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Hard work the solution

STEVE FALCONE/DON LaPLANTE

Wednesday was not one of Ralph Nader's better days. He arrived in Reno in the late afternoon and found no one at the airport to greet him. The ASUN representatives were in the other concourse at the opposite end of Reno International Airport waiting for him to arrive on a different airline.

The greeters finally found Nader standing next to his luggage in the lobby. They moved out to the car, a white four-door sedan with a center post (Nader's favorite kind), and Nader got into the back seat by himself. He buckled up for safety and locked the door.

Arriving at his destination, Nader pulled up on the lock button, and the entire apparatus came apart, making the door inoperable and unopenable.

Actually, these problems were relatively minor. Several hours before Nader arrived in Reno the U.S. House of Representatives killed a consumer representation bureau that Nader's organization, Public Citizen, had worked on for eight years. Nader told the 1,200 people in UNR's Old Gym later that evening that the House's action was a major defeat for him.

Nader used the defeat to launch into an attack on Congress in general and Nevada Rep. James Santini in particular.

During his speech and an earlier press conference Nader tore into Santini for his vote on the consumer protection agency bill. He called on his audience to write to Santini and ask him for an explanation of his vote. Nader said Santini never explained his vote except in generalities and slogans. He asked people to find out whether Santini is representing the people or big business.

Nader said that the defeat of the bill shows that the Congress is "for sale or lease to the highest bidder. Congress doesn't respect people's rights for consumer justice. This latest action demonstrates once more that Congress is on the auction block."

Nader's answer to getting Congress off the "auction block" was public financing of elections. The real power in the country, he said, wasn't in Washington but in the board rooms of corporations that can buy elected officials because the board rooms are where the wealth is.

Nader is a consummate optimist—he really believes that the power structure can be beaten, and he believes that students are the ones to do it. He said that students are supposed to be specializing in analyzing information, they get together every day, they have their own means of communication and they are at the peak of their idealism.

He said that the best thing students could do for a civic education would be to institute a course called "Santini 101." The students could spend a semester looking at the performance and voting record of Santini. He said that would make the students an influential force if nothing else than all the information they would be able to provide to others about Santini and his performance in office. Nader said both Santini and his staff would be shocked to have a group looking into his performance that closely.

Nader said about a third of the congressmen are honest, but the rest are lazy, corrupt or evil. During a dinner, he said Washington was "veneer of respectability in front of a sea of corruption." Later he said, "Congress is so diseased today you couldn't pass the U.S. Constitution."

Nader also attacked the way corporations advertise their products to the American people.

"General Motors appeals to people as if they can't read or write. The names of cars in the American auto industry sound as if they came out of Tarzan's jungle. They use slick words and gimmicks—but do they offer comparisons of safety features and fuel efficiency? Of course not," Nader said.

He also attacked the way the auto companies advertise the fuel efficiency standards that are provided by the Environmental Protection Agency.



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"Fuel efficiency is based on a phony EPA figure. The figure is 20 percent above what it really is because they test the cars in a lab rather than on the road," Nader said.

Besides the auto industry, the breakfast cereal firms also came in for their share of criticism from Nader.

"I get complaints all the time from children complaining about the shoddy doo-dads in breakfast cereals. Breakfast cereals are an example of an industry which is gouging the public. The field is dominated by a handful of companies who compete in packaging, advertising and style—everything but prices," he said.

He also attacked the way the cereals are advertised on Saturday and Sunday morning children's television shows. He said children are urged to get their parents to buy cereal that has "zero nutrition."

Nader still wasn't done, however. The drug industry managed to get its share of the lumps during the speech. He said the industry is causing the death of many thousands of Americans each year.

"You'd think everyone in this country has headaches, colds, hemorrhoids and other aches and pains. About 60,000 to 100,000 people die each year because of the malprescribing of drugs," he said.

"But the doctor doesn't say on the death certificate under cause of death, 'Upjohn Corporation.' He

says the cause of death is cancer. But what causes the cancer?"

Nader said that 80 percent of all cancer is environmentally caused by drugs, cigarette smoking, food additives, contaminated drinking water and other substances. However, he did have a way to solve the drinking water problem.

"Just say that it is a communist plot to destroy our drinking water. Do you have any doubt that we would solve the problem right away if we thought it was a communist plot," he said.

He said the students in the university should use their chemistry or biology labs to analyze the water and put out a report.

"I know of no law in the state of Nevada that prevents the university from being relevant to the people of Nevada," he said.

He quoted a military report on the Washington, D.C. drinking water that said "in all of its bureaucratic best that there are 23 unauthorized substances in the Washington, D.C. drinking water." He also advised the crowd that if "you are ever in New Orleans don't drink the water" because the Mississippi River provides the drinking water and the river is a sewer for many of the cities up river.

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Editorial

A more realistic formula

The Board of Regents will today act on a proposal which will significantly alter the primary formula used to determine funding for the University of Nevada System. We hope that the board will realize the importance of the issue and vote in favor of the change.

The proposal will change the definition of a full-time equivalent student from one taking 16 credits to one taking 15 credits. The FTE for graduate students would be reduced from 9 credits to 8. The numbers may seem to be small, but the impact would be great.

The principal impact of the FTE formula is on the number of faculty members on campus. The formula involves taking the total number of credits registered for by undergraduate students and dividing it by 16. The resulting number is then used as the basis for funding the university.

The 16 credit figure is unrealistic. The number was originally arrived at by dividing the number of credits normally required for graduation (128) by the eight semesters needed to complete a program. However, 128 is not the number of credits required by most programs any more, and many students no longer finish their course work in only eight semesters.

There are other problems with the formula. Not all students require the same number of faculty members. It takes more teachers for upper division students than for lower division because upper division classes are usually much smaller.

Many departments, such as math and the sciences, are able to offer extremely large lecture classes in many courses, while other departments

require small discussion classes for a proper learning experience. And certain services, such as advisement, are required for everybody, regardless of the number of credits the student is taking.

The problem has been acutely felt at UNR because of the changing nature of the student body. Although the total number of students has been increasing, they are taking fewer credits, resulting in a declining FTE number. According to a report given to the UNR Faculty Senate in the fall the FTE number has decreased from almost 87 percent of the total number of students in the fall of 1973 to nearly 78 percent in 1977.

The result has been a decreasing ability to handle the students. The faculty is unable to keep up with all of the bodies. Like most problems around here this one involves primarily money and a basic philosophical question of what kind of education Nevada will offer its citizens. Under the current formula the regents rationalize that the university doesn't need any more than the meager amount it now receives.

There are several ways the problem can be solved. The best way would be to institute a more flexible formula for funding. Such a formula would take into account the differing needs of different students and would be sensitive to changes in society. Students in different programs and at different levels would bring in different amounts of money.

We doubt that Nevada is ready for a formula requiring that sort of imagination, however. Therefore, the next best solution would be to use a more realistic number of credits in determining the FTE number. Acceptance of 15 credits by the regents would be an excellent start.

To the Editor

'Brush or band

After reading your article in Tuesday's issue on the idea of a UNR Marching Band, I felt compelled to express a different point of view than that expressed by the *Sagebrush*. First, whoever wrote that article is either too stupid to realize that there are other organizations on this campus drawing out money in amounts far greater than a marching band could ever dream of, or this person does not want to discuss the total costs over a ten-year period that the *Sagebrush* or others incur. I personally wonder if the money that we, as students pay out is being wisely spent on this newspaper when it prints articles such as they have in the past. (If I tried to express some examples now, I would not have enough space to finish the original intent of this letter.)

I would like to point out that a marching band has just as much right to exist as the athletic activities which are so whole-heartedly supported at this school. If you knew anything about good marching bands, you might realize that they do bring in extra revenue at the box office! How? A well rounded program at any game helps to attract people, even if the team is in an off season. The spirit and atmosphere created by organized school participation in the game besides the team, can be termed as nothing but better than what you have now. (An example might be the homecoming.) I have never seen a display any worse. There was spirit, but the wrong kind. The fraternities and sororities might consider the "parade" they put on as entertaining, but I found it quite the opposite, mainly because they were making fools of themselves in front of the very people in the state who would be in charge of getting the funds for a larger stadium or even a new one. We are going to have to present them with something they know will be worth paying out money for.

I would like to ask you to remember the half-time shows and other participation by the students at some of the other universities blessed with some fore-sighted planners. Do you think they built those stadiums just to attract the people by the game alone? I think not! They have to clear their expenses and the best way to do it is to get those seats filled up. Not every year is the team going to be No. 1, and thus what the team might lack in entertainment, the atmosphere of school spirit (not the

alcoholic type), helps to make up some of the difference. I don't think you'll find that atmosphere arising from a student section partially full of drunk students.

You want a general improvement in the other things that happen while at the game (hot-dogs, better seating, etc . . . You feel that marching band is boring and costs too much. A marching band does cost a large sum to start, but the instruments and uniforms last at least ten years (if you spread the cost out over that ten years it doesn't cost that much). If you don't want to expend too much money, then I suggest that we "retire" the *Sagebrush* and use the funds to start a marching band.

Kelly Bullis

Kudos for Strickland

Kudos are long overdue for Mr. Strickland and his quixotic assault on the Bastion of City Hall. It is of vital importance that the people of Reno and Sparks be made aware of the subterranean machinations of a horse-and-buggy city council in a modern community. However . . . To pursue the analogy a little further, Don Quixote thought to vanquish the windmill with his lance, when the better course would have been to sneak around to the other side of the thing and set fire to it. Mr. Strickland is committing essentially the same error when he wanders off gathering literary, biblical, sociological and psychological justifications for his arguments. The university has not been a microcosm of the community-at-large for at least 15 years; the young men of the university are in no way different from their non-student brothers in their search for sexual identity; and, right or wrong, the work ethic is an integral element of our national (not local) tradition and collective psyche, an ideology that is not going to go away in the near future.

The major problems confronting our community stem from a simple and obvious source—elementary human greed. Money, dollars by the shipload, is flowing into Reno at an astonishing rate; and the powers-that-be, from the 25 cent councilmen to the millionaire contractor/developers, are out to grab off as big a piece as

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Meeting cancelled

Senate can't take care of business

DON LaPLANTE

For the first time this academic year, the ASUN Senate was unable to hold its regularly scheduled meeting. A number of senators were missing because of arrangements for the Ralph Nader lecture and others were just absent.

A quorum was present, but the group decided not to meet because six of the 20 members were not there.

On Wednesday afternoon, a subcommittee of the Activities Board approved two concerts. The Charlie Daniels Band was approved for Feb. 22 in the Old Gym. That concert has been confirmed by the promoter. The committee also gave approval to a performance by War on March 11 in the Old Gym. The show still requires confirmation from the promoter, Norm Cheney.

The Gary Wright concert that had been tentatively scheduled for March 11 has been cancelled because the promoter could not confirm the performer's appearance by the deadline.

The Activities Board at its meeting Wednesday night voted to cancel a performance of "As You Like It" by the National Shakespeare Company because of problems with the facilities the group would need. The decision to cancel may come up on Wednesday at the ASUN Senate meeting in the Jot Travis Lounge, where the action must be approved. Senator Lee Huckins, mines, was opposed

to the cancellation and may oppose the action in the senate.

The board also heard complaints from a number of students about the Winter Carnival contests. There were complaints about the beer slalom, where the beer ran out before the races were finished, and about the announcement of the overall winners. At the dance Friday night, it was announced that there were co-winners, Phi Sigma Kappa and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, but later after the points were re-totaled it was determined that there was only one winner, Phi Sigma Kappa.

The board decided to hold a special hearing on the complaints and will then determine what action to take. No date has yet been set for the hearing.

In other actions during the week, the Publications Board held a two-hour meeting on Tuesday to discuss a number of by-law revisions. Most of those approved were minor wording changes to specify qualifications for the advertising manager, allow the advertising and business managers to hire and fire their own staff members, and allow the advertising manager to have salespersons.

The most important change will set up a method to arbitrate disputes between the editor and the advertising manager over the content of advertising. The bylaw provides that should there be a conflict between the two over an ad, the final decision will be made by the ASUN

manager, Gary Brown. Also should the advertising manager be unavailable, Brown would be allowed to decide if an ad could be removed from the newspaper for any reason.

The final change would require all staff members of publications who receive salaries to have paid the ASUN fee. This would require graduate students or undergraduates taking less than seven credits to pay a fee of about \$21 to the

ASUN before they could be paid.

All of the bylaw changes still require approval from the ASUN Senate on Wednesday and would then take effect at the beginning of the next school year.

Because of the Ralph Nader lecture, the meeting of the Interim Finance Committee scheduled for last Wednesday night was cancelled and has been rescheduled for the coming Wednesday.



Bishop McFarland blesses cross

Bishop Norman F. McFarland recently visited Our Lady of Wisdom parish, next to the Center for Religion and Life to bless the church's new cross and meet with UNR students and parishoners. Len Schweitzer donated his time, materials and artistic talents to sculpt the cross over the entrance. The cross is six feet wide, ten feet high and four inches thick.

Photo by George Kerr

Library of the future told

Total automation of library reference service could be available at UNR within a few years, according to Joyce Ball, public service librarian at UNR.

Machine-assisted reference service was one of many topics discussed at the American Library Association mid-winter convention Ms. Ball attended in Chicago last week. Also representing UNR were Harold G. Morehouse, director of libraries, and Ms. Joan Chambers, department head of government publications.

When installed, this new system would have all of the library's reference sources contained on hundreds of data bases, which in turn would index millions of serials, reports and books. The present literature search service available at UNR's library has only 60 data bases, which index thousands of sources.

A second big improvement is that the services provided by the new system would be free to the user, with the library absorbing the total costs. Now the user pays for the on-line computer cost, telephone charges, and 10 cents for each citation printed off-line. The library pays

for the computer terminal rental, computer paper, and staff member's time. This high cost to the user prevents the present system's use in dealing with routine reference questions.

An identical procedure in securing sources of reference materials would be used. An initial interview with the reference librarian establishes key words and concepts which are fed into the computer, and a print-out of reference citations is printed on-line.

"Computer searching is superior in speed, accuracy, and comprehensiveness to the traditional hand search method," said Ball. "The thought of a total computerized reference system is exciting."

Development and use costs prevent the library from expanding the present system. Many more computer terminals are required, acquiring the necessary data bases is expensive; and the library must absorb the entire cost. But with the aid of grants and reduced cost of data base use, Ball said UNR's library system will have the totally automated reference system in the near future.

Faculty concerned about Regents procedures

DON LaPLANTE

The Faculty Senate voted Thursday to express concern about the procedures the Board of Regents are following concerning the attempts to fire UNR President Max Milam.

Senators expressed concern that members of the regents are talking about letters they have received from faculty members asking that Milam be fired.

Joan Chambers, senate chairman, said that the faculty senate has not been consulted nor has the faculty as a whole been polled.

The senate voted to urge the board to follow the established procedures for evaluation of the president. As provided under the UNR bylaws, a committee is now evaluating Milam with a report to be prepared by May so that it will be available for the regents when

they are scheduled to consider Milam's contract at the June meeting.

In another matter, the senate also voted to ask the Board of Regents to join the senate in requesting the state courts to issue a declaratory judgement on the constitutionality of whether the board can delegate authority to arbitrators to decide questions in collective bargaining negotiations.

A declaratory judgement is a finding of a fact of law by a court. The questions between the administration and the faculty is whether it is constitutional to allow an arbitrator to pick between the last two best offers in the bargaining process if the two sides cannot reach an agreement.

The university counsel, Larry Lessly, has said that it would be an unconstitu-

tional delegation of the regents authority. However, the senate legal counsel, Paul Bible, said in a letter that he does not agree with Lessly's interpretation.

The senate also voted to authorize Chambers and vice chairman Paul Page to represent the senate in negotiations with the administration over the collective bargaining regulations.

Page told the senate that acting chancellor Donald Baepler is willing to negotiate on the items that administration and the system ad hoc committee on collective bargaining do not agree on.

Jim Richardson, professor of sociology, said he was pleased to see a willingness to negotiate and that part of the change was due to change in chancellors.

He also called the response to the ad hoc committee a naive document and ill-

informed in a number of areas. He also said it was a propaganda document riddled with only one philosophy, but that he was glad to see the willingness to negotiate.

In addition, executive committee was authorized to draw up a brief statement of principles on the activities of intelligence agencies, such as the FBI and CIA on campus. The statement will be presented to the senate at a future meeting.

The discussion was prompted by an article in the *Nevada State Journal* in December discussing intelligence activities on campus during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Milam told the senate that there have been no activities with intelligence agencies approved or sanctioned by his administration.

Regents meet today

Milam's job again on the line

DON LaPLANTE

The job of UNR President Max Milam may be on the line again at the Board of Regents meeting today in Reno. The board will meet beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Center for Religion and Life, 1101 N. Virginia St.

Regent Molly Knudtsen, Austin, has indicated that she may ask the board to reconsider its action at the January meeting where a motion to fire Milam failed on a 4-4 vote.

Knudtsen voted at that time to retain Milam, and since she voted on the prevailing side under parliamentary proce-

sure she may ask the board to reconsider its action.

Should there be a motion to fire Milam it will take a majority of the or five votes. At the last meeting regents James L. Buchanan, John Buchanan, Chris Karamanos (all of Las Vegas) and John Tom Ross of Carson City voted to fire Milam. Regents Fred Anderson and Louis Lombardi of Reno, Knudtsen and Lilly Fong of Las Vegas voted to retain him. Brenda Mason of North Las Vegas was absent from the meeting, but has said in interviews that she does not plan

to vote to fire Milam.

In other matters, the board will hear a report on the master plans for UNR and UNLV. The reports are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. The board will hear a report from John Carl Warnecke and Associates on plans for physical growth at the university over the next few years.

The board will consider a recommendation from the university officers to approve a 6.6 percent across-the-board salary increase for faculty members. Any salary funds available above the 6.6 percent would be used for merit and promo-

tion raises for professional staff members.

A redefinition of the term "full-time equivalent" student will also be considered. The board will be asked to lower the definition from 16 to 15 credits for undergraduates and from 9 to 8 credits for graduate students. The proposal would bring the system more in line with other schools in the region.

If adopted, this could have a major impact on the university budget since the amount of money the university receives from the state is based on how many full-time equivalent students there are. (See Editorial, page two.)

Medical Tech Program gets laboratory

ROBERT WALSH

After three years of waiting, the Medical Technology Program in the School of Medical Sciences is getting its new lab.

Although there has been a long delay in the process of getting the lab started, this doesn't bother Program Director Barbara Merritt, who said she is satisfied just to see the renovation project started. Although the project hasn't moved along quite as fast as she would have liked, she said this can be attributed to the amount of time it takes to renovate an old structure such as the Mackay Science Building. Another reason she points to for the delay is the amount of red tape involved in going through to meet the requirements of the Veteran's Administration, which funded the project, and the pushing of university officials to get things going.

Merritt said that the present facilities were built in 1930 for use in chemistry and physics and as a result the plumbing and the electrical supply to instruments are inadequate. The facilities, although adequate for chemistry and physical laboratories, do not relate at all to the kinds of facilities in a hospital or in a clinical laboratory, which is where most medical technology is done.

The medical technology program is largely funded by a Veteran's Administration grant. The lab renovation project is included in this grant which was awarded about three years ago. The estimated cost originally was \$60,000 but as a result of the delay and rising construction prices, the figure has now climbed to around \$98,000. This excess cost will hopefully be picked up through funds the medical technology program has not used, Merritt said.

In the meantime, the Med Tech students are not without a lab. They are currently using the lab vacated by the Medical School a year ago after the second phase of the Medical School Building was completed, the opening of Manville.

However, there is some inconvenience in regards to storage space, glassware washing facilities and the fact that this lab is as antiquated as the one being remodeled. But hopes are, although the completion date is already behind schedule, that the new lab will be ready by the fall semester of 1978.

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Correspondence course list expanded for busy students

DOTTI HATHAWAY

An expanded offering of correspondence courses for students on a tight schedule is available through UNR's off-campus and independent study division, said Assistant Director Grace Donehower.

Enrollment in the division's independent study courses last year alone was more than 1,000. This year a new catalog describing the program has been published. Included are new classes in such areas as animal sciences and anthropology, in addition to courses ranging from accounting to psychology.

UNR's independent study division offers home-study courses in many fields which students can complete at their own speed.

Donehower said her department is "particularly interested in helping the resident student working toward a degree who has conflicts in his schedule" that will not allow him to enroll in regular university classes.

Donehower adds that another goal is

"to assist those persons who want to participate in university classes but who may be place-bound or time-bound" and cannot continue their education through regularly scheduled classes.

Marilyn Hines, assistant to Donehower, said course offerings in foreign languages are of particular interest to many students. She cited the Spanish courses as being especially popular.

Classes needed for teach certification to fulfill certain state requirements or to renew certification are also offered through correspondence courses, Donehower said.

A student enrolling in an independent study course has one year to complete it. However, all students are eligible for a six-month extension at a minimal fee.

A maximum of two independent study courses may be taken at one time, and up to 60 credits may be applied to an undergraduate degree at UNR.

All course work is completed at home

by the student, except for exams, which are taken at the independent study office at Stead. Special arrangements can be made for students living outside the Reno area and for foreign students.

Copies of the independent study catalog and further information on the program may be obtained at the Registrar's office on the UNR campus or by writing or calling the independent study office.

The catalog gives the costs involved in each class, a course description, the books to be used in the class and requirements for students enrolled in correspondence study.

Also available is a booklet listing correspondence courses offered nationwide. Published by the National University Extension Association, this catalog lists the courses and contact persons for independent study work in a number of colleges and universities. Students are advised by Donehower to inquire about transfer of credits to UNR before enrolling in these out-of-state classes.

USUNS may be restructured

DON LaPLANTE

It appears that there may be a restructuring of the United Students of the University of Nevada System following an informal meeting last weekend in Las Vegas.

The meeting was attended by John McCaskill, ASUN president; Scott Lorenz, student body president at UNLV; John Hunt, USUNS president and UNLV treasurer; Bill Duncan of Clark County Community College and Felicia Braxton of Western Nevada Community College - Reno.

The group agreed that a restructuring of the group was probably necessary, McCaskill said.

Presently, USUNS has meetings of a delegation, consisting of four members from each of the universities and community colleges in Nevada, four times a year. McCaskill had proposed doing away with the quarterly conferences and establishing a council of student body presidents that would meet monthly before the Board of Regents meetings.

The proposal received an unfriendly

reception at the last USUNS conference in Las Vegas in December. However, McCaskill believes that the shock of the proposal has now worn off and that a number of people have realized that something does need to be done.

"I think some of them went back to their campuses and talked it over and found that it wasn't as devastating as they thought it might be," McCaskill said.

McCaskill said the group made a number of compromises including giving support to establishing the council to meet before the regents meetings. However, there would still be two general meetings a year. At the July meeting, officers would be elected and policy set for the year.

He said that the council would meet the night before the regents meetings to determine policy stands. The group, likely to be called the Regents Advisory Council, would consist of the student body presidents from each campus plus one other delegate appointed by the student body president and confirmed by

the Student Senate at each school.

The two general conferences would also set the policy for the Nevada Student Lobby, which would represent students before the state legislature. The two co-directors of the lobby would be elected in July by the general conference.

McCaskill said he thought one of the factors that might have affected the thinking of other delegates was the withdrawal of Western Nevada Community College, South (Carson City) from the organization in December. The school sent a letter to Hunt announcing their withdrawal, but did not give reasons for the decision.

McCaskill said he thought the restructuring might influence WNCC/South to rejoin the organization.

He said he thought the reorganization will be approved at the next conference, which is now scheduled for March 10 and 11 in the Reno area. He said if the plan failed the organization would just flounder and that UNR would probably withdraw.

Nader's suggestions, continued

Making sure he didn't leave anyone out, Nader took shots at the banking industry, STP and the oil companies. The Education Testing Service, developers of the SATs and LSATs, came in for particular criticism. He said the tests were not predictors of success in college but of family income. He said they tyrannize students who have no role or voice in their use. The oil companies were called the most accomplished liars in America.

Nader talked about some of the penalties in modern society. He said he was recently offered some organic ice cream. He said that was real ice cream, made with natural ingredients. He said that now costs twice as much as the chemical ice cream that we are used to.

In his wide-ranging three-hour lecture and discussion Nader hit on many topics but most of them led back to the topic of corporate irresponsibility and gouging of the public.

In response to a question, he said why he thought the major utilities and power companies were opposed to the rapid implementation of solar energy.

"First, they can't own the sun. The sun is an inexhaustible resource so they can't manipulate the supply," Nader said.

He also discussed what he called the "corporate crime epidemic." He said that in the last three years 480 corporations have pled guilty to violating the law to the Securities and Exchange Commission. He said Exxon admitted to giving 50 million dollars in bribes to Italian officials.

"I know of no law in the state of Nevada that prevents the University from being relevant to the people of Nevada."

"You know what they had to do. They had to sign an agreement saying that we will not do it again. I guess they get one free crime," Nader said.

With all his rancor, Nader is not without a sense of humor. At times he appeared to be emulating a Borscht Belt comedian, say maybe Jackie Mason. He criticized people who say that he shouldn't complain because the country is better than all the rest. "These people would have opposed the revolution. After all, what's wrong with King George. He wears a nice wig. He probably would have voted for Ronald Reagan," he said.

Nader's suggestions to students, however, were fairly simple. The solution is hard work—sweat, he said. "Take the hardest courses; do a lot of independent work around the town. Get involved," he recommended.

Nader lives by his own advice. After talking about the defeat of his consumer representation bill after an eight-year struggle, he promised his Reno audience that he would go back and dream up 15 new ideas.

Nader has created his share of enemies over the

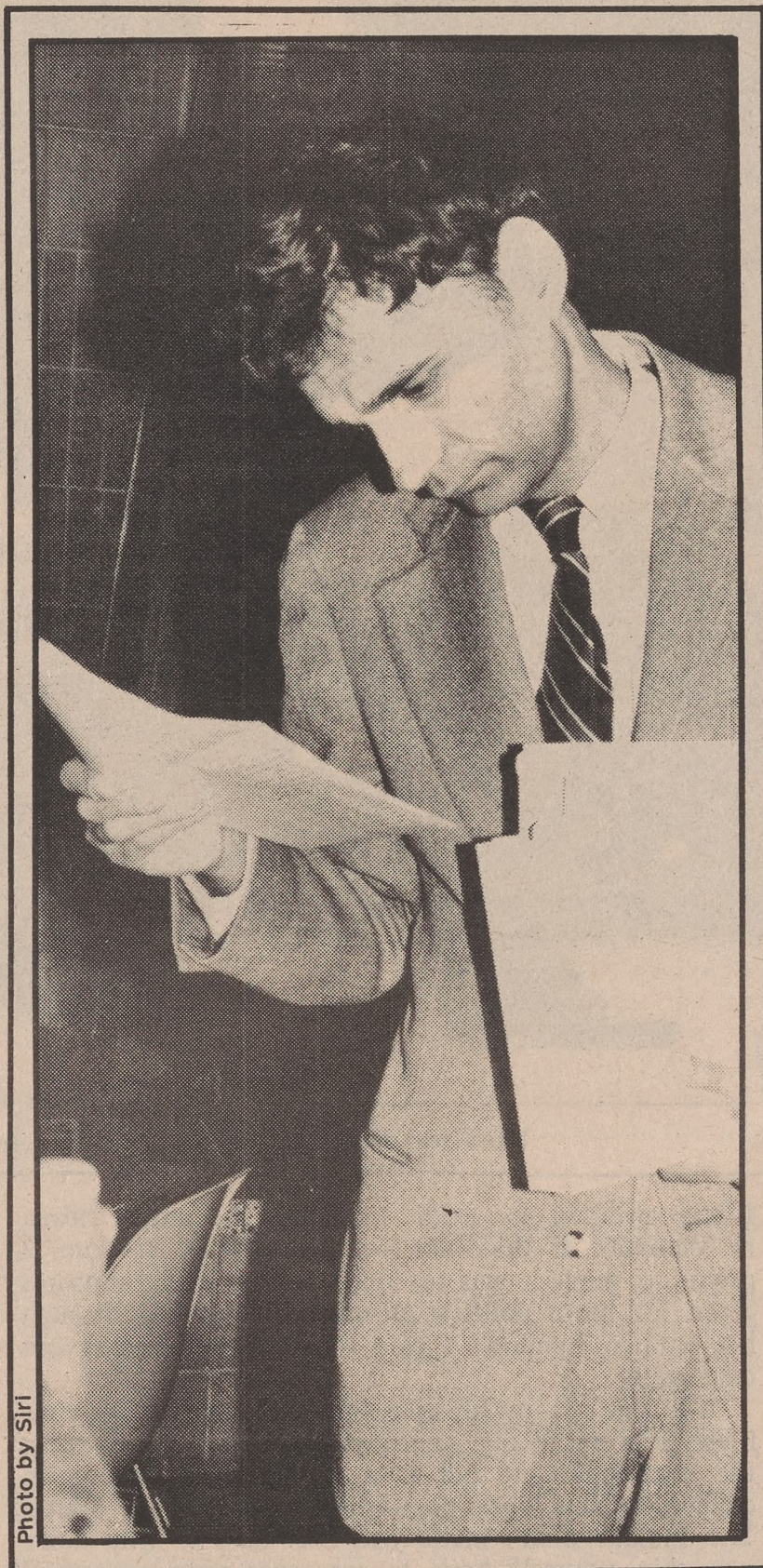
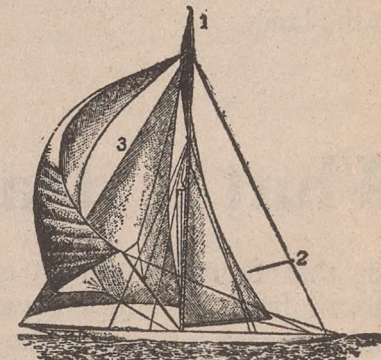


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years, and his message is not universally accepted. Some critics question his motives. But, when asked about how much he makes, Nader said he takes \$100 a week out of his lecture fees to live on. Looking at his skinny physique and his wrinkled clothes you tend to believe him, and you can't help but admire anyone who can live in Washington, D.C. on \$100 a week.

MEDICAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

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More Letters

Kudos,

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they can get their hands on. Viewed from this perspective, the twists and turns of current civic policy begin to make a lot of sense; especially if you happen to be in a position to profit by them.

Greed, of course, is not an isolated trait of the gentry. Us garden-variety folk are, to varying degrees, greedy as well; and there in lies the hook upon which Mr. Strickland should hang his jousting hat.

Reno is rapidly becoming a community of haves vs. have-nots. Whenever the haves cook up a new and wonderful scheme, it should be regarded with extreme suspicion, for it is more than probable that it will be at the expense of the have-nots in the end. When this happens (and it does, on an almost daily basis), Mr. Strickland should be right there to point out the costs to us, the legions of have-nots. The pocketbook is, after all, mightier than the lance.

Peter Allard

What a drag

What a drag that Frank Singewald is such a perfect mentally balanced boy. So Anita Bryant has another puppet. It really amazes me what some people will say and do for an autographed orange from Florida.

His argument amounts to the fact that he is so bored and insecure with his lifestyle that he has to put everone else's lifestyle down. His latest decree is involving the age old 'macho' view of putting the young-at-heart gay population to his disgrace. Really, Frank, grow-up before you express any more such incriminating views. No one says 'you' have to participate in gay sex nor does that mean you have to be heterosexual. That is and always has been your choice. No one even says you have to stay in the United States, but if you go elsewhere you might find gay activity more pronounced and accepted.

You, of all people, coming from the original 13 colonies, (which, if no one told you yet, originated from people wanting to do their own thing in their own way) ought to support liberal freedom wherever it persists—even if it's a sexual freedom.

If you have trouble accepting our "Free" society—maybe you ought to consider yourself a "misfit" rather than those enjoying life. Maybe you ought to see a "shrink" or maybe a travel agency about moving to a society where such freedom of lifestyle is restricted. Try Chile.

I suppose you consider rednecks a healthy state of mind (redneck—limiting one's head to past cultural trends and not accepting present and future cultural advances as a part of our everchanging lifestyles).

I also want you to realize there are different shades of gay people. You refer to one generalized personality (in the Anita Bryant tradition). Let me tell you brother, you would never single me out or even consider me one of those homosexual "misfits." In fact you probably show more gay tendencies than I. I resent being generalized.

Something more, my narrow-minded comrad, there are just as many sick heterosexuals, percentage wise, as there are homosexual sickies. I suppose you don't consider that though, no, I doubt that you would, cause that would tend to upset your argument. How about all the rapes? I suppose you consider that a healthy thing to do. Don't you suppose that is just as insulting to the women? There are more women fearing "sickie" heterosexual men than there are women fearing "sickie" homosexual men so don't you talk about women being insulted by us.

Don't get me wrong, I am not supporting the homosexual sickies, but you seem to judge all of us by their actions. The American heterosexual man has given the women much more to fear than the homosexual men have. If you don't agree answer for me as to why the women in America (exception of San Francisco gay communities) carry on as snobbish, frigid, intense beings to the men they don't know.

Yes, Frank everyone has their choice. If a heterosexual man wants to be seduced or molested he will expose himself to such activity—just as a woman does when she wants to be seduced by a man. It's just that men have this macho-istic personality they have to answer to after the activity is over. It's too bad our American women won't encourage men to feel the gay freedom as much as men encourage women to, but maybe that is something for the future.

I also want to challenge you concerning your right to tell me I have no right to freedom. After I show you how much in taxes I paid out this year and the medals



The Great Bengston amazed an SRO crowd during Winter Carnival festivities.

I was awarded for valor, including the purple heart, in Vietnam. If that war was to support freedom (I prefer to think it was to support Lady Bird Johnson's greed for more political strength and money through her puppet, Lyndon), I paid for my freedom over and over again.

You can call my lifestyle evil—but then I think your lifestyle is evil to our American freedom. I can give you the same argument that a lot of Americans have given concerning our black population in the United States. The Indians didn't invite you over here so why don't you ship yourself back to wherever your ancestral blood comes from.

This homosexual activity is an unhealthy state of mind for you, Frank Singewald and for all the Frank Singewald's still in existence here in Reno. Don't try this sort of activity till you're grown up or man enough to handle it.

Name withheld

Down on 'Downers

I noticed in Tuesday's paper an ad for a dance on Valentine's Day. Now this is not so unusual, since Valentine's Day is traditionally reserved for wine, men and song. What is unusual is a large sun in the middle of the ad and a little notice at the bottom of the ad that says, "paid for by Sundowners." Seeing that ad I said to myself, "Self, what the hell is a Sundowner ad doing in the Sagebrush?" I was under the impression that the Sagebrush would not accept Sundowner ads.

Well, after a little research I found it is not so. There is no Sagebrush or Publications Board policy concerning the Sundowners. But it had been the decision of past editors and ad managers not to accept Sundowner ads. It's nice to know that Laura Hinton and I agreed on something.

Some people were really confused when I voiced my objections to the Sundowner ad. After all, I'm the one who has been harping about the paper needing to be self-sufficient to get away from government controls and that if it is going to be solvent, it will have to do it on advertising revenue. But if I were given the choice between being under government control or taking a Sundowner ad, I would never choose the latter.

A few of my friends told me that I being too closed minded about the whole thing. After all, the Davies incident was a long time ago, let bygones be bygones, forgive and forget, etc., etc., etc. Besides, they said, you aren't looking at all of the good things the Sundowners have done for this campus.

WHAT???

Well, replied one friend, the Sundowners have brought national recognition to UNR. Name another

group on campus that made it into the Associated Press, United Press International and the Los Angeles Times. Of course Edgar made it into Sports Illustrated, but that ain't the same.

Yeah! And what about the parking problem? another friend told me. If it wasn't for the Sundowners, there would be at least one more vehicle on this campus trying to find a parking spot, and God knows what a bitch that is.

Right! Said a third. And don't forget—the Sundowners are doing their part to keep the student-teacher ratio low. The Sundowners are helping you get a better education.

Just think of the possibilities on this campus if the Sagebrush would accept more Sundowner ads, they told me. Just take in a few more Sundowner ads, a couple from the Minutemen and the Mafia, one or two from the Klu Klux Klan and the Hell's Angels and in no time there would be plenty of parking for everyone.

Within a few years we would be down to a 1 to 1 ratio for students and teachers. With the student population being down, UNR could close up some of its buildings and save a lot of energy; or turn the abandoned buildings into casinos using the empty dorms to get sewer capacity and really make some money for the campus.

Perhaps the Editor should consider some of these suggestions. Then even he could find a parking spot.

Becky Blundell
Arts and Sciences Senator

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We fancy ourselves the voice of the students; we are not their hands and feet; nor do we control their finances. If our readers do not approve of the Sundowners the proper response would be to boycott their activities. If sufficient members of the community stay away from their dances, the Sundowners would soon be out of business. That choice is yours.

-Editor

Sexist 'Downers

Checking the admission price to the Sundowner Dance Feb. 11, I noticed that guys must pay twice as much as gals. This suggests very strongly that the Sundowners are discriminating against men. Consequently, the women will have to come to me Saturday night instead of me coming to them, because I refuse to pay this unfair admission price. Happy Valentine's Day . . . and shame on you Sundowners.

Bob Fama

Periphery

Animals in song

"Le Bestiare," a program describing animals in song, will be presented by Jackson and Johnson, a British vocal and piano duo, at 8 p.m. Feb. 13 in the lounge at the Jot Travis Union.

The recital will feature music by Schubert, Schumann, Loewe, Ravel, Chabrier and Poulenc.

The two musicians, baritone Richard Jackson and pianist Graham Johnson, have worked together since 1974. In their first performance in London's Purcell Room, they did the complete work of "Italienisches Liederbuch." Since then, they have done numerous recitals in England and in the United States and have done a series of broadcasts for BBC radio.

In order to make song recitals more entertaining, they have explored the entire song repertory in German, French and English and sought out the masters of song and accompaniment for study and counsel, including Pierre Bernac, Peter Pears, Geoffrey Parsons and Gerald Moore.

Jackson, a choral scholar at King's College, Cambridge, has divided his time between recitals, opera and oratorio. He appeared with the English National Opera, the Camden, York, Blydebourne, Bath and English Back Festivals, and the BBC Promenade Series.

Johnson, a graduate of London's Royal Academy of Music where he is now a professor, has established himself as an accompanist, performing with such artists as Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, Victoria de los Angeles, Jessye Norman and Zara Nelsova. He likes also to collaborate with young singers and has created a small select repertory company, The Song-makers' Almanac, which includes Richard Jackson.

The program, included in the Performing Artists Series, is sponsored by the Public Occasions Board at the university. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available at the door. For more information call 784-4893.

Corporations give

A corporate giving program is scheduled for a March kick-off, Harry Gianneschi, director of alumni and university relation, announced at the recent Faculty Senate meeting at UNR.

He said he hoped the program would become an annual campaign directed toward about 1,100 business and corporations in the Reno area.

Since there are about 13,000 UNR graduates in Nevada with about 7,000 in the Reno-Sparks area, a donation would not only be a gift to the university—it would be an investment in the community, state and local companies, said Gianneschi.

The program is tentatively scheduled to begin in about two months under the direction of Gene Brandt, associate director of university development.

The giving program will not be run the same as the alumni fund, the director said.

Last year the alumni association receipts were more than \$400,000 with between one percent and two percent going for operation of the program, said Gianneschi.

He explained that donations would be used for program development, faculty enrichment through travel, faculty recruitment, faculty research, the library and scholarships. Donations could be used for other areas also.

Gianneschi said he hoped this would not be a one-time campaign, but an annual gift.

Services offered

Advisement and personal and group counseling for handicapped students are among the services provided by the new counselor for handicapped students of the university's Special Services program, Faith Reinhart, who began work Monday.

Ms. Reinhart, herself a quadriplegic, came from Minnesota where she had worked in employment security and as a social worker in an intermediate care center, Ada Cook, director of Special Services, said.

In addition to counseling work, Ms. Reinhart, who has a masters in rehabilitation counseling, will work to provide handicapped students with such services

as transportation, assistant for carrying books, interpreters (for deaf students), and readers (for visually handicapped students).

"In other words, she'll be supervising the tutors these students need," Cook said.

According to Cook, there are 30 handicapped students on campus that have been identified and that Special Services gives assistance to.

Avoiding bends

Motorists can avoid fender-benders and other hazards if the necessary precautions are followed while driving in bad weather, according to Keith Shumway, UNR campus police chief.

"Getting a half an hour head start, driving defensively, using chains or snow tires and parking legally, are precautions we all should follow," said Shumway.

Parking is one of the biggest problems when the roads are slippery, he said. Students, because of delays while driving, park in illegal zones in order to reach their classes on time and consequently they often receive parking citations.

Shumway said that in case of a car accident, the party with faulty equipment, or no chains or snow tires, is usually held responsible.

Using forethought and anticipating the worst is Shumway's advice for foul-weather driving.

Go for three

Reno Citizens for a Recall Effort will hold their third meeting tonight in the auditorium of the Reno branch of the Washoe County Library, 301 S. Center St., at 7. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the voting records of the various councilmen, to draw up letters of intent to circulate recall petitions, and to hold a general discussion concerning the recall movement. The public is invited.

Nurses Deadline

Feb. 10 is the deadline for applying for Orvis School of Nursing scholarships. All students enrolled in the nursing program are eligible.

Applications may be obtained from the secretary in the front office of the Orvis building.

Youth tried as an adult

A 15-year-old Reno youth will be tried as an adult on charges he drove into two students following the Winter Carnival dance last Saturday.

David Thayer has been charged with attempted murder and felony hit and run in the case which left UNR student David Van Cleave paralyzed from the neck down. Van Cleave was in guarded condition at Washoe Medical Center last night after undergoing surgery. According to his doctor his spine was "functionally" severed.

Thayer is being held in lieu of \$25,000 bail. He will be only the second juvenile to be tried an adult under a Nevada law which permits such trials in cases of attempted murder or murder.

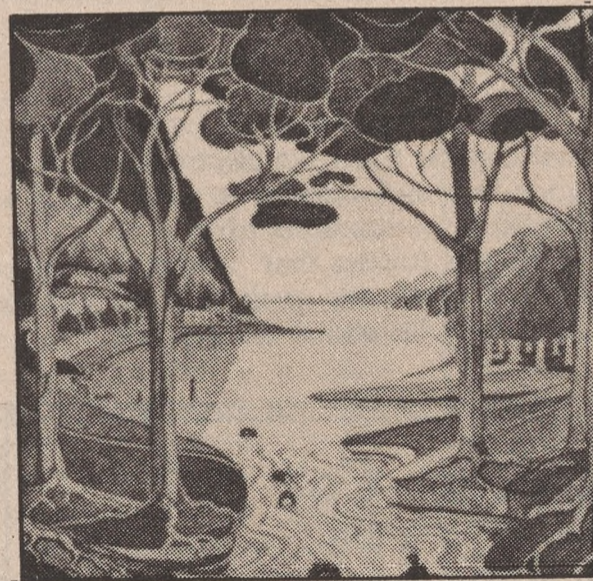
Witnesses told Reno police that Van Cleave and a Sacramento State student, John Baetge were walking in the parking area outside the National Guard Armory at the Washoe County Fairgrounds when a Toyota Land Cruiser drove by. According to the police the occupants of the car and the students exchanged obstinities. Witnesses said the car then swerved into the pair. Van Cleave was thrown about 30 feet by the impact. Baetge was hit by the side view mirror. He was treated and released by the medical center.

Spurs founded

The Reno Spur chapter is sponsoring a Founder's Day party on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 5:30 to 7 for all former Spurs, on campus, in the Reno/Carson area as well as the current members.

"Dramatic changes in the chapter, songs and skits will be featured in the program," stated President Laurel Jackson. The party will be held in the lounge of the Travis Student Union.

Spurs is a national sophomore honorary and service organization that is now coed. It was started 56 years ago in 1922 at Montana State University. The Reno chapter is the only chapter in Nevada.



Hobbits at Getchell

The works of J.R.R. Tolkien, English author and creator of the not-so-mythical realm of Middle Earth, are featured this month in a display at the UNR Library.

Tolkien's books—including "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings"—have sold more than 3 million copies worldwide. The Tolkien phenomenon continues to grow with the posthumous release last fall of "The Silmarillion," which took the author 60 years to complete.

According to Tim Gorelangton of the library's special collections department, Tolkien's popularity is due in part to the fact that he had a poet's understanding of how language is used. Tolkien was trained as a philologist and "has a unique insight into the language of poetry and the poetry of language."

The Tolkien attraction goes beyond his books and has been adapted to art forms such as calenders and jigsaw puzzles, some of which are included in the display.

Tolkien is one of 170 contemporary authors represented in the library's Modern Authors Collection, which provides resource materials for textual and bibliographical research.

Mini lectures

Employment and mining operations will be the topic of a lecture by Don Molteni of Fluor Mining and Medal Inc., Feb. 16, and Terry Marvin of Kerr-McGee Corp. on Feb. 23.

Molteni's lecture will cover his company's mining and engineering operations both inside and outside the United States including a film on the Cuojone project, a large mine in Peru.

"The '80's are going to be real good for mining and engineering," said Molteni. "Engineering students are in a good career field." He also said that since many of the students that attend are not graduating seniors the lectures help to maintain interest in the mining field.

Marvin's lecture the following week will involve Kerr-McGee's mining interests and employment opportunities as well as the general topic of engineering.

Both Molteni and Marvin's lectures will be held in UNR's Scrugham Engineering-Mines building, Room 234, at 4 p.m.

Arty omelettes

An omelette breakfast will be held by the Art Company on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Church Fine Arts Gallery.

The Art Company invites guests to "lay their lips around a work of art," and choose from a variety of omelettes. With a \$1 donation, breakfast will include a two egg omelette, toast, coffee and orange juice.

This new art club on campus is open to art majors and other students. Dues are \$1 per semester.

The Art Company will sponsor the Spring Student Art Show and at least one trip to San Francisco to visit galleries and restaurants.

"I also hope we will do an outdoor sculpture as a group project," added the president, Mickey Sheldon.

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Abused authority

A national authority on child abuse will address 600 Reno doctors, social workers and law enforcement officers at the Holiday Inn-Downtown on Feb. 23.

James Wead, founder and operator of a Los Angeles child abuse center called For Kids' Sake, is expected to discuss why child abuse exists, what to look for, who to call, and what crimes are involved.

Doctors and social workers will hear his lecture from 9 to 11 a.m. at the

Holiday Inn-Downtown, 1000 E. Sixth St. Law enforcement personnel will hear him at the same location from 1 to 3 p.m. A public address at 7:30 p.m. will follow the professional workshops.

A local followup session on domestic violence is planned for the first week of April.

Mead's lectures will be sponsored by the Northern Nevada Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

A graduate of the Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California, Mead specializes in workshops with social service agencies and police departments in the Los Angeles area. He is also a police trainer.

Green River flora

If book titles like "The Eocene Green River Flora" or "A New Iniid Cetacean From the Miocene of California" have any relevance to your job or hobby, then the Mines Library at UNR has a deal for you.

The library is conducting an on-going sale, open to the public, of duplicate items from its collection. All sale items are on display in the library's reading room and range in price from 50 cents to \$5.

Mary Ansari, mines-engineering librarian, explained that the mines collection will be moved into new facilities in the main library sometime this spring. The sale, she said, is to help weed the collection and to raise money for equipment for the new library.

an average fuel cost-per-mile of 14 cents, greater economy results.

The Physical Plant installed its own gas pump almost two years ago and, so far, has pumped 272,000 gallons of gas. The brand used is "low bid," says Whalen. He said, "When you figure about 10 gallons per tank that's 2,700 trips to the gas station we didn't have to make."

The plan has worked so well that the Physical Plant is going to install a no-load pump soon.

Circle dance

The UNR Circle K Organization will sponsor an 18-hour dance marathon beginning Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Trophies and other awards will be presented.

A few lucky people will be chosen to throw pies at "favorite" campus officials.

Pledge sheets are available at KGLR and KOLO radio stations and the local M.S. office. For more information call 323-3482.

For those who wish to dance for an undetermined amount of time admission is 50 cents.

Student inventors

Students will invent their own products in electrical engineering this semester, according to Dr. John Kleppe, electronics instructor at UNR.

In past semesters, students in the senior projects course were given assignments by the teacher. However, Kleppe, who in 1974 formed his own Reno engineering company, Scientific Engineering Systems, is attempting a new approach by running the class like a business.

"Students will design, fabricate and test products of their own choosing," said Kleppe. Projects will have to adhere to limitations of budget and time.

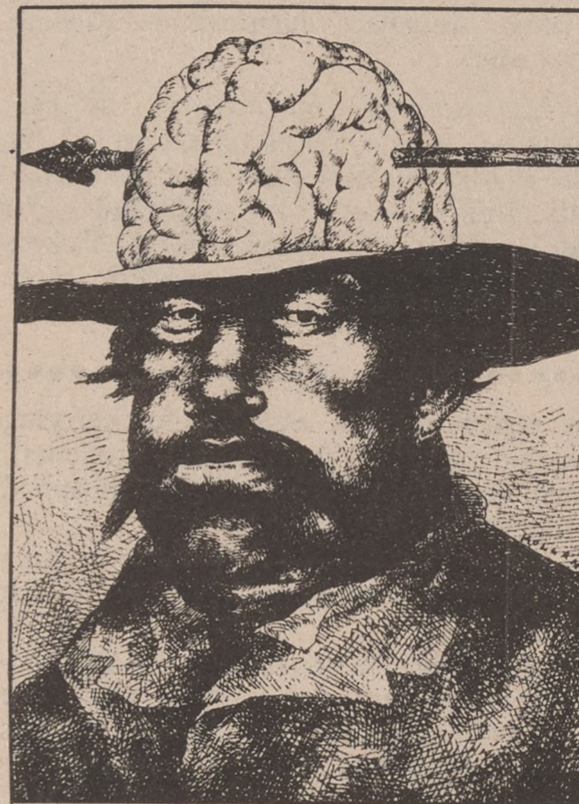
Students are issued a purchase book for ordering materials available in the college or outside. The budget is \$50 for each group.

The class, comprised of 18 persons, is divided into six engineering teams. Every week the groups meet to relate how their projects are progressing.

During the semester students will present their projects for evaluation to the instructor and his assistant, who act as the management. Grades are derived at the end of the semester through accumulation of points received during the evaluation periods and progress reports: 6,000 points are possible.

Projects underway include an automatic guitar tuner, an electronic combination lock and a device to determine if a person is too drunk to drive.

Kleppe stresses that "students must be able to reach the goals they set out to achieve by the end of the semester."



Max talks

Max Milam, president of UNR, will speak at the first annual meeting of the graduate faculty on Feb. 14. The public meeting will be at 3 p.m. in Room 1 of the Lecture Building.

Milam's talk will focus on four key points recommended by the Graduate Council and John Nellor, graduate dean. The points are:

- The changing role of graduate education and research in public supported universities.

- The status of graduate education and research at UNR.

- The need for defining short- and long-range education and research objectives of UNR.

- The realities of recruiting and maintaining state support for research and graduate education.

To gain and maintain state support at UNR, Nellor said, graduate studies and research must focus on the demands and problems of Nevada, not the nation.

He said, "Big Brother is not overseeing and protecting the dignity and sanctity of university scholarship and research. We must start helping ourselves and our state."

Speed saves

The 55 mph national speed limit has saved UNR more than \$41,000, according to Brian Whalen, head of the Physical Plant.

Before the 55 mph speed limit, university cars were driven about 80,000 miles in three years. Now, because of reduced wear, they can be driven 120,000 miles over five years, Whalen said. This results in about a \$1,000 per car increase in trade-in value. UNR has a 41-car fleet.

According to Whalen, this is only part of the financial benefit to UNR. Cars driven at lower speeds use less gas than those driven at high speeds and, at

Three police officers from UNR are attending an emergency training seminar at the Aids Ambulance training center.

The seminar, emergency medical training, is conducted every other weekend through March 11. It started Jan. 13.

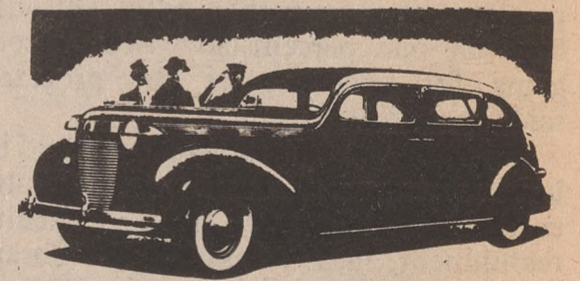
The officers are Bob Carpenter, Jean Louis Ochoa and Camilla Turner. They will be taught emergency procedures from treating a cardiac arrest to treating a simple sprained ankle.

"Being able to cope with all situations is our main objective," said Keith Shumway, police chief on campus.

Oops!

Through an error the date on the advertisement for the Valentine Dance in Tuesday's paper was incorrect. The dance will be held tonight, not tomorrow night.

Sagebrush regrets the mistake.



Eagles & Sheiks

Northern Nevadans for ERA is sponsoring a Valentine Valentino Film Festival, featuring two of Rudolph Valentino's most famous films, "The Eagle" and "The Son of the Sheik."

Plan to spend Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Center for Religion and Life. Films start at 8 p.m. There is limited seating so be first in line as tickets will be sold at the door.

Women qualify

Tandy Lavin, competing in cross-country skiing, and Patti McMullan in Alpine have qualified for the women's national championships in the college division. With just three regional meets remaining, the two UNR sophomores will be traveling to New Mexico in March for the finals.

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Judgment

Men and women of the '70s

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"Saturday Night Fever" deals with the young men and women of the seventies; their heroes (if they can be called that), their morals and their escapes. It is a kind of hard-core "American Graffiti" for the generation that, instead of hot rods and Wolfman Jack, grew up on speed and the infectious beat of discotheques. It teeters on the thin edge of turning into simply a cult movie: first of all by having as its feature attraction one of the most media-hyped performers to come along in years, John Travolta, whom everybody knows as Barbarino, the oversexed Italian sweatshop on "Welcome Back Kotter"; and secondly by dealing with a subject that is close to becoming a full-fledged cult by itself, discomania. What saves it is mainly the fact that Travolta proves himself to be a good, capable actor by providing us with a characterization of Tony, the working class kid from Brooklyn, that is sensitive and honest, even though it is clearly reminiscent of his role on TV.

As the movie progresses, Tony becomes a very real figure whom the audience can relate to, no matter that his callous, empty Saturday night searches for easy sexual and egotistical fulfillment may be more desperate or more violent (or perhaps more exciting) than the average young man or woman today. He is successful in his portrayal for that very reason: we can realize something of ourselves in his behaviour without being brought to desperation, as he ultimately is, by an inexorable sense of disillusionment and loss as he begins to doubt that which he has been taught all his life to believe in.

The main premise of the movie, as I perceived it, and which I think many people unfortunately missed, was the serious lack of inspirational leaders/idols that the young men and women who reached adulthood during the middle seventies had to deal with. With the empty space, both philosophical and emotional, left by the debilitating end of the Vietnam War and the apathetic disillusionment induced by Watergate, there was



literally nothing for the kids of that generation to believe in. Their idols became gods with noticeable clay feet, abandoned methodically every few years, or even months. The obvious correlation to this is the confusingly erratic rise and fall of rock stars, who may be multi-millionaires one minute and without a backup band the next. The moment of glory is sought frantically, no matter that it may last for only a very short time. It is the one thing left for Tony and his companions to emulate, and they do it the only way they know how, by dancing.

The marvellously natural dance sequences represent some of the best parts of the movie, and it is easy to see why "Saturday Night Fever" was so popular with young adults: it appeals to a common fascination we hold with those among us who are capable of turning something commonplace, such as disco dancing has become, into something magnificently out-of-the-ordinary. Tony's dancing commands attention from his crowd: more than that it commands a sense of respect, perhaps even fear, and this is what compels him to devote his time, his money and his self-respect to the Saturday night disco scene.

The main storyline revolves around the relationship between Tony and the girl he meets at a disco who demands something from him that he has never been asked to give before. Stephanie (Karen Lynn Gorney) is from Tony's home turf, but she is different from the girls he has learned to attack and conquer because of her driving ambition to better herself, to be more than just another working-class kid from Brooklyn who works all week to be able to escape the grind on Friday and Saturday nights. She is unashamedly impressed by famous names and big-shots and she wants desperately



to be part of their world. Probably what makes her most appealing is the very obvious core of uncertainty and doubt which lies beneath her well-developed exterior. She is attractive, poised and the occupant of an apartment in Manhattan, but as soon as she speaks her accent gives her away.

The something that she demands from Tony is honesty. Honesty in caring and working towards a relationship that, unlike all of Tony's others, is not based on sex. This concept is almost totally alien to him, and in the process of his learning to accept her for what she is, he is forced to face some very disturbing facts about himself and the life that he has embraced.

There are some very good scenes in the movie concerning Tony's parents, his relationship with his almost deified brother-turned-priest, and his job at a paint store. In each of these, he catches glimpses of what life for him is all about, or what it will eventually become. His parents were long ago defeated by the constant problems of money and an alienating religion: they no longer even try to put up a front of respectability or of ambition for their children. His mother lives for the faith she has invested in the church. For a while it seems that this costly investment paid off—her elder son becomes a priest. It is his renunciation of the priesthood that finally shatters her dreams and initiates Tony's first tentative steps toward self-examination.

At his job he is successful, mainly because he is charming, flamboyant and, to a certain extent, intelligent about what he does. But the paint store job is an obvious dead end—it offers nothing but a slow slide into middle age, and nothing to show for a promising youth but a well-established niche in a job that should have been left behind years ago.

"Saturday Night Fever" is almost certain to shock any viewer, if not because of the incredibly filthy language, then because of the explicit violence and sex. But beyond this it has a deeper meaning, one that represents an important theme in today's society, namely, the search for meaning. It appeals to the almost universal sense of apathy and disillusionment among us today, and Tony's painful, slow-burning realization of the void in his life carries a meaning for us all.



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These are trying times

MICHAEL CROFOOT

These are trying times. It used to be that folks were just trying to get ahead a little. Now it seems that many of us are running just to keep from falling behind. I mean, who is entirely responsible these days? There is so much happening, in the news, in our own local environments, on the campuses and within our personal lives that just about everybody who wants to keep it together puts blinders on.

I know lobbying environmentalists that haven't a post-Carter energy or human rights stand; students who say they'll start healthy eating habits as soon as they're out of school; teachers that say the same; scientists who haven't followed the dialogue on evolution.

I've met communications people who've not considered the computer and the satellite; farmers who don't know how important humus is; business people who ignore what's happening in economics; advertisers who have no time to consider what the product they're selling is. Now you make up a list. Who's entirely responsible these days?

Not me. I gave up years ago. Just to live in the city I've got to ignore most of what's coming down on the streets around me. What movies and plays and concerts and lectures will we miss this week? What news won't we follow? Which body feelings will we ignore? To ignore is to consciously make oneself ignorant. So are we stupid or apathetic? I figure neither. Call it future shock, shell shocked or what you will—it seems we are simply overwhelmed, at least since electronic media made the technological revolution public.

Kindly Buckminster Fuller reasons that "less than one percent of humanity has the slightest notion regarding the extraordinary principles" that make up the universe. Do we know ourselves any better? Why do we sometimes do things we would rather not? I know at least one person who resolved never to make any more New Year's resolutions. And then along comes a fella like Willis Harman over at Stanford who shows in his book, "An Incomplete Guide to the Future," that we, as an industrial society, face at least four basic dilemmas that are irresolvable within the constructs of our society as we know it.

Some folks have been giving up. I lived in the woods, pretty much alone, for four years myself. Even got in the grips of acrophobia (fear of the end of humans) and wanted to sail off to New Zealand—an island where the land is still good and the natives are protected. But New Zealand's borders are shutting down (they always were

tight—that's why it's such a fine isle) like Canada's have to southern homesteaders and Colorado should to tourists.

Just lately I have been meeting up with people who have gone beyond the "sky is falling" paranoia. It seems that as they were buckling under the pressures of being responsible parents/children/workers/human beings in this ever-faster world of ours, they buckled down. I've been very close with a couple who, in breaking down, broke through. Why not a culture? Do you know what I mean?

I've read a lot of articles by people, from all walks of life (almost), who say we are undergoing a major cultural transformation—no if's, and's or but's. I've asked an awful lot of people and everywhere it's the same: Yep, something's happening, or about to. That's one rea-

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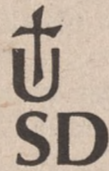
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Sports

Baseball team tries to improve on last year

DAVE YEARY

The UNR baseball team, which opens the 1978 season today with a road game at Fresno State, looks to improve on last year's 25-29 overall mark, 16-20 in Northern California Baseball Association action.

"We played a lot of freshmen last year," said Coach Barry McKinnon. "This year we will have a young team with experience. Last season we couldn't score runs—the kids are just now learning to hit."

The big problem for McKinnon this year will be replacing starting pitchers Rick Jameson and Pat Alexander. The duo combined for 15 of the Wolf Pack's 25 victories last season, and both were all NCBA selections.

To fill the pitching gap left by their graduation, McKinnon has senior Carl Henry, who missed most of last season due to a back injury. Henry did have a 2.70 earned run average for the Pack in 1976. Also helping with the mound chores will left-hander Mike Scott, who won five games last year; senior Mike Brunett, who led the team in saves last season and Scott Moore, who saw only limited duty in 1977.

McKinnon has also recruited some top pitchers out of junior colleges to bolster his pitching staff. Righthanders Ed Bonine and Greg Young figure to step in right away. Bonine was a top pitcher in an Arizona junior college league, while Young led his Merced J.C. to California's junior college championships last year. Other transfers who figure in McKinnon's plans are Mark Brase of South Lake Tahoe and Randy Brunet, a former all-stater from Reno High. Rounding out the staff is Mark Smith, the only freshman on the team.

While the pitching staff may add a few gray hairs to his head, McKinnon will have few worries about his infield. He will, however, have to do a little rear-

ranging to compensate for the loss of second baseman Ron Ball. Ball graduated and was signed by the San Francisco Giant organization. Either Butch Dayton, who hit .270 as the Pack's third baseman last season, or junior Niel Conrad, will fill the vacancy.

At shortstop, Pat Chaney and Rod Murphy will compete for the starting job. Both are capable fielders, while Murphy is slightly better with the bat.

The team will have a brother act at the corners of the infield. Bill Wallace, last year's NCBA Freshman of the Year, will handle the first base assignment, while brother Mike, a transfer from Barstow J.C., will be at third. Bill Wallace set a school record for runs batted (43) last season, while hitting .312.

Centerfielder Rob Young, who was selected to last year's second team all-league squad leads the outfield corps. Young hit .371 as a freshman last season. The right and left fields starting spots are still up for grabs with five players competing for those slots. But Mike Caccarelli, Jim Gray and transfer Bill Enos seem to have the inside track.

At catcher is returning starter Paul Loveseth, who hit .261 and led the team in doubles last year. Backing him up will be junior John Anderson and freshman Robert Donnells.

"Our major weakness is a lack of college experience on our pitching staff," McKinnon said. "We have good depth and an excellent defense. We also have some very fast runners and we should also hit the ball better this year."

The favorites to win the league are San Jose State, who won the conference last year; St. Mary's which already sports a 3-0 record in league play; Fresno which is 2-1 in league, and Pacific.

The team will open its home season Feb. 17, against San Francisco, weather permitting.



UNR's Roger Lancaster races for the finish in last week's slalom event at Winter Carnival. Lancaster won the slalom as the Pack placed No. 1 overall.

Photo by Larson

Swimmers bounce back

DEAN CHURCH

The UNR women's swim team bounced back from their first defeat of the year against Cal-Berkeley Jan. 21 with two impressive wins and ended the season with an 8-1 record. Last week in a duel meet against Chico and Humboldt State, the women's team won the final relay race to squeeze out a victory in a tight meet.

"The Cal-Berkeley team was a tough Division I school," said coach Jerry Ballew. "The comeback win against Chico and Humboldt really showed this young team's character."

This week against a highly rated Uni-

versity of Utah team, the Pack came out on top of another close meet 67-64. In the meet, which was held at the Lombardi Recreation Building, Karen Pettersen won two events with record breaking times in the 50 and 100 meter backstroke. Paige Bryant also set a new UNR record in the 100 meter fly.

"We've got a young team with mostly freshmen," Ballew said. "They've changed our whole program around and have good chances in nationals." The nationals are scheduled for Gainesville, Ga., in March and seven UNR women have qualified. They are now awaiting approval to make the trip.

Grandstand View

Updates, bits and pieces

STEVE MARTARANO

Just some random news and some sport department updates for a wintertime Friday afternoon:

Although it's mid-season and everybody is concentrating on the actions of the basketball team now, a good coach has his eye and staff out at all times mailing letters and scouting for future Pack ballplayers.

Such is the case with UNR head coach Jim Carey. Once his season is over it's free-for-all time with whirlwind trips back east and trying desperately to sign new recruits.

Carey already knows what he's going to be hunting for once recruiting season opens. "It depends a lot on whether Edgar (Jones) comes back next year. If he does come back, which I think he will, then we'll try to get a junior college and a freshmen center. If Edgar doesn't return, we'll go after two junior college centers."

Carey has also expressed an interest in obtaining another forward.

Talking about recruiting, does anybody ever wonder why athletes decide to attend UNR?

Junior basketball guard Mike "Fly" Gray was recruited last season out of Lincoln Trails Junior College and he remembers what it was like. "The first place they took me when I came to look at UNR was downtown," he said. "You know, the bright lights, slot machines, everything. I'd never seen nothing like that."

Gray continued, "Carey's a funny dude. He told me the exact day and place he was going to sign me and I did."

The wheels are now rolling toward the UNR football stadium expansion the athletic department has been talking about for so long.

According to UNR Athletic Director Dick Trachok, the state finally got the bid back and as far as Trachok knows, it has been accepted. That means work will soon

begin erecting 5,000 new bleachers on the stadium's east side, right above where the ASUN student seating is now.

However, it appears that all the work originally planned for the 12-year-old structure will not take place. According to Trachok the original bid of \$400,000 that was approved last year planned to include a new restroom, some remodeling of the new one and additions to the locker room.

But construction costs have risen so dramatically in the past year that the \$400,000 will now only be able to cover the 5,000 seats. So, to get the money for all the work planned, UNR will go before the state's Interim Finance Committee for the extra \$200,000.

As for a new basketball pavilion, nothing much is happening there. The university is still working on the financing of the proposed 12,000 seat arena. Most of the hope for the money hinges on a state slot machine tax hike. If that tax is raised, then money will be earmarked to the university system which has been promised to the athletic facility.

The staus of boxing, skiing and wrestling is still up in the air. The UNR Intercollegiate Athletic Board is currently researching the feasibility of skiing and wrestling while the board has already made its decision towards boxing last year.

According to the board's chairman Kevin Melcher, there are two subcommittees with each one delegated toward a sport. "The committees are checking into the revenue, participation, funding and general interest," Melcher said. "Probably in a little over a month, we'll all get together and have a general meeting. It will be in that meeting that we will decide what our recommendation to President Max Milam will be."

Melcher thinks there is a good chance wrestling will become an intercollegiate sport at UNR. "There's been a lot of positive feedback," he said.

As for boxing's fate, Melcher said the board recommended last year that the sport be reduced to club status. No new financial grants were given this year and reportedly the board's proposal is on Milam's desk waiting to be signed and put into effect.

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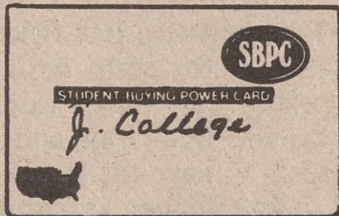
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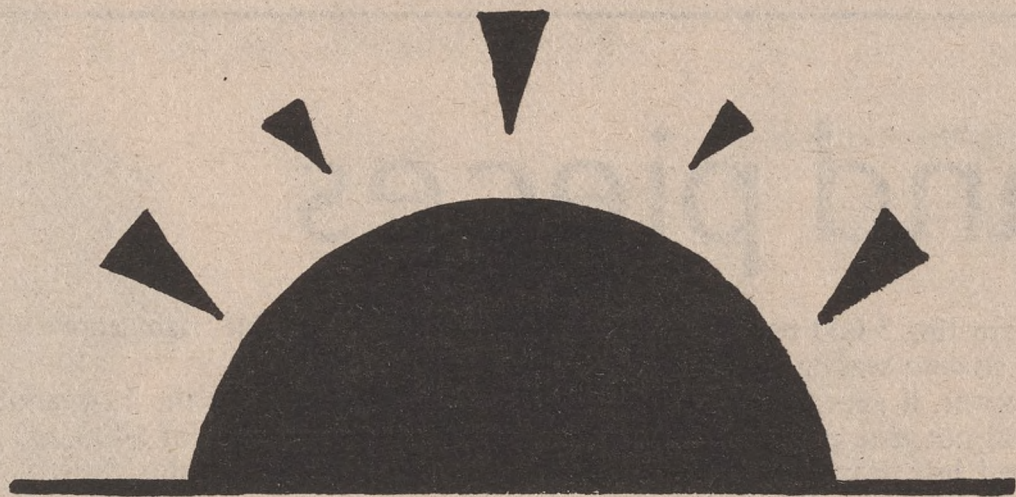
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