

# Sagebrush

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA AT RENO

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Photo by Larson

# Editorial

## The rites of youth

Whoever it was who said that ASUN couldn't put on a concert was wrong. (Actually we think it was us.) After a long spell of lots of trouble and little music Reno has been blessed with three straight successes. No, not just successes—huge successes.

In recent weeks three different promoters have put on concerts with the blessing of ASUN and all three have been sell-outs—two in the Old Gym and one in the Centennial Coliseum.

Wednesday night's concert by Blue Oyster Cult and Black Oak showed exactly what was possible in Reno. Somewhere around 7,000 tickets were sold, 1,570 by ASUN. Except for 230 student tickets the concert was sold out a day in advance.

Surprisingly enough, the crowd was generally well-behaved. Although the radio advertisements for the show stressed the violent aspects of the music—"On your feet or on your knees" and "a concert to turn you black and blue"—the only damage reported to have been done to the coliseum was a broken door hinge, which was quickly repaired by coliseum workers.

The music itself was mediocre and loud—very loud. The show was salvaged by a brilliant light show accompanying BOC. Multi-colored laser beams were used to create effects that rated more than one standing ovation, even if the band did not.

What is unfortunate about an event like this is that it has become so much a part of the rites of youth. The amount of alcohol and marijuana consumed by the crowd—roughly estimated to average 15 or 16 years

old—must have been staggering. As late as 11 a.m. the next morning the coliseum parking lot was still littered with an enormous number of beer bottles and cans. Police reportedly found a car abandoned on the sidewalk sometime during the night.

We watched as at least one young lady was taken off to the hospital in an ambulance. She was the victim of an overindulgence in alcohol according to a coliseum security officer. Several other youths were sitting on the floor breathing oxygen administered by another harried guard.

No matter how liberal we like to consider ourselves we find it difficult to find anything good about a scene like this. We admit that we don't understand it, and we can offer no solutions. The concert should have been fun. For most of us it probably was. For others we can only show concern.

We can see no good reasons for teenagers to need this sort of release. Nor do we know of any way to prevent drinking and smoking at concerts. It would take an army to stop it, and the result would probably only be violence. We hope that no one has been, or will be, hurt seriously by their actions at these concerts.

We admittedly love a good concert, and we're happy about the welcome given to recent performers in Reno. Leon Russell has been booked to appear at the coliseum on Jan. 13. Russell is at least twice the performer and musician that BOC is. We hope that Reno is as kind to him.

## To the Editor

### What the eagle sees

Sometimes I see as the eagle sees.  
Through the clouds of confusion I see clearly  
the end of the road.  
And I know that mankind is a dreadful malignant  
disease upon my beloved earth.  
I cheer for her as she fights to heal her wounds,  
And I cry as I see the scars that will never heal.

Friend of the Earth

### ASUN profit scam

That time of the year when students are thinking of a little cash they can pick up on their used books is rolling around again. Looking at my book shelf full of books in excellent condition, I think of the lucky soul who will pay 75% of the original price on books that I will get about 50% refund for.

A few issues of *Sagebrush* back, I remember reading that the ASUN has \$70,000 to invest from bookstore revenues. There were/are great plans for investing this money and making more of the great green stuff. No word about a new ASUN sponsored student loan program, a new dormitory, or improvements in existing ASUN concerns, not to even mention that prices should be lowered that caused this cash overflow.

Perhaps it isn't obvious, but when the bookstore sadly informs a student that their third edition books are going to be replaced by the fourth edition next semester, and buy them back at 25% or so, then the professors change their minds, the bookstore makes a profit two or three times on the SAME book!

On one of my roommate's books, a BYU bookstore sticker struck me as rather strange. Having a naturally suspicious mind, it occurred to me that ASUN bookstore can pick up used books from church-affiliated schools who already have tax-sheltered prices, and resell them, probably at a profit. Many times I've heard the argument that the bookstore offers the best prices possible and we aren't getting ripped off. We really have nothing to say because other bookstores in town don't carry the books we need so we are forced to shop ASUN. But such a large nest egg of profits come from somewhere and we all have a damn good idea as to where.

After airing so many of my gripes, I feel obligated to make at least one suggestion. Since it would be rather difficult for the bookstore to go through their entire inventory and lower all the prices, a quick and fair solu-

tion would be to offer a 15 percent discount to all customers with a student ID. Although some of the items might have to be exempt, such as cigarettes, (they have a fair price on cancer sticks anyway), this type of attitude might make us all a little more content with ASUN bookstore practices.

Lindia Errecart

### To be Peoples

Dear Editor of the Newspaper for children practicing to be Peoples thank you?

I'm having to have simply come to this fine viliage and I'm trying to express words of the much delicate I'm fondeling for this truthly fine fellow of a location. I'm please to say this City of Reno is variable Phoenix fuming from desert, incidentally one of your many colored tenements said there is existing already a nation of Phoenix in this truthly desert of America so I must say it Reno.

I'm recently to have usually subsequented one of your spontaneous cultural centres you many call it in American slang, "oily knife" ha, ha, Beside me stood on bench of cow a copy of your simply publicked "scandal cloth" ha, ha, "Sagebrush". During my consumption of a large medkum small large Pissa I grovelled over the truthly fine particles it contaminated. The editorial trapped my eyes explicitly making me too much grieve that this "Brushfire" is haveing so much problems I'm sorry.

\$400 it does not appeal to me that is so large that it request should be defiled. Kiev is Our Kulture Kapital where we publick Our "litary/art" magazine. Many peoples cringe to press the crowds when it is posted on Memorial Electrical Pole. It approaches simply before annual amnesty in November.

This problem of monies sees to be ribald with such Publicks, for in Kiev every Five Year Plan excluded more monies to make "Kiev Kollaberation" very bigger. Until simply last year its Editors were faced with concluding all submissives on its 3+5 cardboard. Only one side could be used for ink is especial costing in Kiev. Fruitfully though this year the Kentral Kommittee for Extraction of Art gave monies to expend "KK's" size to 10+12 cardboard. Kentral Kommittee said they would have gave monies sooner, incidentally they thought all the peoples cramming around the pole were waiting to use toilet. I'm thinking perhaps your Senate labours under misconnection that the peoples are "waiting for toilet" or something seemliar.

Please may I add Kommittee did not know that until a member was standing in line that "KK" really existed

thankyou.

I'm seeing that my car is been repaid at filling station across prospect, the concrete fender replaced so I must travel on to your great "Babylon by the Bay".

I most sincerely thankyou too much for your quick indulgence of me.

Yours truthly,  
Ivan Blaztov,  
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# Aside

## Big-time, or Little League?

### ED PEARCE

As a long-time observer of Wolf Pack Basketball, I couldn't help leaving last night's (Nov. 23) unofficial season opener feeling a certain lack. There was nothing missing on the court. The team, though ragged at times, showed great promise. It showed flashes of speed and style on offense and a tenacious daring on defense. Given better games from better opponents it will be an exciting team to watch. And that's fortunate because whatever enthusiasm which is generated in the cold cavern of the Centennial Coliseum will have to come from the team and their fiery coach. They'll get precious little help elsewhere.

First, of course, the coliseum itself is hardly a friendly setting. It is a good facility for a great many things. A great basketball pavilion it is not.

Crowd reactions which would make many college gyms a snake pit seem to somehow get lost in the rafters of the coliseum.

Working around the coliseum's schedule this year which features a very long absence from home crowds in the latter part of the season. If the WCAC race is close, as it should be, that schedule could be as much of a problem for the Pack as most of its opponents.

The time has come for UNR basketball and the coliseum to seek different paths. The school knows it and so do the coliseum officials. It's time the community realized it as well. UNR needs its own basketball pavilion.

But that's for future seasons. For the time being the coliseum will have to serve.

Last night's crowd of 2,000 was disappointing. But UNR sports is on the rise and local fans who had been numbed by years of mediocrity are starting to wake up. Still the process is a lot slower than it should be. One reason, we think, is the lack of imagination in staging

and promoting UNR sports.

Last night a new basketball season was served up with less flair than a bowl of mashed potatoes on a Thanksgiving dinner table.

The UNR athletic department should take a field trip to Las Vegas where the Rebels are introduced with some showmanship. They make sure the crowd reaches a peak at the beginning jump and build on it rather than leaning back waiting for something to happen.

By the beginning of the season fans in the southern end of the state know their team and by the beginning of the game, they're excited about it.

Flashy programs tout the team's new and familiar faces. Standouts are suggested as bonafide All-American candidates.

And the promotion hardly stops at the city boundaries.

Sportswriters all over the country also know what's happening in UNLV basketball and are already beginning to associate names with All-American honors. That's the way it's done in the big time.

At the coliseum last night fans were still nudging each other trying to match up the new names, faces and numbers. They weren't helped by the fact that the team had to play its season opener wearing last year's jerseys with this year's trunks. The new tops just didn't arrive in time.

While they were trying to get acquainted with the team they were being whipped into a frenzy of well-controlled lethargy by an uninspired introduction, supported by a pep band which played the national anthems of both the United States and Australia with equal unfamiliarity.

The band didn't get much better and coliseum hot dogs have not either, though they had to suffice for half

time entertainment.

If the Pack has little head start in exciting its own fans, it has none in trying to excite the nation's sports-writers.

While Reno media and fans busy themselves with quoting and re quoting each other on Edgar Jones being one of the best big men in the country and Coach Jim Carey proclaiming "a new power in the West," the rest of the country would probably be surprised to learn we play basketball at this end of the state. Publicity is a very big part of building an intercollegiate program and promoting All-Americans. UNR's efforts in this area are, at best, dismal.

It's not only Pack basketball which suffers this neglect. The excitement of the recent football season was due in a large part to the promotional savvy of coach Chris Ault. A showman as well as a coach, he did a good job. It wasn't his job to do, but he did it and he did it well.

It isn't coach Carey's job either. It's time UNR matched its efforts on the playing field and court with some of the same sort of effort by which our biggest hotel casinos promote and present their entertainment.

As fans who have looked into it know, UNR is entering big time collegiate sports on the efforts of two fine coaches and, at long last a much improved Booster's Club. But leadership in the athletic director and the sports information offices are still at ground zero.

In competition, UNR is in the big time, but in selling itself to its public, the community and the rest of the country, it's still very much Little League.

*Ed Pearce is News Director of KTVN Channel 2 in Reno. The above was telecast as a commentary on Newswatch 2 on Thanksgiving, Nov. 24, 1977.*

-Editor

## Senate wants USUNS changes

### DON LaPLANTE

A proposal by ASUN President John McCaskill to drastically restructure the United Students of the University of Nevada System (USUNS) was endorsed unanimously Wednesday evening by the ASUN Senate.

USUNS, which is an association of student governments throughout the state, presently holds four conferences each year with four delegates from each of the six schools in the system. The conferences are to set policy for the organization. USUNS also has a president, vice president and treasurer. These three, along with the student government presidents at each of the schools, form an executive council.

McCaskill's proposal would abolish both the executive officers of USUNS and eliminate the quarterly conferences. In place of these would be a council of 12 members that would meet before every Board of Regents meeting. On the council would be the student government president from each school along with one other representative from each of the institutions.

The other delegate from each school would probably be elected by the student senate at each school. McCaskill's proposal would have had the student government president appoint the other delegate but the sentiment among the ASUN senators was for the person to be elected in some way.

McCaskill's main concerns are the cost of the present operation and the lack of benefits he believes UNR has received through the present structure.

"This year USUNS will be looking at a financial commitment from its member schools and the Board of Regents totaling about \$15,000," McCaskill said in his statement to the Senate.

He said that ASUN will be spending about \$4,000 and that the investment has not been providing any results.

"The few things which have been achieved could have been done through a few long distance phone calls," he said.

McCaskill said that the USUNS leadership could not really be effective because the officers may not have any real power on their own campuses and the officers could be spread throughout the state making coordination difficult.

Under McCaskill's plan, there would be a chairman of the USUNS council who would speak on behalf of the group to the Board of Regents and serve as the student representative to the chancellor's advisory cabinet.

He said that the cost would also be considerably less under his plan than with the current operation.

"These ten meetings per year would be inexpensive considering the regents already provide for transportation for the student body president to regents' meetings. The additional cost to send the other representatives would be slight (\$3500) in comparison to the existing expense of roughly \$12,000," McCaskill said.

While this proposal would essentially create a whole new organization and junk the old one, the ASUN Senate voted to try to keep the name as USUNS. McCaskill had suggested that it might be called the Nevada Student Body Presidents Council, but the senators said they felt a name change would destroy any credibility that had been established with the Board of Regents or the students.

The proposal will be presented to the USUNS conference scheduled to start today in Las Vegas. McCaskill said he was optimistic that the plan would be adopted because some of the other schools are

also not satisfied with the way the organization is operating.

If the plan is adopted either this weekend in Las Vegas or at the next conference in March in Carson City it would go into effect in July when the current terms of office expire. It would require approval by the Board of Regents also before it could become effective.

Although never explicitly stated the proposal carries the hint of an ultimatum from the UNR student government. The implication being that if this proposal, or some similar restructuring, is not adopted then UNR might just withdraw from the organization.

Should UNR withdraw it would probably severely cripple the organization. The organization would no longer be able to claim to represent all of the students in Nevada colleges, and a quarter of the organization's budget would evaporate. In addition most of the work of the organization has been done by the UNR delegates, which would provide more problems for those schools that remained.

Although not a part of the reorganization plan, one other complaint brought up by some members of the senate was

the representative formula.

Presently, each of the six schools, no matter what the size, has equal representation. Some senators wanted the representation to more closely reflect the enrollments or the contributions to the organizations.

McCaskill said he considered this, and a possible veto provision for UNR and UNLV, but decided that it would not be practical and probably would not be adopted.

It is likely that the community colleges would resist any attempt to take away the power they now have with 16 of the 24 delegates, and under McCaskill's plan eight of the 12.

From indications on the other campuses, it appears that some sort of reform for USUNS will be adopted this year, if only because of the implied threat of UNR to pull out.

In an ironic note, after the senate had voted to approve the plan to restructure USUNS, McCaskill had to get senate approval for an appropriation from the Interim Finance Committee of \$380.90 to send the delegates to this weekend's conference in Las Vegas to try to abolish the conferences.

## Interim editor named

Steve Falcone, a senior in journalism, has been appointed interim editor of the *Sagebrush*. He was appointed unanimously by both the ASUN Publications Board and the Senate.

He replaces Laura Hinton who submitted her resignation last week due to

ill health.

The ASUN Senate also approved opening filing for a permanent editor effective immediately with filing to close on Monday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. The Publications Board would then select a new editor at its meeting Dec. 13 with confirmation by the Senate on Dec. 14.

# =Classified=

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## Four excused

# Senators stay away

DON LaPLANTE

The ASUN Senate had its worst attendance of the year by the members with only 16 of the 20 senators making the meeting. However, all four of the absences—Ruth Anderson, and Mark Dales, medical sciences, Becky Blundell, arts and sciences and Lee Huckins, mines—were listed as excused.

Most of the hour-and-a-half meeting was taken up with discussion of three issues. The group discussed a change in the structure of the United Students of the University of Nevada System (USUNS) (see accompanying story), a proposed merger between the ASUN and the Graduate Students Association (GSA) and the university policy on alcohol.

The proposed ASUN-GSA merger came in for criticism from some of the senators. ASUN President John McCaskill told the senate he favors a complete merger where graduate students would be full members with a seat of the senate and the right to run for any of the executive offices.

Under the system proposed by McCaskill, graduate students would be able to go to athletic events, get concert discounts and other benefits currently enjoyed only by the undergraduates. The one problem would be in rearranging the current consolidated fee paid by the students.

While both graduates and undergraduates pay the same \$22 per credit, more of the fee of the graduates goes to the university general fund. To equalize it would mean about \$10,000 would have to come out of the university general fund and be allocated to the ASUN and the athletic fee.

However, Senator Jon Hamel, mines, favored allowing graduate students to be members of ASUN, but on a voluntary basis, with the graduate students paying an additional fee.

Senator Mark Elston, business administration, favored allowing graduate stu-

dents in "on the lowest level." The graduate students would be members but would not be eligible to run for executive office, for example.

The Senate made no decision on the issue Wednesday but decided to try to get some kind of reading on the graduate student wishes before proceeding any further.

There was also a discussion of the alcohol-use policy on campus. The senate agreed to have Keith Kullby, arts and sciences, draw up a resolution urging that alcohol be available for sale at events such as football games and Mackay Day.

Presently, groups such as fraternities, sororities, and social and professional group are allowed to have alcohol at functions only with the advance permission of the university administration. The student government is not allowed to have alcohol available at any of the events it sponsors.

In a sidelight to the UNR discussion, the alcohol privileges at UNLV were suspended within the last two weeks. An old Clark County ordinance was discovered that prohibited the sale or use of alcoholic beverages near a "schoolhouse." It was decided that UNLV was a "schoolhouse" so there can be no alcohol at UNLV unless the county ordinance is changed.

The resolution will probably come before the senate next week for consideration.

In other actions, the Senate approved appropriations by the Activities Board of \$102.50 to the student group in the School of Home Economics for a speaker.

Finance Control Board appropriations that were approved included \$890 to the ASUN Range Club and \$456.50 to the Northern Nevada Student Personnel Society.

The senate will meet next Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Room 7 Mack Social Sciences.

## Grad student assaulted

PATRICIA NAEGLE

A UNR graduate student was reportedly sexually assaulted Tuesday night and a man suspected of the crime is being held in the Washoe County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail, according to UNPD chief Keith Shumway.

The chief stated that the 27-year old woman, a physics student from Columbia, reported being outside of the physics building when she was approached by Ernesto Barraza, 50, from Portland. Shumway said that she reportedly knew the man, and accepted a ride with him to her apartment where she was sexually assaulted and her life was threatened with a gun.

The woman contacted the University Police who drove with her on Wednesday morning to the apartment to

recover the clothes she had been wearing during the assault. Chief Shumway said that the woman then identified Barraza who was in a parked car near her residence when she and Officer Larry Steele arrived. Steele called for reinforcements before arresting the man. According to Steele, Barraza was in possession of a .357-caliber Magnum and a .38-caliber revolver, both of which were loaded.

Barraza has been charged with assault and battery; assault with a deadly weapon, sexual assault and carrying a concealed weapon. He has not yet been scheduled for arraignment.

Chief Shumway said that the woman sustained facial bruises and cuts. This is her first semester at UNR.

## United students to meet

The United Students of the University of Nevada System (USUNS) will hold another of its quarterly conferences this weekend in Las Vegas.

The organization is scheduled to conduct business sessions this afternoon, Saturday morning and afternoon.

As with the last conference in October, there was no official agenda available to members of the UNR delegation or to the press as of the day before the conference.

However, the items that are likely to

be discussed are the proposal by ASUN President John McCaskill to completely restructure USUNS (see story page three), a budget for the organization for both this fiscal year, which began in July, and for the next year and the proposed Nevada student lobby.

The outcome of both the budgets and the student lobby structure may well depend on the structure USUNS will take. The student lobby would be operational next year to try to work with the next session of the state legislature.

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# Reno: Another commuter's paradise?

Decentralization of urban planning functions and the idea of neighborhood government can go a long way toward reducing the unreasonably rapid growth rate of which most local citizens disapprove, and which cheapens the quality of life in this area and others. Yet the restructuring of local government entities, even in conjunction with a change in zoning philosophies and land-use policies, is insufficient in itself to solve problems of growth permanently. One has to look beneath the evident problem of bad city government and search for some of the underlying causes of unhealthy urban growth as well. Some of these underlying causes are the automobile and modern urban transportation systems as a whole.

In the search for the solution to urban transportation problems, it is a uselessly extreme measure to call for the banning of all automobiles. The automobile has its proper use in Western North America where distances between localities are often vast, in fact mind-boggling to European visitors. It is not the automobile as an invention which is so much to be condemned as a source of our problems, but rather the conceptions that surround it. These conceptions have resulted in what Paul Goodman calls the "hypertrophy" of this product—in other words, the dangerous and unreasonable over-production and overuse of a product which on a more limited scale should be useful and contribute to human happiness.

In the case of the automobile, as in so many others, the perverse modern interpretation of the work ethic—i.e., Work-for-Work's-Sake—contributes to the problem. The believers in Work-for-Work's-Sake tirelessly convert labor-saving devices into mere opportunities to create more work. Accordingly, if a contrivance saves time and trouble in one area, it merely frees men to seek out time-consuming toil in another. Rarely is a new invention allowed to produce leisure, free time, and opportunities for contemplation. And so it is with the automobile. It could be used to save people time. It has a worthwhile place in the American West, and is ultimately connected with the concept of freedom of motion so essential to the casual Western life style. Yet automobile traffic now almost universally wastes people's time, creates new trouble, and locks people into intolerable commuting patterns, Los Angeles leading the way. The sensitive person is alarmed at the ever-increasing length of socially acceptable commuting distances.

A specific reason for alarm is an article entitled "Industry Detoured from Reno" which appeared in the *Nevada State Journal* October 15, 1977. The articles at first seemed encouraging. Robert Goodman, director of the State Economic Development Department, made statements indicating he realized (if the Reno City Council didn't) that further new industry in the Truckee Meadows would not be beneficial to anyone. Reading further into the article, however, one found that Mr. Goodman was advocating that investors who want to build subdivisions be encouraged to look at Fallon and Fernley rather than Reno. "In Nevada we're used to commuting only eight-20 miles. In Los Angeles, they commute 60 miles with no problems. Some of our communities could be bedroom communities."

Mr. Goodman seems unaware of what a hell the commuters' paradise of Los Angeles has become. His proposals as quoted in the *Nevada State Journal* should cause his namesake, the anarchist sociologist, to turn over in his grave.

In a telephone conversation with this columnist Friday, November 25, 1977, Robert Goodman did at least say that it is up to such communities as Fernley to decide whether or not they really want to become bedroom communities. He also stated that new industries could use their own private bus transportation or encourage car-pooling to solve the problems of congestion and fuel waste caused by widespread commuting. But the director of the State Economic Development Department further said that a rumor that the MGM hotel-casino's management is planning to build houses for its prospective employees in the Fernley area—a rumor which has been repeated for some time by student employees in local casinos—has also been heard at the state government level.

All proposals for the building of subdivisions based on the extension of commuting distances must be vigorously opposed. Dr. Allen Wilcox, in a conversation with this columnist, pointed out that in much of the West suburbs and outlying districts are fundamentally dif-

ferent from their counterparts in the East. In the East, suburbs tend to be wealthier or at least middle class; in the West they tend to be lower middle class or even poor. In the Reno area, then, we find that the people who can least afford the fuel to commute often live in outlying areas like Sun Valley, Panther Valley, Black Springs, and Fernley.

The usual solution proposed to all these problems is mass transit, publicly financed. The best example of this proposed solution is Eugene, Oregon's municipal bus system. Rides are cheap (in 1974 tokens were 25 cents or five for a dollar), and routes are comprehensive and well-served. In comparison with Eugene's bus system, Reno's is laughable. Either Reno should seriously try to offer decent bus service, or it should dismantle its present farcical set-up. The current system serves next to no one. It is easy to suspect that special interests want the Reno City Council to keep our bus system ineffective.

A well-running bus system in a middle-sized city is a blessing, provided that it is made up of comparatively short routes (no more than four miles). Of course, there is no harm in providing in some cases longer routes to nearby lakes and county campgrounds, as does Eugene's bus system.

However, intensive, high-speed transit systems—subways, big city bus systems, and commuter trains—are a pure horror, to be avoided at all costs. Madrid's and Mexico City's subways, during rush hours people push into the cars until they are packed as tightly as sardines.

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are nightmares. Even the better subways of London, Toronto, and Paris are very unpleasant during rush hours. Likewise, a big-city bus system is not something a tired worker wants to utilize at five o'clock just after getting off work. One must keep in mind also that ticket-agents for the "sardine-tin" metro-systems—sick of their routine work and knowing that their patrons do not usually have alternative means of transportation—are extremely unpleasant and churlish. And in Los Angeles and Vancouver, big-city driving is hell for a bus-driver.

In fact, extended urban transit systems cause further growth of megalopolises by encouraging commuting and by bringing into the central city mere day-workers who have little interest in its problems. Those systems contribute to the problems of commuting they are supposed to solve.

In his seriously flawed but still intriguing critique of the medical profession, *The Medical Nemesis* (London, 1975), Ivan Illich makes a good case for the contention that systems of transportation, whether public or private, tend to harm people when they are overused:

*It is not the choice of the vehicle but the decision to organize modern society around high-speed transportation which turns locomotion from a healthy activity into a health-denying form of consumption . . . At a given point of acceleration things and people strapped to them begin to move in an engineered time-space continuum which is*

*biologically anti-thetical to that for which the human animal has evolved. The more hurried a crowded world becomes, the higher must be the evidence of trauma which results from unhealthy encounters, violent separation, and enervating restraint. Vehicles become unhealthy when they compel people to speed. It is not their specific construction or the choice of a private car over a public bus that makes transportation unhealthy, but their speed itself and the intensity of their use (p. 40).*

Mass transit systems also contribute to an unhealthy society by daily crowding people into unwanted contact with each other and hence breeding a sense of almost contemptuous disregard of man for his fellow man.

Only in certain limited contexts, then can we rely on public transportation and mass transit as solutions to the problems inherent in commuting. We must instead look toward bringing people closer to their places of work. In *Utopian Essays and Practical Proposals*, Paul Goodman suggests establishing a municipal agency "to facilitate people's living near their work if they so choose, by arranging exchanges of residence advantageous to all parties" (p. 147). Also, in an extremely interesting book just released, *Energy and Nevada* (Reno: Bureau of Governmental Research, 1977), Dr. Wilcox has an article entitled "Energy and the Problem of Growth" which is must reading for students of sensible urban planning. Dr. Wilcox too believes that good urban planning, by bringing people closer to their work, would solve many problems caused by commuting:

*Energy considerations can and must become an integral part of . . . planning. Here the transportation system is a pivotal element. Communities should be developed in ways that minimize the need for energy-intensive modes of transportation. Reliance on the automobile should give way to various forms of mass transportation, to bicycling, to walking. The major means of accomplishing this is to state in principle, if not always easy to implement in practice—form communities so that residences are close to places of work, schools, shopping, and recreational areas. If this principle were successfully incorporated into community planning, the amount of energy saved over the next fifty or a hundred years is difficult to calculate but would surely be immense. And, of course, there would be numerous other benefits, e.g., increased health through physical exercise, saving of time lost in commuting, and neighborhoods that people can live in and not just escape from (p. 39).*

It is also important that federal and state governments end all subsidies for the construction of new freeways and highways, and restrict themselves, at most, to grants for the maintenance of those that already exist. The federal government, furthermore, should end all pump-priming and other economic "planning" in behalf of the automobile industry. In this way the federal and state governments can avoid causing artificial increases in automobile traffic and commuting distances which defy even the most enlightened city councils' efforts to contain growth.

## Periphery

# Theater discount

The half-price ticket discount which has been offered by Mann Theaters to part-time, full-time and graduate students at UNR will soon become more valuable than ever.

Mann Theaters has notified the ASUN that three new theaters will be opening in the Old Town Mall, 4001 S. Virginia St., on Thursday, Dec. 22.

The half-price ticket discount will be honored at these three new out-

lets, as well as at the Keystone Cinema at 505 Keystone Ave.

Opening features at the Old Town Mall theaters will include *Gauntlet* starring Clint Eastwood. Also showing will be the critically acclaimed *Turning Point* with Shirley MacLaine and Ann Bancroft. In addition to these, beginning Dec. 14 at the Keystone Cinema will be Steven Spielberg's latest movie *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

### File now - be editor

Filing is now open for the position of *Sagebrush* editor for the remainder of the 1977-1978 academic year.

All ASUN students are encouraged to apply. Required: must be undergraduate with at least a 2.0 GPA.

Filing closes Monday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m.

### Carnival chair deadline

Today at 5 p.m. is the deadline for applying for the position of Winter Carnival chairperson. Questions about the position may be directed to Vice President of Activities Kim Rowe who is available in his office on a 24-hour basis.

### China films

The Chinese Student Association will show three films tonight at 7 p.m. in the TSSC Auditorium. Shown will be: "National Day Military Review of the Republic of China," in English; "Flying to Freedom," about a Chinese Communist pilot who flew to Taiwan last July,

in English, and "Eight Hundred Heroes," about 800 servicemen who refused to surrender during World War II and died in a castle, with English subtitles. Admission will be free.

### Handicap dance

The Student Council for Exceptional Children is sponsoring the third annual dance for handicapped citizens on Dec. 3, at the Center for Religion and Life. The dance will be free of charge and refreshments will be provided.

Dance starts at 7:30 p.m. Any interested individuals, handicapped or not, are welcome to attend.

Semi-formal dress requested.

### 'Future Shock'

All university students are invited to view the film 'Future Shock' based on the book by Alvin Toffler and narrated by Orson Welles. Please come for a shocking experience, Sat. 7:30 p.m. at Thompson Auditorium. Sponsored by the Hong Kong and Overseas Chinese Student Association.

# Reno debater takes fourth; team places tenth

UNR sophomore Mark Broadhead, representing the ASUN Forensic Society at the Western States Forensic Tournament, placed fourth among sixty-nine competitors in extemporaneous speaking. The tournament, which was held on the Arizona State University campus in Tempe, is among the largest in this region. Broadhead competed in a total of five rounds to win the honor, and spoke on the topic of population control in the final round. The tournament was held on Thanksgiving weekend.

The UNR debate team, represented by senior Kim Perkins, sophomore Dave Hoffman, and Broadhead, placed tenth in cross-examination debate, winning rounds against California State University-Northridge, University of San Francisco, and University of Southern California. The team lost preliminary rounds to CSU-Northridge and Oregon State University.

The next competition scheduled is the Northern California Forensic Association Fall Championships, held at UC-Berkeley, December 3-4.



Photo by Larson

### Cliff Young speaks

The UNR Law Club will have Senator Cliff Young as their guest speaker on Monday, December 5, 1977 at Jot Travis Lounge at 7:00 p.m. Senator Young will speak on "Politics and the Law." All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting.

### Free blood check

The Orvis Student Nurses Association will hold a blood pressure screening clinic Monday. All students, staff and faculty are invited to have their blood pressure checked from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Getchell Library main floor.

### Miners meet

Phi Kappa Phi will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. in Room 271 of the Getchell Library. Discussion will be on how student members can be better involved in chapter activities. All members are asked to attend with ideas.

### Coordinate elections

Filing is now open for the position of Election Board Chairperson. Responsibilities will include coordinating the ASUN primary and general elections next spring as well as chairing all meetings of the Elections Board members who ensure that the proper rules and regulations are adhered to during the elections.

Deadline for filing is Monday, Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. Students may apply for the position of chairperson or as members of the Election Board by contacting Peggy Martin in the ASUN Office. Telephone: 784-6589.

### Errata

Contrary to a report in the Nov. 22 issue of *Sagebrush* John Louis Mulot is not a student. He worked as an assistant to sculptor Bob Morrison on the statue of Abraham Curry.

# Mail retards ILL process

Because of a general slowdown among academic libraries during the Christmas holidays, the interlibrary loan department (ILL) at the UNR library will not process requests received between Dec. 19 and Jan. 6.

Anne Amaral, department head, said that most academic libraries close their ILL departments at Christmastime, making it almost impossible to acquire materials during this period.

In addition, said Amaral, the seasonal mail deluge causes long delays in delivery, seriously retarding the ILL process.

Amaral said her department will remain open, however, during the slowdown period for consultation and for the return of previously received materials.

Persons who will need research materials during the holidays should make requests now, the department head said.

# Military requirement to get further study

The fate of male students who have entered UNR during the past three years and have not completed their military science requirement remains up in the air after this week's meeting of the Military Affairs Review Board.

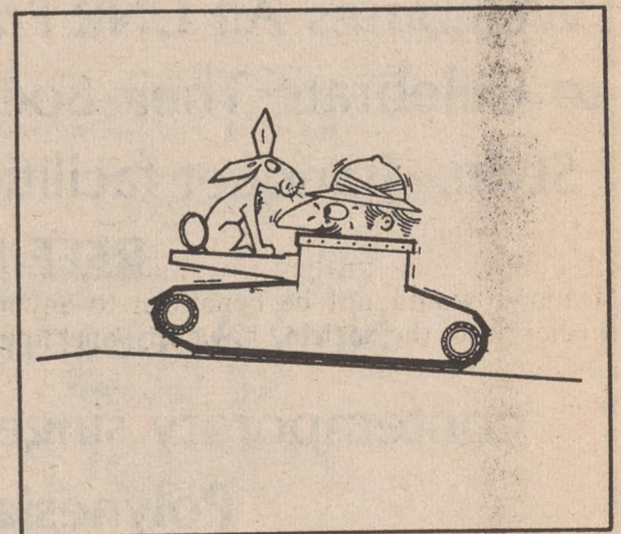
The Board of Regents recently abolished the requirement for students entering the university in 1978. However, the requirement for other students is still in question. "The university catalog states that Military A is a university course requirement, and only the university president can change it," Ken Braunstein, chairman of the board, said.

Professor of Military Science Lt. Col. Richard Iori, the department head, said his philosophy is that "the Army is all volunteer, (and) ROTC should be the same." At the meeting he said, "If they don't want to take it, I don't need them."

The position of the board, however, was to study the problem and make a recommendation to President Max Milam after registration for the spring semester.

Iori explained that his program to recruit volunteers is to contact those who would like to know about ROTC and explain it to them. The military science department will assemble a mail-out package for freshmen; visit high schools in Reno, Sparks, Carson City and Las Vegas; contact the Junior ROTC cadets and Junior Rifle Teams; and demonstrate military skills during registration week.

Iori emphasized to the board that the military science department is not competing with the other departments for majors but is offering a professional military career as a viable alternative for any major at UNR.



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12 p.m.—Art Dept. Second Annual Open House, exhibition and sale; Church Fine Arts Outer Gallery.  
8:15 p.m.—Nevada Opera Guild presents "The Magic Flute"; Pioneer Theater Auditorium.

Saturday

# 3

1 p.m.—Bill of Nevada Talent Show; Church Fine Arts Theatre.  
7:30 p.m.—Benefit Football Game, Reno Police Dept. vs. Reno Fire Dept.; Centennial Coliseum.  
7:00 p.m.—Movie, "Future Shock"; Thompson Student Services Center, Room 107. Sponsored by the Hong Kong and Overseas Chinese Student Association.

Sunday

# 4

8 p.m.—ASUN Movie, "Jesus Christ Superstar," Thompson Student Services Center, Room 107. ASUN members free.

Monday

# 5

4 p.m.—Meeting, Soccer Club; Thompson Student Services Center, Room 107.  
7 p.m.—Meeting, Law Club; Travis Lounge, Union. Speaker: Senator

Cliff Young

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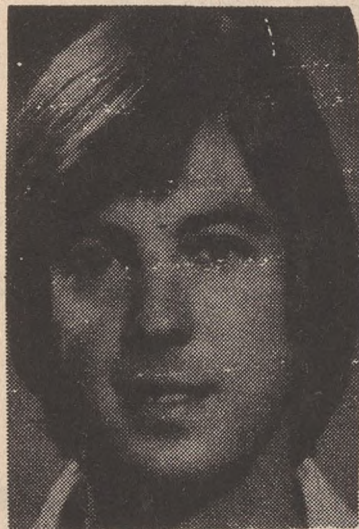
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In Reno you can telephone Credit Bureau Reports, Inc., 826-1881, or visit their office at 4600 Kietzke Lane to get information about your credit records. After proper identification is established, you have to fill out a request application. Within 30 days of being denied credit, you can require the bureau to tell you everything in your credit file, with the exception of medical data and the names of individual sources of information such as friends and neighbors.

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When you are reviewing your file, the bureau must tell you what credit grantors have received reports about you during the past six months, and during the past two years where the reports have been sent for employment purposes.

The Federal Trade Commission is responsible for enforcing the Fair Credit Reporting Act, which regulates credit bureaus. If you feel that your rights have been violated by a credit bureau, contact the closest regional FTC office: 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36005, San Francisco, CA 94102.

V. Boston

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*I was asked to supply a one-page resume to accompany my job application form. My question is: what is the most important information to give?*

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## Sports

## A team with multitudes of talent

## STEVE MARTARANO

Suddenly basketball season is upon us and it couldn't have hit with a more stunning flourish.

Edgar Jones has been around now for going on his third year, but never has he been surrounded by such multitudes of talent. Led by JC transfers Johnny High and Mike "The Fly" Gray, these guards along with the rest of coach Jim Carey's supporting cast are putting on one fine show.

The latest episode took place last Tuesday night in the Centennial Coliseum in front of the largest crowd and the toughest team to date. Against a young but surprisingly successful Brigham Young University, the Wolf Pack demolished the Cougars 100-66.

UNR had started quick enough, running up 130 points against tiny Doane college and 102 more against Cal Poly, Pomona. But BYU was getting into a little faster company. The Cougars had been defeated by powerful UCLA by only two points in Los Angeles and then had upset Long Beach State 100-91 the night before they arrived in Reno.

In front of 5,708 delighted fans, the game quickly turned into a grudge match. UNR's 6-10, 210 pound center JONES was matched against BYU's monster 6-10, 230 Alan Taylor. "They (BYU) said we couldn't play," said Jones who had a tooth knocked out early in the second half. "They were calling us names but we beat the hell out of them. We are on our way." Jones finished the game with eight points and nine rebounds.

Although a vital part in the Pack offense, Jones is no longer the sole contributor. Roommates High and Gray have taken care of that as they each scored 26 points against the Cougars as the Pack raced to a 3-0 record.

UNR never trailed. Playing the tenacious, scrambling defense that is a trademark of Carey-coached teams, the Pack built an impressive, comfortable 10-point halftime lead.

But it was the second half which saw the whole show switch into high gear. After Jones lost his tooth, the team seemed to catch fire.

Twice in a row, High stole the ball, battled a man one-on-one to the basket, then scored. When Jones finally came back in, UNR had a 69-49 lead and the crowd was going nuts.

There was another amazing fact to the game. When a team establishes itself as a runner like UNR has, then a lot of turnovers are expected—around 20 in Carey's estimation. But Tuesday night, the Pack coughed up the ball only seven times, once in the entire second half.

"We did everything right," said Carey. "We played control, hit our jumpers, ran to perfection." In talking to his players after the game, Carey tried to downplay how good they looked to possibly avoid overconfidence this early in the season. But he couldn't hold back. "Damn, I'm proud of you," he said. "Keep playing like you did tonight and people will notice."

Despite all the excitement a game like this can cause, the season is a long one. The Pack is fast out of the starting blocks with three big wins at home, but the road scene in basketball is another story.

The Pack played at Cal-Berkely last night and tonight will be in San Diego State to battle the Aztecs. Dec. 12 UNR 275



UNR's Edgar Jones is as dominating as ever.

Photo by Smith

will be at Nebraska against the Big 8 foe. The trip ends in Las Vegas Dec. 14 against UNLV. It could be the roughest road trip in Pack basketball history.

But at this point, optimism is running high. As starting swingman Mike Longero said, "We really have the confidence now. We have so many players that each of us can relax and play our own game. It's an awesome thing to experience on the floor."

When the Pack finally does return home, it will be for its own Wolf Pack classic Dec. 22 and 23. The teams involved in that will be UNR, Idaho St., Boise St. and Texas Christian.

## UNR Wolf Pack beats Bears to up season record to 4-0

UNR disregarded a 14-point half-time deficit to pull out an 89-81 overtime win last night against the Golden Bears of Cal-Berkeley. The Pack is now 4-0 on the season.

Although playing the entire second half with four fouls, 6-10 junior center Edgar Jones played an inspired game to lead the Pack comeback. He finished with 32 points against a Cal team that was previously undefeated and supposed to give UCLA a run for its money in the tough Pac-8 conference.

Tonight UNR will be in San Diego to battle San Diego State.

# Tisdel gets nod to play in Shrine game

STEVE MARTARANO

Jeff Tisdel's college football career will last at least one more game.

Tisdel was selected as one of the West squad's two quarterbacks in the annual East-West Shrine game that this year will be held Dec. 31 at Stanford.

"Naturally I was thrilled," he said Tuesday. "These guys I'll be playing against are definitely the big boys. I haven't played against anything like it yet."

Tisdel came to UNR after graduating from Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento. He was recruited by Jerry Scattini but never really had a good season until 1976 when Chris Ault took over.

In those two years he has set many UNR passing records while leading the Pack to two straight 8-3 seasons. This year, he threw for 2,387 yards and 25 touchdowns.

The only other quarterback on the West team will be Grambling's Doug Williams. Tisdel's coach will be Grambling's Eddie Robinson, so chances are Tisdel won't start.

"I don't really care if I don't start," he said. "This game's gonna be fun, I tell you. Playing in front of 70,000-75,000 people—wow!"

Tisdel will start working out for the game Dec. 18. He is the first player from UNR selected for the contest since 1947.

## Cross country season ends on high note for Wysocki, Pack

DAVE YEARY

Coach Jack Cook sat in his office last weekend and called junior colleges and high schools, recruiting runners for his cross country team. Cook had a lot of material to base his sales pitch on.

His team finished a long season that still has him in shock. "I still think I'm going to wake up one morning and find out it was all a dream," he said. "I thought at the start of the year that we would go 0-9 instead of the other way around."

The season was capped last week, when the team went to the NCAA national championships at Spokane, Wash. The meet was a mess, according to Cook, and the exact placings of the 30 Division I teams in the meet will never be known.

Officially the Pack finished 16th, but Cook believes that UNR finished at least 13th. Wednesday, it was announced that the Pack ranked 12th nationally in the Harrier magazine final poll.

The big story of the nationals though, was Tom Wysocki who became only the third NCAA Division I All-American in UNR history.

"They gave 150 percent," said Cook, "...and that's why we were successful."

Wysocki finished 10th overall individually, but was the fourth American runner to cross the finish line. "It was a very satisfying season for me," said Wysocki who gained Track and Field Federation All-America honors along with Dave Murphy. "My brothers and sisters really made it possible. They gave me the money so that I could train and not have to work all summer."

Wysocki, a senior, plans to continue in track after he graduates. "I'm hoping this club in Oregon will accept me," he said. "I would like to try and make the Olympics too."

Cook can see no reason why he can't. "The next three to six years should be his best," Cook said. "He should go right to the Olympic finals."

The big surprise of the 1977 season was the other six runners on the team. "They gave 150 percent," said Cook,

whose team captured its third West Coast Athletic Conference championship. "Talent wise these guys didn't have enough to beat anybody, but they gave it everything they had and that's why we were successful."

For that reason, along with the abbreviated schedule the team was forced to play when flu struck at mid-season, Cook is reluctant to rank this year's team with ones he's coached in the past. But it has to rank among the top Pack teams ever.

As for next year—Cook's still working on that. "I'm almost sure we are going to get this kid out of a California junior college who's supposed to be the top runner over there, plus we are looking at some kids out of high school. And we still have Lynn Mentzer, Rudy Munoz, and Hans Menet," he said.

## Women's swim team meets Davis

The UNR women's swim team, currently on top of the Golden State Conference with a 3-0 record, will take on Cal-Davis in a conference meet today at 4:30 p.m. at the Lombardi Recreation building. Coach Jerry Ballew expects his team to have no trouble with the Aggies. "Davis doesn't have the strength to beat us. Last year they were third in the conference, but they must have been hurt by either graduation or injury," he said.

Davis lost to Sacramento State, a team the Pack beat by 30 points last week. "We could have beat Sacramento by more if we wanted," Ballew said. "I think we will go undefeated."

After the Davis meet, the team travels to San Francisco for the conference relays. The team is not eligible for points or records, but that's not going to stop them. "We are going to prove something," said Ballew. "But they don't have our strength. I think that we would be in the top ten in the nation if they had rankings."

Five of the Pack swimmers have qualified for the national small college championships at Denver, Colo. Ann Belikow, Barbara Buck, Pam and Patty Gordon, and Paige Bryant have already qualified for the meet, but Ballew plans to take the whole team.



Photo by Smith

Jeff Tisdel picked to play with the big boys in East-West game.

## Women gymnasts host Chico

The women's gymnastics team opens this Friday night with a dual home match against Chico State.

As with all women athletes, the gymnasts are without a conference. But that is not the only problem besetting coach Dale Flansas' team.

Because of injuries, only four women will be competing for the Pack. They are

Donna Burian, Karen Radulski, Charlene Clark and Robin Eppard.

According to Flansas, the team would have had no trouble with Chico in the past. But because of the injuries, this season could be tougher. The women won't compete again until January.

The match will begin at 7 p.m. in Gym A of the Lombardi Recreation Building.

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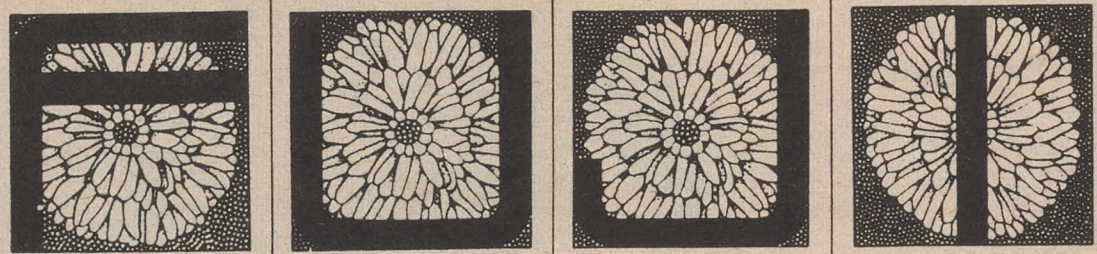
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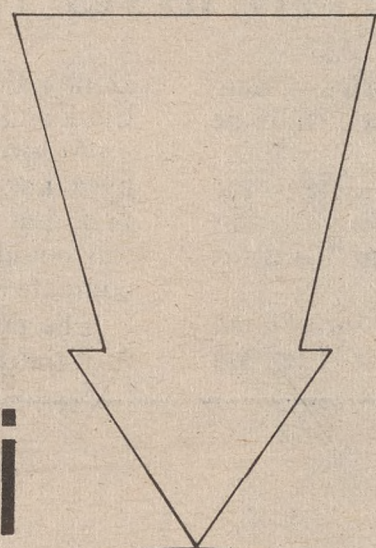
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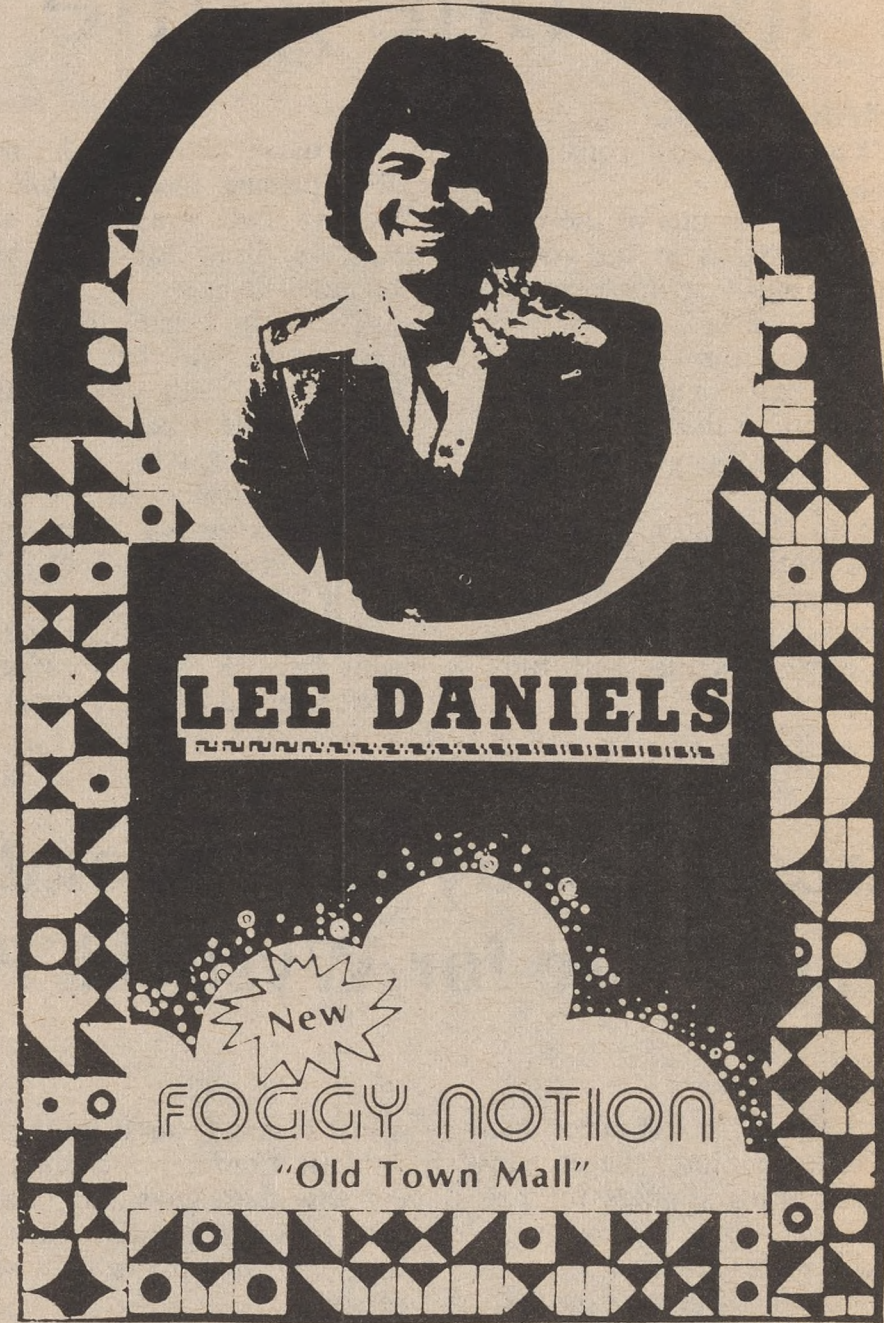
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