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Have a

Happy

New Year

Editorial

Dangers in the dormitory

Two United States colleges have ended their fall semesters in tragedy. The University of Evanston lost its basketball team, coaches, sports information director, radio broadcasters and others in a plane crash in stormy weather. We grieve for the university community for an accident that probably shouldn't have happened.

However, the news from Providence College, in Providence, R.I., was even more tragic, not because of the numbers involved, but because of the circumstances. Seven women were killed and at least 15 injured in a fire in a dormitory at the college.

According to the Associated Press the fire may have been started by a hair dryer being used to dry clothes in one of the rooms. The AP also said that fire officials were checking into reports that as many as 13 electrical cords may have been plugged into one socket in the room where the fire is believed to have started.

UNR Housing Director Shirley Morgan told Sagebrush that the incident in Providence only points to the possible dangers in any dormitory. Morgan said she and Vada Trimble, coordinator of residence hall programs, are sending copies of articles on the tragedy to dormitory resident assistants so that residents, especially new residents, can be warned of the dangers.

Although no such incidents have occurred at UNR, the possibility is there. We all are aware that small electrical appliances are forbidden in the dorm rooms, and everyone who has ever lived in a dorm knows that most people would find it difficult to live without those same small electrical appliances. That is particularly true with the proliferation of appliances

designed to cook small amounts of things—the perfect addition to any dorm resident's prize possessions.

Final exam time tends to be a "nutsy" time in residence halls and fraternity/sorority houses. Everyone is under a great deal of pressure during exams, and it is not unusual for stupid things to pick this time to happen. Don't let it happen here! What seems like a very small, funny thing to do now can turn into tragedy for the entire community. Think before you look for silly ways to relieve that tension.

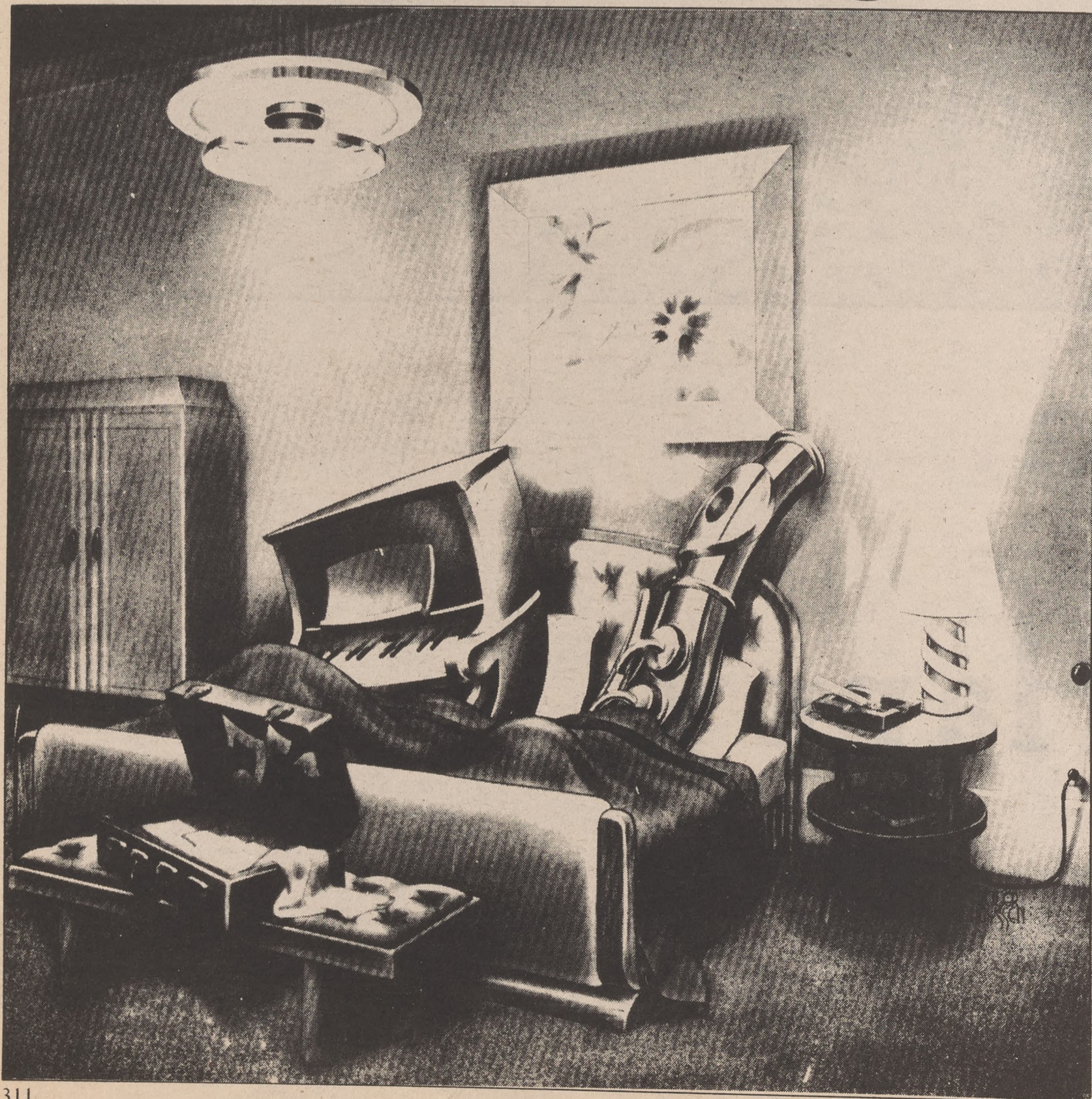
Morgan asked particularly that students not turn in those never ending false alarms. There were some reports from Providence that some students stayed in their rooms when the alarm sounded because of the many false alarms they had experienced.

Once again, let's play it smart and enjoy the holidays safely.

We received an interesting letter from the graduate student member of the Parking Board, Pete Howells. Unfortunately, it was lost in the mess of the 'Brush office. If he would care to send us another we would be happy to discuss it in our next issue.

Next Sagebrush will be Jan. 17. Have a good vacation.

Season's greetings



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Baepler near appointment

DON LaPLANTE

LAS VEGAS—Following a meeting of chancellor selection committee of the University of Nevada Board of Regents on Wednesday, Donald Baepler, acting chancellor and UNLV president, came closer than ever to becoming a formal candidate for the permanent position.

Baepler, who had said when he accepted the acting position that he was not interested in it permanently, has changed his mind. He is now interested in the job and said he will leave his name in consideration.

During the committee meeting the regents who are not on the committee were given the opportunity to name which of the applicants they prefer. The lists were received from Fred Anderson, John Buchanan, Lilly Fong and Louis Lombardi. Brenda Mason, who is attending law school in Sacramento, has not sent in her list yet.

After Mason's list is received, committee chairman John Tom Ross said he would compute the top six from the lists and the information would be used by the committee as input in narrowing the list from its present 28 applicants down to between six and ten.

The committee members, James L. Buchanan, Chris Karamanos, Molly Knudtsen and Ross will determine the final list for presentation to the board.

Ross said he expected the list to be narrowed by the committee when it meets again Jan. 6 in Las Vegas. That list will be presented to the full board at the February meeting. These candidates would then be brought to Nevada for interviews.

He said the interviews will begin soon after that with the new chancellor selected in April; May 1 being the absolute deadline. The new chancellor would take over the job around July 1.

Although that date is a few months later than the board had hoped, Ross said after the meeting he felt no pressure to rush the appointment since Baepler is doing a good job as the acting chancellor. He also said that Baepler's chances of getting the job were "very good."

Baepler later said that he would be perfectly satisfied if the board could find somebody who could do the job the way he felt it should be done. He also said that he would in no way feel "passed over" if he is not selected.

Editor named

Sagebrush interim editor Steve Falcone was appointed permanent editor by a unanimous vote of the ASUN Senate Wednesday night. The 28-year-old senior in journalism was appointed two weeks ago to replace Laura Hinton, who resigned for health reasons. Falcone will serve for spring semester.

In other action the senate, meeting at the Library Restaurant, appointed Steve Sheerer and Bob Wines as co-chairmen of the Elections Committee. The spring elections are expected to be the first to use computers. Sheerer has been instrumental in setting up the computerized elections.

The senate also approved an allocation of \$872 to set up an ASUN Legal Information and Referral Service. The money will be used for office supplies, expected to be obtained from state surplus, and to pay the salary of an administrative assistant to staff the office. The committee setting up the service hopes to be able to use a work-study student for that position.

The service will prepare packets to help students with problems not requiring a lawyer's assistant. If a student needs a lawyer's help, local attorneys have agreed to donate a small amount of time for the service.

"I'm not going to the regents saying I really want the job. If they can't find the right person, I'll attempt to do it. I'm willing to do the job, I view it as quite a challenge," Baepler said.

He said he viewed the job as being a spokesman for higher education in Nevada to both the legislature and to the people. The chancellor should also be highly visible at both ends of the state, he said.

Baepler said the reason he changed his mind about wanting the job was because of the experience of doing the job for a couple of months.

"I've enjoyed the broader perspective and system approach more than I thought I would," Baepler said.

Although Baepler has changed his mind on the position, Gov. Mike O'Callaghan, who is also on the list, still has not said that he is interested in the job.

Bob Stewart, O'Callaghan's press sec-

retary, said that the governor will not consider or accept any job that would begin before his term expires next January and that the governor will not resign to take any other job.

There were about 16 candidates who were listed by the four regents who submitted lists. The committee members present went over the lists and discussed the resumes and some of the candidates qualifications during a meeting that remained open to the news media.

When the interviews start a review committee consisting of the faculty senate and student government presidents will be allowed to participate. The university bylaws provide for the committee to review the finalists and Ross said he wanted the review committee members to be involved so they would be judging the candidates based on the interviews and not just their written resumes.

Modern newspaper shown

The newspaper look of the future came to UNR this week in the form of the Gannett Foundation's newspaper technology mobile teaching laboratory.

Actually the newspaper system of the future is already three years old. A similar system will be installed by the Reno Newspapers in January.

The van is a fully computerized unit incorporating technical advances in news-writing, editing and production.

News copy can be processed by optical character recognition, and video-display-terminal input and editing systems, producing phototypeset copy.

"Essentially all this technology is new tools for the journalist," said Ralph Squire, Gannett Special projects director. "You're doing all the things that you did in the past, except instead of using a manual typewriter and a pencil, you're using a video display terminal."

Photodisplay, processing and darkroom

equipment in the van can produce page layouts.

A newspaper can be produced from start to finish in the van with the system and an offset printing press.

Since 1974 the van has been providing orientation and experience to journalism instructors and students in the new technology that soon will be prevalent in newspaper production.

Crisscrossing the nation, the van operators have made presentations at over 100 journalism schools and professional meetings. They will return to Reno in April for the UNR Journalism Department's High School Press Day and the Nevada State Press Association meeting.

Under the Enrichment Project for Journalism Education of Blacks, funded by the Gannett Foundation, the van has presented programs to help interest minority students in journalistic careers.

Art sale is success

The second annual student-run art sale was a "huge success" at UNR last week, according to Dan Adams, exhibition chairman, and there is a plan to hold one again next Christmas.

"The students grossed over \$1,200—only \$60 less than last year," said Adams. "There were fewer entries this time, but the quality of the work was 100 percent better."

The UNR Art Department will receive about \$400, one-third of the sales, as a gift from the exhibition committee for sponsoring the event. It will be used to buy supplies or equipment.

Ceramics was the only art form to sell out, Adams said. "Financially, they carried the show."

Plans to sell three times as much ceramics were thwarted by kiln breakdowns.

Participants in the event were entered in a drawing for faculty art work. Faculty Donations included a ceramic piece by Walter McNamara, a photograph by painter-photographer Robert T. Griffin, a watercolor painting by Bill Howard, a drawing by department chairman James C. McCormick, a ceramic piece by Fred Reid, and a black-and-white photograph by Ron Moroni.

Winners of the works: Jim Stevens, Dan Adams, Trent Saviers, Connie Bottorff, Paula O'Hara and Helen Fisher.

Faculty asks pay increase

DON LaPLANTE

The Faculty Senate spent over an hour-and-a-half Thursday afternoon discussing implications of various budget and salary proposals for the coming academic year.

President Max Milam had projected an overall increase of seven percent in faculty salaries for the coming year. He also presented to the senate information about how he wished to fund about eight new professional positions from money that had been saved in other parts of the budget.

However, the senate finally voted to support a recommendation for a salary increase of 6.5 percent across the board plus an additional one percent for merit and promotions. This would cost an additional \$50,000 and force Milam to cut three of the eight proposed positions.

Although the resolution asked for both the higher salary increase and encouraged Milam to try to keep the new positions, Milam said that would be impossible.

The major reason for the recommendation is so that UNR's faculty senate would not be the only one in the system that requests a slow salary increase. The proposal approved is similar to one passed earlier this week by the UNLV senate.

Last year the UNR senate asked for and received permission to provide a lower salary increase so that more positions could be funded to keep up the educational quality. The senate apparently didn't want to go to the Board of Regents and ask to do that two years in a row.

The regents still have to approve what salary increase will be, but it is likely that they will eventually go along with what the administration says can be afforded from the money appropriated by the legislature.



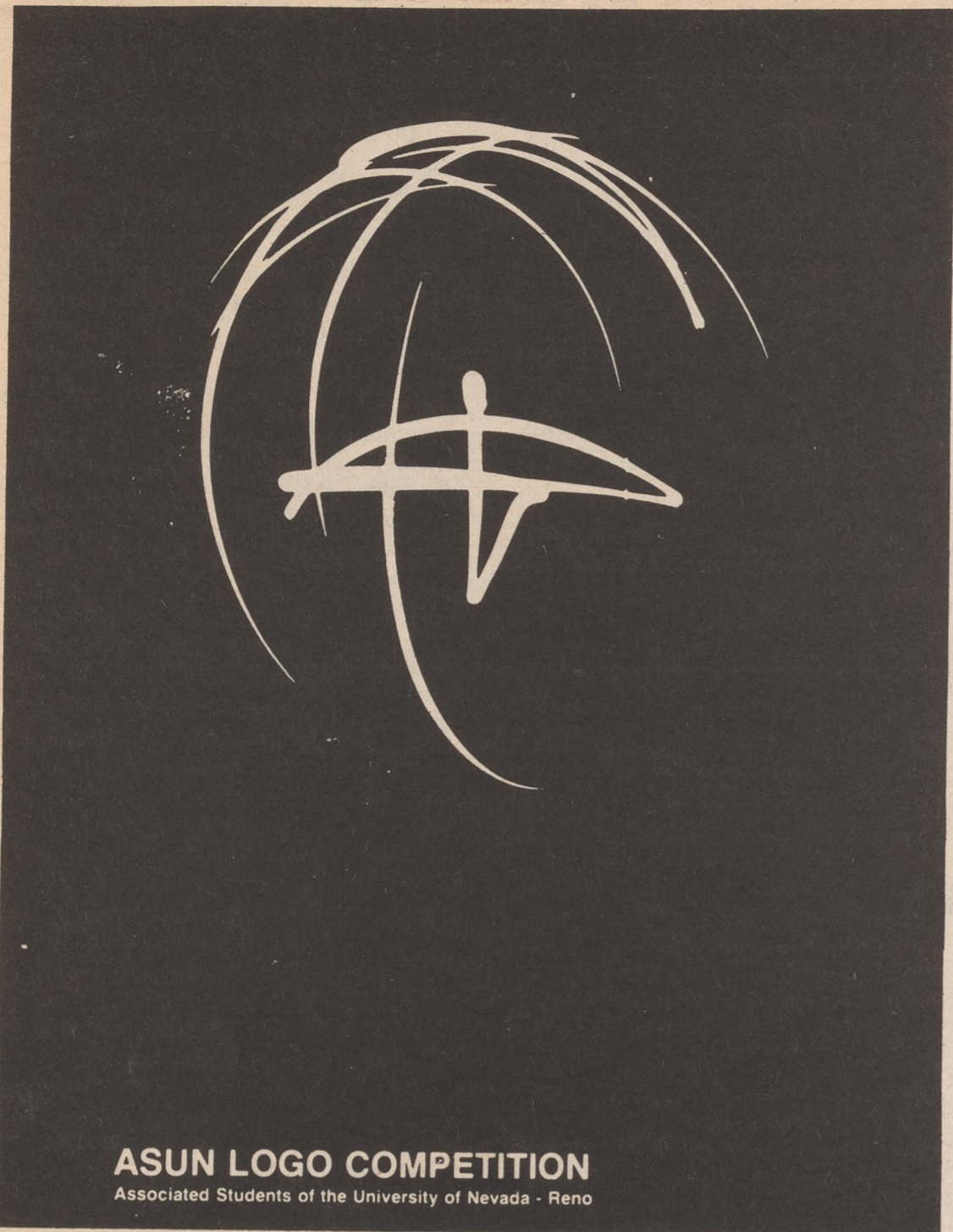
UNR songleaders helped make the recent KOLO Radio Senior Citizens Christmas Party a success. About 500 elderly Reno-area citizens attended the third annual affair, held at Fred Traner Middle School last Saturday night.

The pep squad provided lively entertainment for the seniors, and helped the radio-station staff in serving cookies, cocoa and coffee—all of which had been donated by local merchants.

In addition, hundreds of KOLO

listeners donated gifts and other food-stuffs, providing for some what may be the only "Christmas" they'll have this year. Door prizes were given away, including one to the oldest guest, a 92-year old woman.

Also instrumental in organizing the party was Mary Frazinni of the Reno Senior Citizens Center. Transportation was provided by Elderport in Washoe County School District buses.



ASUN LOGO COMPETITION
Associated Students of the University of Nevada - Reno

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4. Deadline for submitting entries is Friday, January 20, 1978 at 5:00 p.m.
5. The winner will be chosen at the ASUN Senate meeting Wednesday, February 1, 1978 at 7:00 p.m.
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UNLV Senate agrees with NCAA allegations

DON LaPLANTE

LAS VEGAS—The UNLV University Senate adopted a report Tuesday agreeing with allegations made by the National Collegiate Athletic Association that "Irregularities" occurred in the college entrance examination scores of four basketball players in 1971.

The senate, which has faculty and student members, voted 21-7 to adopt the report of a special five-member senate investigating committee. While adopting the report, the senate postponed until Tuesday consideration of the nine recommendations made in the report.

The committee's charge was to consider the academic implications in the NCAA charges and to review the methods used by the NCAA to arrive at its conclusions.

Thomas M. Cassese, director of student services at UNLV and committee chairman, said the committee couldn't review the NCAA's methods, because there simply wasn't any information available.

He said he hoped the investigation being undertaken by the U.S. House of Representatives will answer those questions.

The committee did find substance to one of the two charges made by the NCAA that bore on academics. The committee found "that irregularities did occur pertaining to the ACT (American College Test) scores as alleged by the NCAA."

There were four players whose scores on the ACT increased dramatically from a previous ACT or Scholastic Aptitude Test score. One athlete received a score equal to the seventh percentile on an SAT in 1970. When the same athlete took the ACT in 1971, his score was at the 89th percentile.

There were three similar cases at that same time where dramatic increases in test scores happened. All four of the students took the test the same day in 1971 at UNLV.

Cassese said the scores were so close together they were almost identical. According to statistical projection and information from the testing services, such a dramatic increase for one student is very unlikely, but for four students at the same time it would be almost impossible.

Cassese said he had no idea how it happened, but said there were many possibilities such as ringers taking the tests for the athletes.

The other allegation with academic implications involved an athlete who supposedly never attended class or completed the course requirements. The committee said there was little evidence that irregularities occurred.

Cassese said the athlete probably attended no more than a third of the classes, but that most of the other students in the class also had very poor attendance. He said the committee couldn't say there was no evidence, but there was nothing beyond the student's poor attendance.

Beyond the academic implications, the committee found that the athletic department showed "little regard for the integrity of the university as a whole."

The report also said that while the administration had said that a good athletic program would bring renown to the university and help improve the academic program it has only brought infamy.

The report cited the heavy press coverage of the allegations and the two-year probation for UNLV and said "when countless . . . derisive articles are written at the expense of our institutional reputation, we take little comfort on the

pronouncement that the athletic program will bring renown to the university."

Steve Nielsen, one of the committee members and an associate professor of communication studies, said that he had a sense that the whole thing was out of hand.

"The relationship of the academic program to the athletic program has been lost. I get the overwhelming feeling that they have lost perspective of what a university is all about," Nielsen said.

The Boosters Club also came in for strong criticism from the report. The report called the situation a classic case of the tail wagging the dog.

Nielsen said something has to be done about the Booster's Club and that some sort of guidelines on what are acceptable activities on the part of the club must be established.

Although Cassese and Nielsen said they were surprised that the senate voted to adopt the report but not the recommendations, Cassese said he now thinks it was because the members had received the report only shortly before the meeting and wanted more time to consider the recommendations.

Two of the recommendations call for UNLV President Donald Baepler to control the influence and activities of the Boosters and the coaching staffs better. It also calls for Athletic Director Bill Ireland to fulfill his responsibility to govern all phases of the athletic program.

The report also comes close to requesting the ouster of former basketball coach John Bayer from his present position as chairman of the physical

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education department. Although no names are mentioned in the report, Bayer was coach when the irregularity with the test scores happened. One of the recommendations is that any individuals involved with the test score irregularities be censured, suspended, dismissed or severely reprimanded and that if any of the officials hold administrative posts they should be removed immediately.

Nielsen said he thought "a hell of a lot of the faculty" are upset that Bayer is still department head despite all charges concerning his tenure as coach.

Responding to the report, Baepler said that many of the committee's recommendations have already been implemented by the administration and that the university has "taken every action the NCAA asked us to take."

Regarding the test scores, Baepler said an investigation has been made and that no athlete or athletic administrator now at the university was associated with the school when the irregularities occurred. In his position as director of physical education, Bayer is not considered an athletic administrator.

Cassese said some people thought the investigation was going to be a whitewash. He said he would have liked nothing better than to have been able to say that nothing wrong has gone on, but that was simply not the case.

He said some people wanted to be on the committee to turn it into a witch hunt, but that the members of the committee just looked at the evidence and made the judgments.

Appeals process approved

DON LaPLANTE

The Faculty Senate voted Thursday to approve a grade appeals process that will be the same throughout the university.

The procedure requires students to file a notice of appeal within 20 days after receiving the grade and then an official appeal within 30 days after the start of the following semester. The department chairman is supposed to try to resolve the problem with the students and the instructor before the formal appeal is filed.

The rules also provide for the operation of an appeals board to hear the complaint. The board will then make a recommendation to the instructor. However, the final decision to change the grade will still be with the instructor.

The appeals board procedure, as recommended by the Academic Standards Committee, departments had adopted their own appeals board procedures. However, the senate voted overwhelmingly to change it so there will be only the one procedure. The change was made so that the policy did not vary from department to department and cause more confusion for the students.

The senate also voted to send a recommendation on sanctions against students found guilty of academic dishonesty back to committee to study some of the legal implications.

One part of the statement would allow students to be dismissed from a program of study for cheating or violating the ethical standards of a professional program. The senate wanted a legal opinion and some rewording of the proposal to make the language clearer

before voting on it.

The senate adopted a proposal to allow students who return after an absence of five years or more to choose whether to graduate under the catalog they first entered under, will graduate under or reenter under. Now the students have only the first two options. A proposal to raise the grade point average for participation on the honors program from 2.8 to 3.0 was also approved.

All of the proposals will still need approval from President Max Milam before going into effect.

In another matter, the senate endorsed a recommendation from the Institutional Studies and Budget committee that the graduate program in Speech Pathology and Audiology be continued. Milam had asked the committee to look at the program and decide if it should be retained.

Professionals and members of the community said the program provided training for those who are needed to work with those with speech and hearing handicaps while the visiting faculty rated the program as good or better than other programs in the country.

Late in the meeting, the senate rejected a resolution proposed by senator Tom Tucker, professor of education, requiring that all ASUN studies be cleared with the university president's office. Tucker told the senate the purpose of his proposal was to try to cut back on some of the duplication of studies that goes on.

However, the resolution died when it failed to receive a second. A number of faculty members expressed concern about setting the precedent of telling the student government how to run its affairs.

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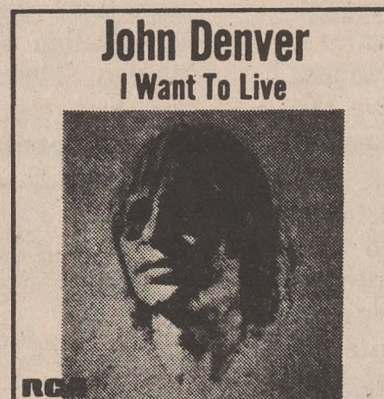
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A case of general civic stupidity

According to the *Reno Gazette Journal*, Sunday, Dec. 11, the Reno Area Air Pollution Index for Saturday was 77. This indicated "heavy pollution" and gave alarming evidence that Reno was now in the big league of polluted cities. Also, in an editorial on Dec. 9, the *Journal* said that, because of the shilly-shallying of local politicians afraid to offend special interests, the federal Environmental Protection Agency had had to threaten the city of Reno with the loss of 15 million dollars in federal funds for its sewer plant expansion project if it did not by April come up with a legally enforceable plan to deal with air pollution caused by growth. It appears sometimes that the EPA is the only force in the area that is working at all effectively to hold off the complete environmental destruction of the Truckee Meadows.

My experience as an employee of the Nevada State Welfare Division is a case in point. On my first day of work in Carson City in July, 1975, while I was being informed of the provisions of the Hatch Act as they apply to state employees, the NSWV training officer said that letters to newspaper editors or even innocuous feature articles for magazines had to be cleared with the administrator before they could be presented anywhere for publication. The letters and articles I had proposed to write would have had nothing to do with clients or even NSWV policy, but instead such issues as postal inefficiency, U.S. foreign policy, and conservation. The training officer went so far as to say that articles on conservation of trees, for instance, might offend lumber interests, and so would definitely

employees, regardless of the nature of their opinions, would give the public the impression that the Division hires only tax-wasting radical social workers.

The employee, then, becomes timid, forever wondering if he has mixed his private views with his public position somehow, and studiously being blandly apolitical on the job. He turns off his political reasoning when he enters his office at eight, and only after five, upon leaving, can he hope to turn it on again, if he still has the will or desire to.

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Some of the greatest cities of the Renaissance—centers of art and philosophy—had no more than 100,000 people at the height of their influence. In Reno, a city of roughly 100,000, and in too many other western North American cities of similar size, we encounter little more than ugly architecture, a superabundance of parking lots, and a general civic stupidity. Reno had the opportunity to observe the errors of Los Angeles and Las Vegas in encouraging urban sprawl and thus causing the attendant problems of air pollution. We see that its leaders apparently learned nothing from their observations, because it now has the dubious honor of having attained the same sort of air pollution index readings as those two larger cities. Opposition to unhealthy growth in the area is widespread, to be sure, but not notably well-organized or articulate. Why then, in this land of universal free education, is there a lack of really forceful advocates of sensible urban planning?

The answer lies partially in the fact that too many of the best-educated people in the area work for either large corporations or government bureaucracies, and the internal procedures of both operate to neutralize such people as political factors. Corporations—private bureaucracies—constantly transfer their employees about and reduce their commitment to any one community. A discount clothing store emphasizes by word of mouth that it is above all important to be "store-oriented," and those who wish to rise within it must expect constant transfers to other stores, usually in California, as a matter of course. A discount department store reportedly fires those who refuse a transfer. The philosophy of the corporations and other large companies is apparently to keep people moving, so that employees will not develop a loyalty to a community above the corporation. In this procedure, they closely resemble the military.

Reno and Sparks are full of people who were transferred here from, say, California or Arizona, and who expect to be transferred again soon. Large-scale private enterprise is supposed to enhance human happiness with cheaper and better goods, but in their internal procedures calling for transfers, corporations prevent genuine happiness, which requires friendship and a sense of belonging in a community.

With regard to transfers, government agencies are no better than corporations, and universities and federal agencies are perhaps worse. Additionally, within governments, and especially the Nevada state government, there is another factor inhibiting greater citizen involvement in local affairs—restrictions on the free speech of civil servants. The Hatch Act of 1939-1940, the restrictions of which are bad enough in themselves, is overinterpreted to mean that no state worker whose agency receives any federal funds should become politically active on any issue whatever. Sometimes the Hatch Act is not involved at all, and there is instead a gentlemen's agreement that a civil servant simply will not become politically involved in anything.

have to be cleared beforehand. At a lower level, supervisors in district offices said my job would be in jeopardy if I wrote even only letters to congressmen.

The rationale of the Division's policy seemed to be that any noticeable political activity by an NSWV employee might result in his being regarded as a representative of the agency even while he was making off-the-job political statements, and so might ultimately bring unfavorable attention to the NSWV's upper management, which zealously maintains a low profile.

The policy does not seem to be peculiar to the welfare division. In an article entitled "Gag Order Fought at Mental Institute" (May 20, 1977), the *Nevada State Journal* reported that the Nevada Mental Health Institute has a regulation that specifically requires hospital workers to notify superiors when they have contacts with the news media. Ostensibly the regulation exists to protect the privacy of patients. But it is so broadly worded that it makes employees fearful of attempting even general criticism of the NMHI's policies. In opposing the regulation, Richard Siegel of the ACLU was reported by the *Journal* to have said, "If anything has a chilling effect on freedom of speech, it is to require that supervisors be notified of all contacts between the press and individual employees."

The problem appears to exist at the federal level, too. According to a *U.S. News and World Report* article entitled "When Workers Blow Whistle on Federal Waste, Fraud" (Dec. 19), two nurses were fired when they gave to Congress and the news media evidence of unsanitary conditions and inadequate staffing at the U.S. Indian Health Service hospital in Shiprock, New Mexico. They were told by an IHS director that they had lost their rights to write to congressmen when they accepted civil-service jobs.

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Overinterpretation of the Hatch Act (which was recently liberalized somewhat) no doubt inspires some of these governmental agency restrictions on employees' free speech, which would make Wilhelm II proud. But reinforcing these restrictions are supervisors and some members of society who are quick to say that if a civil servant speaks out on any issue, even in a private capacity, he is using his title or position to gain attention for his views—or at the very least that his opinion would not be noticed if not for his title or position. No doubt the Nevada State Welfare Division's administrators believe that noticeably political

Solutions are hard to suggest. One might be that, after the legacy of negative restrictions on civil servants' political activities with such laws as the original Hatch Act, there should be an explicit and positive bill of rights for federal and state employees guaranteeing their liberty to complain to congressmen, their right to their private life styles, and their right to criticize their own agency's policies if they do not violate rules concerning confidentiality of clients' records.

The other is simply to advocate a thoroughgoing decentralization of both business and government as far as possible.



Civil service employees, and anyone connected with situations supported by state or federal funds, are open to the charge that they are using agency or institutional time—i.e., taxpayer's money—to investigate questions or issues they later speak about in public.

Accordingly, when some UNR faculty members spoke out on the issue of growth in the Reno area in 1976, Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Director Fred Davis visited the University of Nevada Chancellor, Neil Humphrey, to demand that Humphrey pressure the faculty members to cease their statements. Davis believed that such statements were possible only because the faculty members had wasted state university time and had neglected their academic duties in order to arrive at them. Davis threatened that he and other Chamber of Commerce Representatives would influence the legislature to cut funding for the university if the chancellor did not comply with his demands. To his credit, Humphrey didn't (*Sagebrush*, February 18, 1977).

In a myriad of ways, therefore, corporations and governments, by explicit or implicit policies, or because of their very nature, withdraw large numbers of potentially active and dedicated people from involvement in local affairs.

Periphery

Star trekkin', star warrin'

The first Star Trek event ever held in Nevada will take place Saturday, December 17th at the Pioneer Theater Auditorium in Reno. The Star Trek/Science Fiction Festival program will include films, Star Wars merchandise and displays, door prizes, costume contests, and a special report on the new "Star Trek" movie and "Star Wars" sequel. Lou Gutenberger, of KOLO Radio, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Two separate shows are scheduled for December 17th. The morning session will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The

evening show will begin at 6 p.m. and run to 11 p.m. Tickets, priced at \$3 adult and \$2 children, are available at Eucalyptus Records in Reno, Sparks, and South Lake Tahoe. Prices will be slightly higher at the door.

Appearing as guest of honor at the convention will be noted science fiction author Alan Dean Foster, who is currently writing for the new "Star Trek" movie as well as the upcoming "Star Wars" sequel. Foster will be available to meet with fans and answer questions about both projects.



Rodeo team shy

The UNR men's rodeo team managed to place only once at the Arizona State University-Tempe intercollegiate rodeo in Phoenix last weekend.

Mike Trauner placed fifth in the bareback bronc riding with a score of 62.

The men's team competed one shy of the regulation six men, and the women's team did not attend. Mike Taylor, captain, said end-of-semester studies caused the shortage.

The UNR team will compete next at the Imperial Valley College intercollegiate rodeo Jan 14-15 in Brawley, Calif.

Carnival impressions

Winter Carnival chairman Phil Ulibarri is trying to impress us with his organization. Already we are burdened with late night meetings, telephone calls and pizza dinners. Phil assures us it will be worthwhile.

See for yourself. The committee meeting is today at 5:30 p.m. in the Ingersoll Room of the Jot Travis Building.

Interested students who would enjoy organizing wintry events for next February will be greeted with a standing ovation.



No talent, no style

RPED 148 "Ski Touring", is a one-week course in a sport which requires no athletic talent, stylish clothes or expensive equipment.

The sport is cross-country ski touring, whose enthusiasts hail it as a healthful and fun way of enjoying the snow without standing in ski lift lines.

The one-credit course will be conducted by Dr. Mark Magney Jan. 2-6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at selected skiing sites. Registration will be held Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 4 to 5 p.m. at Room 1 in the University Service Center (Artemesia Way at Sierra St.). Pre-registration is encouraged due to the large demand for the class. For further information call 972-0781.

No cheap 'encounters'

... And now for the bad news: the half-price ticket discount offered to full-time, part-time and graduate students by Mann Theaters will not be applicable for the Steven Spielberg film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* which opened last Wednesday at the Keystone Cinema.

However, students will be able to use their discounts at the three (3) new Mann Theaters in the Old Town Mall at 4001 S. Virginia St. Opening is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 22.

Nellor gets post

Dr. John E. Nellor, dean of the UNR graduate school is the new vice-chairman and chairman elect of the Council for Research Policy and Graduate Education.

The council is one of seven belonging to the National Association of State University and Land Grant Colleges, the largest university association in the United States, comprising 135 institutions of higher education.

According to Nellor, the council is "concerned with analyzing and influencing state and national trends for support of research and graduate education."

He said it prepares supportive documents and "guidelines for university participation in traditional and new dimensions of research and advanced studies."

Pack on the air

The Wolf Pack's 1977-78 home basketball games will be broadcast live by UNR's radio station, KUNR-FM, 88.7 mhz.

Calling the games will be Pat Hill, a KUNR-FM announcer and journalism student.

The broadcasts get underway at 7:50 p.m., with tipoffs at 8.

The home schedule during Christmas break includes the Nevada Wolf Pack Classic, Dec. 22-23; University of San Francisco, Jan. 5; and University of Santa Clara, Jan. 7.

Sex roles studied

Are sex roles determined by cultural or biological factors?

Dr. Robert Winzeler, assistant professor of anthropology at UNR, said this and other questions will be studied by a new anthropology class in the spring semester.

Anthropology 212, "Sex Roles and Family Organization in Comparative Perspective," will look at the general ways humans organize in families and sexual groups.

Winzeler said the course will look at divorce, marriage and sexual patterns in Western society.

A class prerequisite is Anthropology 101.

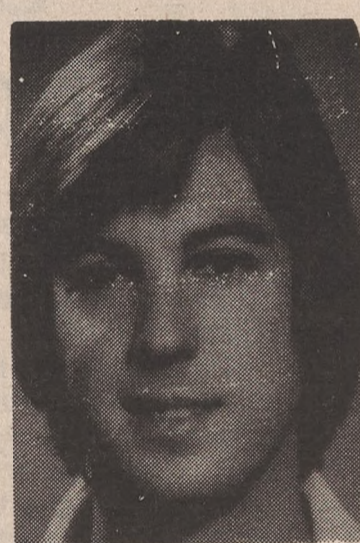
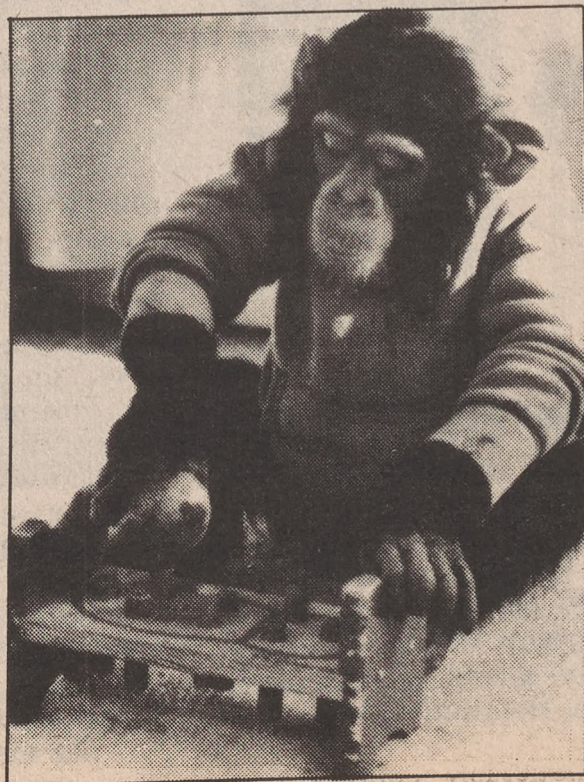
Library explained

The UNR library is once again sponsoring a basic course in how to use library resources.

During spring semester, those persons enrolled in Library Science 135 will become familiar with what a library contains and how to make efficient use of library resources.

Time spent in the classroom is minimal; emphasis in this course is on "lab"-type assignments set out in a self-paced workbook designed for use in the UNR library.

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Judicial college breaks with bar association

TRACIE DOUGLAS

The National College of the State Judiciary will be incorporated into The National Judicial College this January.

"This is more than just a name change," said Col. James E. Johnson, associate dean of the college. By incorporating, the college will be breaking away from the American Bar Association and will function more on an academic level than as a special committee of a section of a division of the ABA.

Johnson said that the three basic functions affected by the incorporation will be academic, administrative and financial. "Although the American Bar Association doesn't put many strings on us," Johnson said, "this will allow us to set our own rules and policies concerning the academic, administrative and financial functions of the college."

The most heavily considered facet has been the college finances. "We get very little money from the ABA," said Johnson. "Most of it comes from our own sweat and tears."

The National College, located at UNR, concentrates its efforts on the continuing judicial education of the judges of this country. The university setting takes the judges away from their courtrooms and into a learning environment where they can analyze the problems they face daily.

The idea for judicial education came from Justice Tom C. Clark of the United States Supreme Court in 1961. Through Justice Clark's efforts, a three-year grant was obtained from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in 1963 to establish the National College of State Trial Judges. Its first session was held in 1964 on the Boulder campus of the University of Colorado.

During this three-year period, Justice Clark and the Committee for the Effective Administration of Justice were looking for more permanent funding. This funding was found in the form of a 10-year grant from the Max C. Fleischmann Foundation.

With the cooperation of Judge Thomas O. Craven of

Reno and the University of Nevada, the Fleischmann Foundation agreed to provide a 10-year grant of over \$2 million to maintain the National College on the Reno campus.

When the college moved here in the fall of 1965, its offices were located on the bottom floor of the Getchell Library, and only summer sessions were conducted so university facilities could be used.



As the attendance of the four-week-long summer sessions grew and the need for graduate programs became apparent, the Fleischmann Foundation again helped by funding a university-owned building for the college's use. This has allowed the college to conduct sessions year around.

As the 10-year grant ran out in 1975, the Fleischmann Foundation has continued to fund the College on a yearly basis. It also has contributed annually since 1965 to the college's law library, which presently has over 46,000 volumes.

With the Fleischmann Foundation soon to be liquidated, the National College has again asked for assistance.

According to Col. Johnson, the University Board of Regents has asked the Fleischmann Foundation for \$1.6 million to be used to purchase the College Inn for university use. This would enable the National College to provide judges with closer, more reasonable accommodations while attending sessions.

But Johnson also pointed out that the National College would not be the only group to utilize the College Inn. The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges would locate their offices in the building, along with offices and accommodations for the university extension programs.

Since the Fleischmann Foundation will soon no longer operate, the National College has started to look for new avenues of funding. In his role as associate dean, Col. Johnson has been writing grant applications. The incorporation will help the college in this respect, because now it is a non-profit organization and can accept donations first-hand, rather than through the American Bar Association.

When it was an activity of the ABA, the National College did run into some problems with funders. "We do find that it is inhibiting in some respects because many funders would like to give to us, but don't want to give to the ABA," said Johnson. "Now that we will be a separate entity, funders will be able to contribute directly to the College."

"We're in the black this year,

I'm sure we'll do it again.

But then I'm an optimist."

Col. Johnson believes the College has little to worry about financially. "In the 10 years I've been here, we've never ended up in the red," Johnson said. "We're in the black this year, and with current prospects, I'm sure we'll do it again. But then I'm an optimist!"

Program offers foreign studies for university students

UNR students are singularly privileged to have assured access to European universities, according to Beth Carney, UNR coordinator for the Institute of European Studies (IES). As crowded conditions prevail there, and are on the rise, it will be increasingly difficult for American students to gain admission to those universities, Carney learned through participation in the annual IES conference at Chicago earlier this month.

UNR is one of 35 IES affiliated American universities of colleges. Since 1968, this university has sent close to 60 students to campuses in Europe.

Seven universities in five countries are available for study, offering the advantages of assured transfer credit, a meticulously selected curricula regularly reviewed by faculty committees appointed from among the American participants, and the personal attention of staff members on the foreign campuses.

Students from Nevada may study in London or Durham, England; Paris or Nantes, France; Madrid, Spain; Freiburg, Germany; or Vienna, Austria. Carney emphasizes that participation is not limited to language majors. The programs in England and at Vienna are in fact offered in English.

At Madrid, alongside the regular track in Spanish, a new program for business students is fast gaining popularity, admitting students who may have had no previous Spanish into a first semester with two business courses in English, plus intensive study in the Spanish language.

The faculty for the London program is drawn largely from the prestigious London School of Economics, and the curriculum is suitable for students specializing in either political science or economics.

The programs in France and Germany require language proficiency in the intermediate range. Most entering students are veterans of the second year level of language courses at UNR.

IES courses are taught almost entirely by professors of the foreign university, and students are permitted to benefit additionally from enrollment in courses at other neighboring institutions.

The institute arranges housing, primarily with fami-

lies and in residence halls, and the daily living experience is carefully integrated with academic work. Resources of the local area are exploited in extended "field study" events.

The institute offers semester and full-year study, as well as some summer and interim programs. Most students and faculty agree that for maximum satisfaction, the full year is ideal.

Costs are roughly equivalent to out-of-state domestic study, and financial assistance is available. Admis-



sion is based on the student's UNR academic record and recommendations by professors and advisors.

Application for admission in the Fall 1978 semester must be completed early this Spring. The deadline for applying for summer programs (in Paris, Madrid and Freiburg only) is April 1. Students desiring a catalog or more detailed information should contact Beth Carney, Room 209, Frandsen Humanities, telephone 784-6778.

Kids better learners

LAURIE JANOTA

Children learn foreign languages better than college students, according to Ana Nickles and Karen Christensen, teachers of a children's foreign language program at UNR.

"I would love to bring these kids into a college foreign language class and show them how much better they are doing," said Christensen, who has been a teacher's assistant in beginning Spanish classes at UNR.

"There is more dedication from these little kids," she said. When learning a foreign language, college students tend to put a mental block in their heads and therefore don't do as well as children.

The after-school program includes instruction in Spanish, French, German and Italian. Classes contain about nine children, between the ages of five and ten. These children meet twice a week to speak in a foreign tongue.

Writing exercises and grades are eliminated in the program. The importance of speaking the foreign language is stressed. The atmosphere is relaxed and the children are very excited about learning, according to Christensen and Nickles.

In the Spanish classes, students recited songs and poems, counted from one to 30 and repeated—from memory—days of the week and months of the year.

Nickle's students recited in Spanish what they ate and drank for breakfast, what types of sandwiches they liked and what types of soups they ate. Later, they sang the "Buenos Noches Song" with a record.

Christensen's students, who are mostly girls, raised their hands on every question she asked. They knew colors, members of the family, parts of the body and the alphabet in Spanish.

Pictures of a grocery store, church, restaurant and park were displayed. The children responded quickly with the proper Spanish names.

Presently, these children are preparing for a Christmas program on Dec. 22. Included in the children's presentation will be foreign songs and foreign language skits. Invitations made by the children will be sent to their parents. In addition, foods of Spain, France, Germany and Italy will be available.

Christensen and Nickles believe their students are extremely gifted. Christensen said, "I get a lot more satisfaction out of teaching these children than I did from teaching college kids."

She added, "I'm really pleased. I love them."

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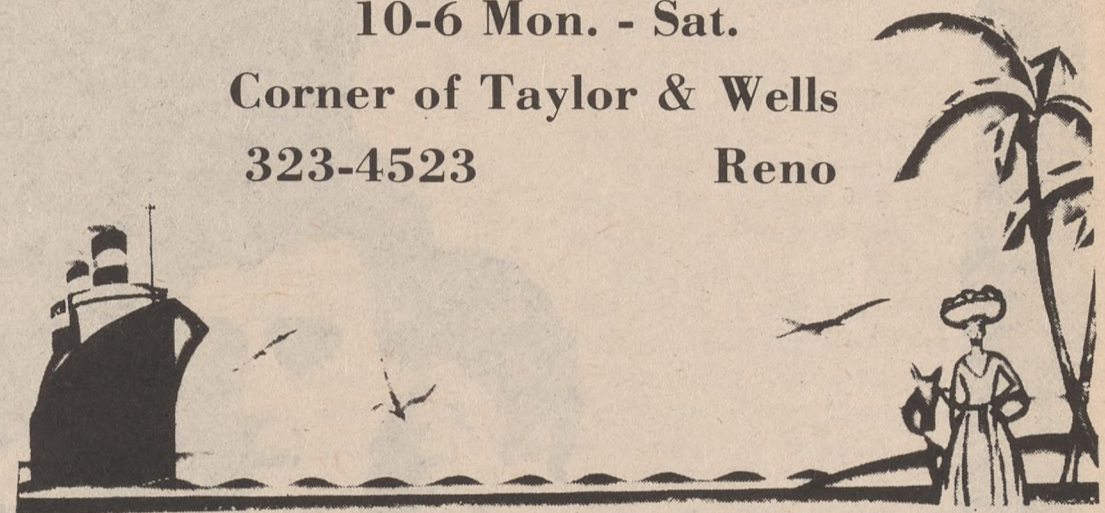
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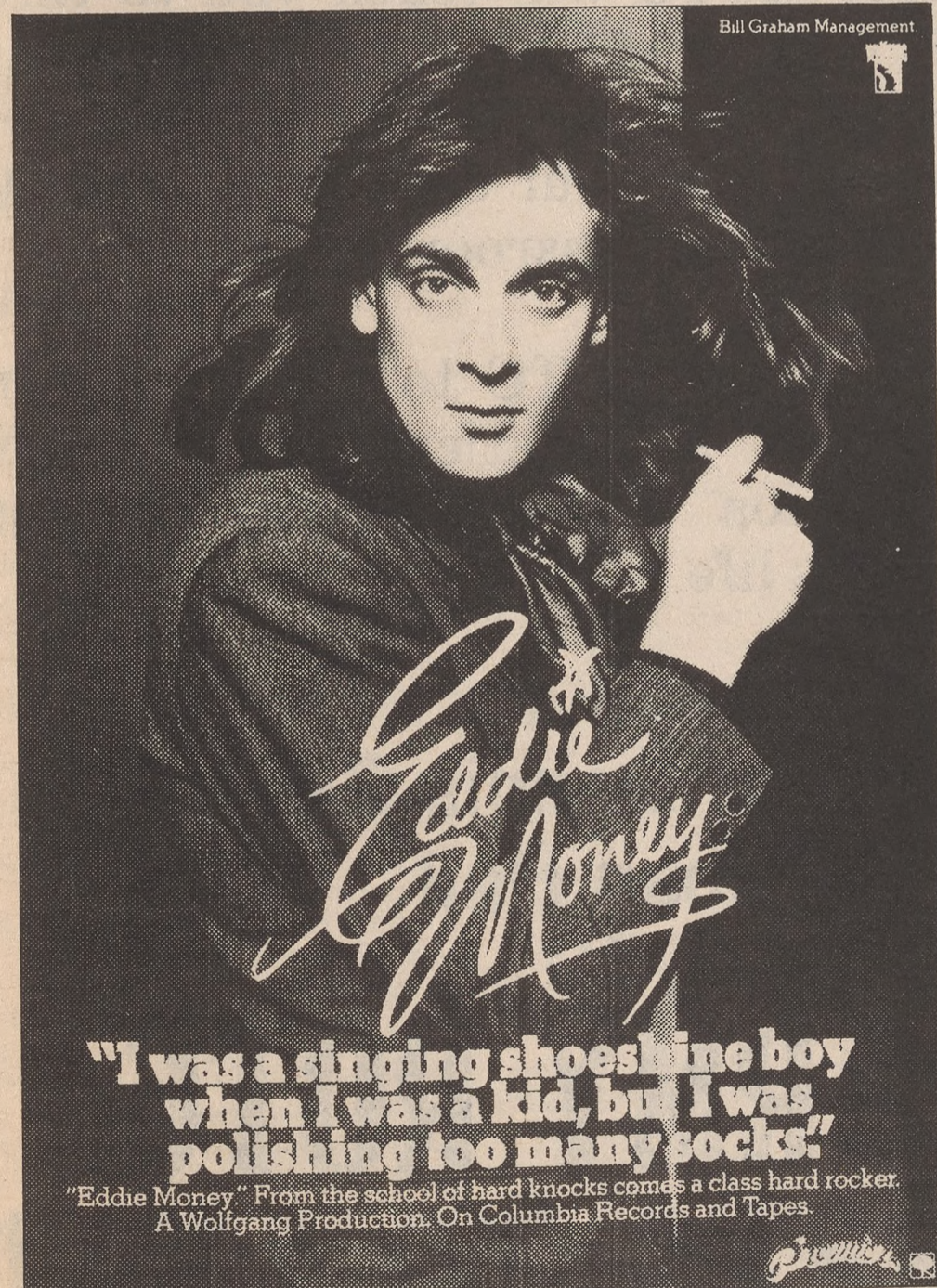
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Sports

The Tark whips Pack again, Reno falls, 77-64

DON LaPLANTE

LAS VEGAS—For the first five minutes of the game, the Wolf Pack basketball team looked like they might be able to pull off an upset of the UNLV Rebels, but the Rebels dominated the rest of the game and came away with a 77-64 win.

The Pack came out in a deliberate, slow-down game and went ahead 10-2, but the Rebels came back using a slow down of their own. At one point in the first half Las Vegas scored 12 points in a row to take command of the game. The Pack battled to come within four,

40-36, at the half, but was blown away at the beginning of the second half by a failure to execute.

UNR Coach Jim Carey said the game's turning point was at the end of the first and beginning of the second halves when UNR came down the floor three times and was unable to get a basket.

Rebel coach Jerry Tarkanian used a zone defense to try to confuse the Pack and near the end of the game used a delay offense to protect his team's lead.

"I don't understand this game anymore," Carey said. "For him to use a stall against us, he must have thought we would be very good."

The game was the third road loss in a row for the Pack, which leaves its season record at 4-3. The sell-out crowd of 6,352 saw the Rebels win their 65th game in a row at home and their seventh win this season against no defeats.

The zone defense used by UNLV probably helped to contribute to the Pack's poor shooting, especially in the second half. After halftime, the Pack shot only .361 while the Rebels blazed away at a .721 clip.

The Rebels tactics effectively stymied UNR center Edgar Jones, who finished the evening with only eight points and 11 rebounds. Jones was forced to take most of his shots from the outside and wound up the night 4 for 17.

Fouls also hurt the Pack. Steve Hunter, who scored 10 points, and Johnny

High, who led the Pack with 17, both fouled out.

"Hunter fouling out really hurt us. Edgar also got into foul trouble, which hurt us. But there must be something wrong. This was the second game in a row where the opponents only got called for three fouls in the second half," Carey said.

For the game, the Pack was called for 24 fouls, while the Rebels only got 13. The Rebels also were able to convert from the charity stripe shooting 17 of 23—74 percent. The Pack on the other hand received only 14 foul shots and could make six of those, for 43 percent.

Tarkanian said he thought the Pack had probably not practiced the zone for a couple of weeks and he thought it might confuse them.

Even though the Rebels didn't have too much trouble with the Pack, Tarkanian was still full of praise for Reno.

"Reno still has a good ball club. They have a lot of kids and they are going to have a very fine ball club," he said.

The Pack plays its next game on Thursday when it will host Boise State in the first round of the Wolf Pack Classic.

The team will need the time to heal. Freshman Alex Black was injured in workouts on Tuesday and didn't suit up against the Rebels; Jones has a bad knee, two bad ankles and some loose teeth, and Michael Gray is hurting from a broken nose received in the Nebraska game Monday night.

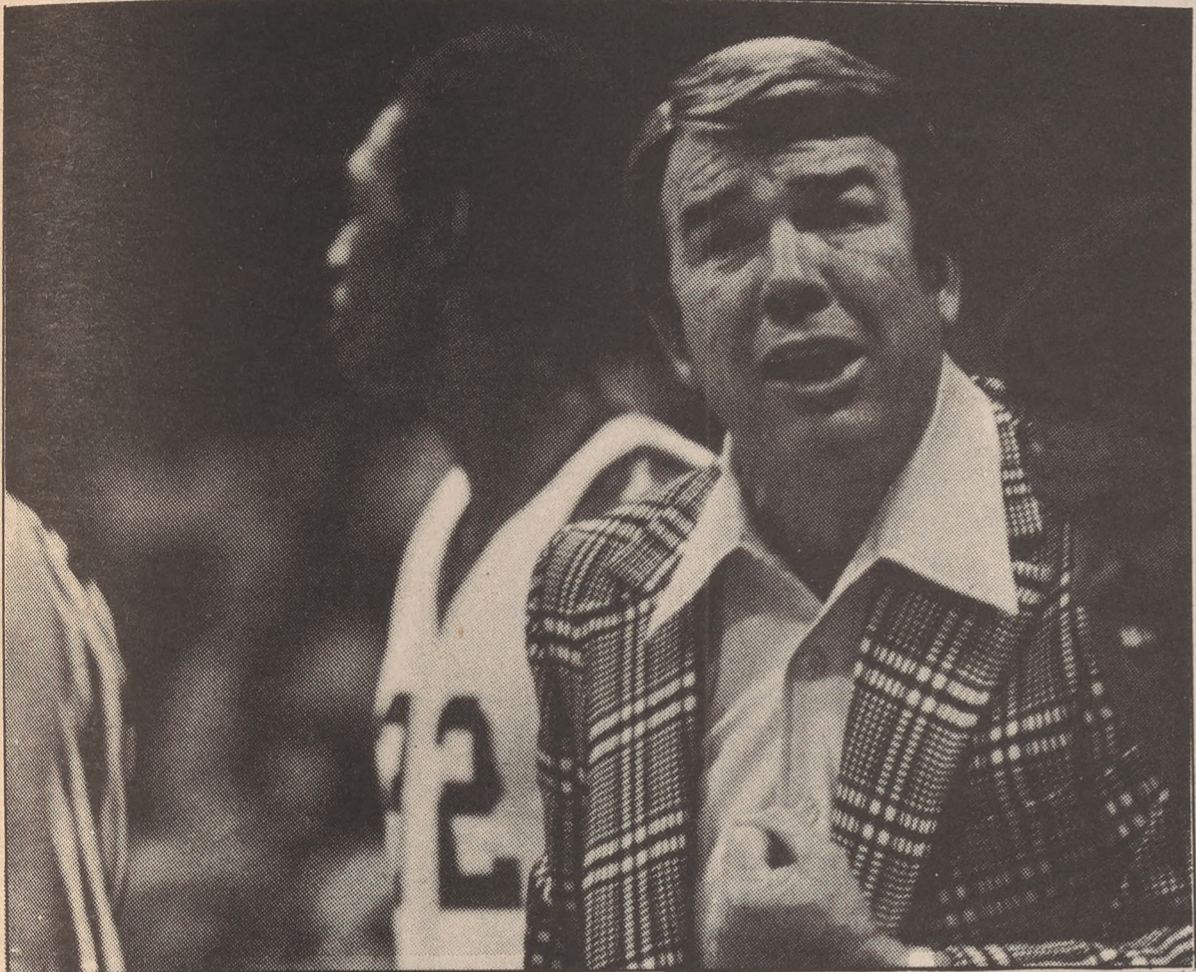


Photo by Smith

Coach Jim Carey has suddenly undergone puzzling times. The team is now mired in a three-game losing streak.

Swimmers end successful fall season

DEAN CHURCH

When Jerry Ballew took over the head coaching job of the UNR women's swim team at mid-season last year, he didn't have to worry about living up to past swimming tradition. The team had yet to win a meet in its first three years. Yet, the team wound up with a 3-6 record.

As practice started at the beginning of this year, Ballew's team decided to shoot for an undefeated season; quite a goal for a team as young as they were.

It turned out Ann Belikow, Paige Bryant, Barbara Buck, Dawn Carter, Pam Gordon, Patti Gordon, Karen Petterson, Gale Reeder, Teresa Roth, and Cathy Trachok weren't kidding. So far, their record is 5-0, with the latest win an impressive 83-45 drowning of San Jose State. The women broke five UNR swimming records en route to that victory. Also, the team has already broken over 80 percent of the existing Pack records. And Pam and Patti Gordon, Barbara Buck and Paige Bryant have achieved times that would qualify them for the small college nationals.

The team will practice over the Christmas break in preparation for their toughest meet of the year against the experienced Cal-Berkeley team on Jan. 21 at the Lombardi Recreation Building. They will also go against Chico/Humboldt on Jan. 28, and the University of Utah on Feb. 7.

Grandstand View

1977 : Making progress but gaps need filling

STEVE MARTARANO

"Trying hard, but not quite getting there," seems to be the tag one could apply on the UNR athletic department as 1977 jogs off into the sunset.

Some major strides were taken the past year, but then again there are some huge gaps that need filled.

Athletic Director Dick Trachok has been under some criticism lately because of various NCAA oversights—centered mainly around the women getting kicked out of the Golden State Conference and the football team's ineligibility this past year for Division II playoff action. These mistakes have put a damper on the year.

Whether or not the fault lies entirely with Trachok, the oversights are there, and someone is not catching them. As a result, the athletes are suffering.

The football season was a disappointment, simply because of what could have been. While watching the NCAA Division II playoffs on television, I couldn't help feeling that UNR was every bit as good as Cal-Davis, if not better. And Davis ended up super successful, losing by nine points against Lehigh, the team that took the finals 33-0.

I think how much longer Chris Ault remains in Reno just depends on how soon Ault is offered a major college job he would be happy with. He'll be here for the 1978 season at least.

As for Jim Carey and his band of basketballers, inconsistency seems to be the

key word. That or an inability to play well on the road, a situation that has proved fatal to many a ballclub.

Probably the heaviest criticism levied against the team is that at times they appear undisciplined, with Edgar Jones shooting 25-foot jumpers and everybody in foul trouble all the time.

But the players are young and have not played together prior to this year. A lot of the time, Jones is the only guy on the floor from last season. So many things are still in the process of being worked out.

With two losses within a month (football and basketball) to UNLV, I get the feeling the Wolf Pack definitely has a loser complex towards Vegas. Jerry Tarkanian has yet to lose to UNR while the football Pack hasn't won since 1973. Call it anything you want, but the facts are there.

But like I said, strides are being made. The cross country team is one of the top 15 in the nation, the women's swim team is now undefeated and beating people like San Jose State, the football squad was a Division II powerhouse most of the year—and if the Pack ever get its basketball act together, it may find itself among the top 20.

Merry Christmas from myself and the Sagebrush staff. We'll see you back here in 1978.

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Class to study policy questions

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"Problems in American Public Policy," open to the public, will begin Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. in Room 141 of the Mack Social Science Building.

Meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 9:15 p.m. until May 11, the class will be taught by Allen Wilcox, director of the Bureau of Governmental Research. The bureau is part of the Political Science Department.

"By creating an awareness of the seriousness of the problems," said Wilcox, "the course could help keep the growth problems from getting worse. A lot of people are not aware that if we

have another drought next year, we may have no water and also that we may be facing smog alerts such as those in Los Angeles."

The course will combine lectures, discussions, simulations, films and field trips. One of the guest speakers will be John Hammond, project coordinator for the energy conservation program at Davis, Calif. All guest lectures will be taped for future classroom and media use.

Some topics will be community planning, with emphasis on Washoe County; the politics of growth; the quality of community life; growth management

strategies; urban innovation; and legal issues.

Several local case studies will be analyzed, among them the MGM Hotel, Lemmon Valley and the Reno-Sparks sewage treatment plant.

"We invite the public as well as students to attend these lectures and contribute input to this important study," said Wilcox.

The class represents the third phase of a project entitled, "Analyzing the Impact

of Growth on Community Life." With the aid of a state grant, the bureau has been gathering materials for six months to identify what information Nevada communities need to assess and control the impact of growth.

Materials developed from this course and related courses will be organized and published by the bureau for use by administrators, consultants, private-interest groups and the public.

Tunnel nears completion

SUZANNE CREPS

A subsonic wind tunnel, now nearing completion at Palmer Engineering Bldg. at the UNR campus, will be in use this spring semester.

The tunnel was originally designed to be used by students for testing scale models of projects from new shapes of airplane wings to hang gliders. However, the Desert Research Institute has expressed an interest in the tunnel and would like to use it for some environmental studies.

"They want to create a cloud in the tunnel to measure vapor content," said Dr. Richard Fashbaugh of the Mechanical Engineering Dept. "The way they do that now is by flying through clouds. This would really save them a lot of money."

According to Fashbaugh, DRI is also interested in using the tunnel for measuring air pollutants.

Construction on the tunnel was begun

several years ago. The test section was completed in 1971 by mechanical engineering student Mike Balavac. He christened it "The Mike Balavac Subsonic Wind Tunnel" by affixing a plaque next to the viewing window. Dated May 14, 1971, the plaque reads, "By his voluntary efforts, the tunnel was completed after years of vacillating by others."

Now, almost seven years later, the rest of the tunnel has been built. "We're just waiting for the university electricians to wire up the motor," said Fashbaugh. "We already have two students scheduled to use it in the spring."

There were varying opinions within the department as to why the project has taken so long. Some said that lack of funds could be the reason, although lack of interest was also suspected.

"We're just glad to have it finished so that we can start using it," said Fashbaugh.

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