavers and Spinners Guild; Washoe County Library, Reno branch, now through Sept. 30.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14
5 p.m.—ASUN Activities Board; Ingersoll Room, Union.
6 p.m.—ASUN Investment Subcommittee; Ingersoll Room, Union.
6 p.m.—Black Student Alliance; Thompson Student Services, Room 107. Open to anyone, regardless of race.
6:30 p.m.—Student Personnel Society; Executive Suite, Ross Business Administration.
7 p.m.—ASUN Senate; Ingersoll Room, Union.
7:30 p.m.—Transcendental Meditation; Washoe County Library, Reno branch.
9:15 p.m.—Telescopic stargazing, Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium sidewalk, weather permitting. Admission free; the public is invited.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 15
5 p.m.—ASUN Finance Control Board; Ingersoll Room, Union.
7 p.m.—Wildland Recreational; Renewable Resource Center. Everyone welcome.
7 p.m.—Counselor Training, The Right Place, Thompson Student Services 209. First meeting. Everyone welcome.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 16
7 p.m.—Party, Sigma Nu Little Sisters, 1075 Ralston. All interested women welcome.
8 p.m.—Film/slide lecture, “Across the Karakoram Himalaya,” by Galen A. Rowell; New Education Building Auditorium, Room 107. General admission \$3, students \$2.50.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 18
9 a.m.—Noon—Community blood drive; Parish House, Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church. All who are at least 18 years old are invited to donate.
2 p.m.—Adult spinning and weaving demonstration; Washoe County Library, Reno branch.
8 p.m.—ASUN Movie, *The Seven Per Cent Solution*; Thompson Student Services, Room 107. Admission free to ASUN members.

MONDAY, SEPT. 19
8 p.m.—ASUN Lecture, Bruce Jenner; UNR Gym. Admission free to ASUN members.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 17
1:30 p.m.—Football, UNR v. Idaho State; Cross-country during halftime, UNR v. UC-Irvine, Mackay Stadium.
2 p.m.—“The People of Eck,” sponsored by Eckankar Northern Nevada Satsang Society; Washoe County Library, Reno branch.
7:30 p.m.—Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival; Lassen College, Susanville, California.
9:15 p.m.—Telescopic stargazing, Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium sidewalk, weather permitting. Admission free; the public is invited.



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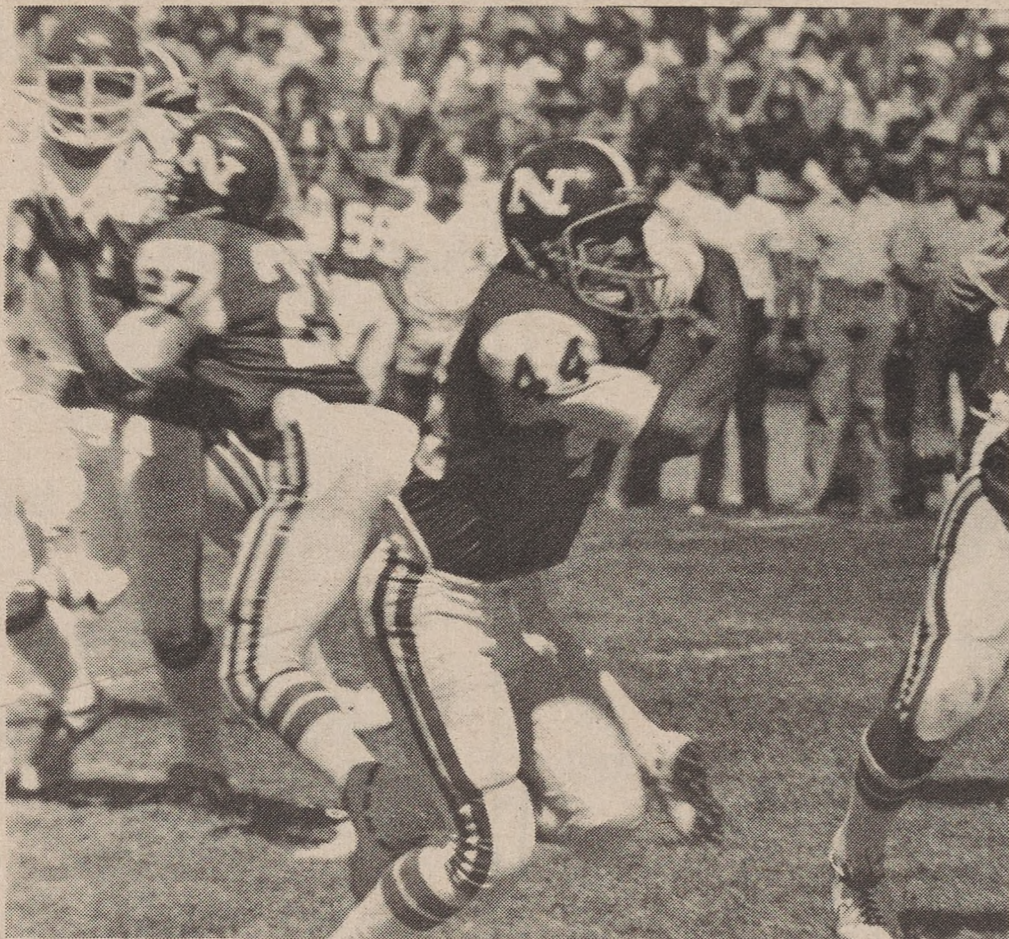
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Sports



Wolf Pack halfback David Craig finds some running room in Saturday's Mackay Stadium opener.

Cross country meet Pack has no trouble

DAVE YEARY

The UNR cross-country team, behind the strong running of team co-captain Tom Wysocki, defeated the Sacramento State team 20-39, in 90-degree heat at Sacramento. Wysocki claimed individual honors with a time of 24:56 over the flat five-mile course.

Seven Wolf Pack runners finished in the top 10, including Rudy Munoz with a second-place time of 25:02. The closest Sac State runner was two seconds back of Munoz. The victory, however, left head coach Jack Cook with mixed reactions.

"We didn't expect to beat them that badly," he said. "Their coach expects them to win the Far West Conference and advance to the NCAA finals. However, I was not pleased with the performance of our young runners. The best time any of them had was Lynn Mentzer's 26:11, nearly one minute back of the winning time. They are going to have to pull their times down if we are to have continued success, because the toughest teams we face are coming up. We will work on leg speed this week for our young runners."

While the varsity had little trouble

with the Sacramento A team, it was a different story for the JVs. Sacramento runners finished one-two in the meet. So although the Pack had more runners in the top 10, Sac State won on the basis of having fewer total points. The poor showing added to Cook's worries.

"I now know that there is no one on the JV team who can help us with the desperate varsity situation," he said. "Their times are just too high. We can only hope that someone improves, and soon. The most important meet of the season will be next Saturday against Cal-Irvine."

Irvine, the two-time defending NCAA Division II champion, is loaded with talent. The school has five good runners, including the top miler in the U. S. Cook has said that this could be the first dual meet loss in UNR history.

The meet is slated for halftime of the Wolf Pack-Idaho State football game. Idaho State's team was also supposed to run in the meet, but a coaching change and conflicting schedules forced them to cancel.

Hapless Westminster falls in opener

STEVE MARTARANO

It was the Wolf Pack's first offensive play of the game.

The UNR football team, after kicking off to the Westminster Parsons, held them and was set to receive the punt. But freshman Mark Henderson fumbled the kick away.

So, with 11:50 to go in the first quarter, UNR had possession. Senior quarterback Jeff Tisdell set up to throw his first pass of the 1977 season. The toss covered 44 yards and when it came down, it was nestled in the hands of last year's receiving star, Jeff Wright. Touchdown; six points.

That opening play was typical of how the whole day went. UNR ran when it wanted, passed when it wanted and scored when it wanted. The result was a 54-8 drubbing of hapless Westminster, a member of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

The Mackay Stadium crowd was 7,149, the largest in history at a Pack opener. The day was a scorcher, around 90 degrees at game time, and the heat definitely took its toll on the Parsons, who suited up only 33 players.

But it was easy to see Westminster was grossly overmatched. The Pack rolled to 531 total yards. Last year UNR averaged 470 yards and that was good enough to rank it second in the nation in Division II.

"It was a good team victory," said coach Chris Ault after the game. "Just about everybody on the team played. I'm real pleased with the effort. Not satisfied, but pleased."

Most of the pre-season buildup of the football team had been directed toward the Pack aerial attack. But Saturday, it was the running game that shone the brightest.

A total of 12 Pack runners saw action as a freshman led the way. Frank Hawkins of Western High School in Las Vegas showed the quickness that had earned him a starting spot. He rambled for 105 yards and one touchdown. Other runners having good days included Paul Williams, Stanley Wilson, Wayne Ferguson and David Craig.

But don't think the UNR passing attack was non-existent. Tisdell finished the day with nine completions, 115 yards and three touchdowns. His main receiver was

Wright, who caught five passes and made one touchdown, but tight end Tom Mason grabbed two tosses, both for scores.

Ault had to be pleased with UNR's defense. They forced four Westminster interceptions and caused two fumbles while limiting the Parsons offense to 14 first downs and 204 total yards.

A team favored so strongly as UNR doesn't usually try anything too risky. But after that initial touchdown, Pack kicker Fernando Serrano surprised the Parsons with a perfect onside kick. UNR's Alex Willis recovered it and 12 plays later freshman Joe McDonnell booted a 29-yard field goal for a 9-0 Nevada lead.

From there, the touchdowns came quickly. Hawkins crashed over from the one, tight end Mason gathered in a Tisdell pass from the nine, and one minute before halftime, defensive back Tom Foster intercepted a Walt Sturkey toss for 66 yards and yet another Pack score.

The kicking game was supposed to be one of UNR's weaker points but that has yet to be seen. Although McDonnell hit on a 29-yard field goal, two of his extra point attempts failed, as did another field goal. Punter Nick Pavich was able to punt the ball just once, for 28 yards. The brightest spot in the kicking game was Serrano, whose kickoffs were consistently high and deep. Once, three straight boots from the 40 sailed unreturnable into the end zone.

Probably the only good news for the Parsons was receiver Rex Macey. He caught 12 passes for 131 yards. Quarterback Sturkey managed to complete 20 passes, but that was in 39 tries for 193 total yards.

Westminster finally got on the board with 16 seconds to go in the game. Trapped on the Pack eight-yard line, Sturkey rolled around the right side and then dived in for the touchdown.

"I have no concern about the score," said Ault. "I don't try to rub it in or anything but my kids work too hard all week for me to tell them to let up for the game. I just let them play."

Next week should be a better test for the Pack, now 1-0. UNR will host Idaho State and a win would be sweet for Ault. The Bengals dumped the Pack last season 28-22, Idaho State's only victory.

On the sidelines

Tark gets lucky

UNLV basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian has a reprieve.

Tarkanian, suspended by UNLV on a recommendation by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, claimed that his 14th Amendment rights to due process were violated by UNLV President Donald Baepler's decision.

Baepler suspended his coach only after the NCAA included that action in its decision, made two weeks before, to put the Las Vegas basketball program on probation for two years because of about 20 violations of NCAA bylaws.

Tarkanian filed suit against the university, Baepler and the Board of Regents.

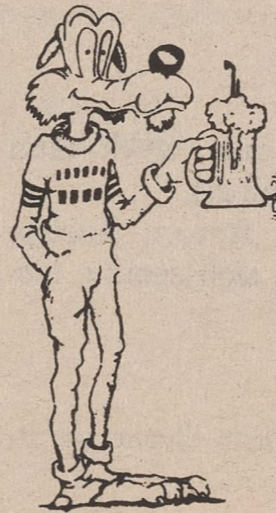
But last Thursday a local judge issued a temporary restraining order prohibiting UNLV from the suspension. The judge also set Sept. 21 as the date for a hearing on Tarkanian's request for a preliminary injunction.

As he has since the probation was announced two weeks ago, Tarkanian refused to comment, on advice of his attorney. "When this thing is over," he said, "I'll have so much to say you won't believe it."

Last year the NCAA advised this university to suspend Pack basketball center Edgar Jones after UNR was placed on a year's athletic probation concerning Jones' high school transcripts. But Jones was able to obtain a court injunction enabling him to play the entire 1976-77 season.

Women's tennis begins

Women's tennis team practice will begin today, according to coach Bob Fairman. All interested women should contact Fairman in his office in the old gym.



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- 5) True or false? A UNR football team has never played in a bowl game.

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