

Crowley confirmed by Regents

MARC CARDINALLI

In a well orchestrated meeting Friday, the Board of Regents approved political science professor Joseph N. Crowley as the new acting president for UNR.

The meeting, begun shortly after 4 p.m., started with James Buchanan, chairman of the Board of Regents, carefully outlining the procedures for the meeting so as to avoid any misunderstanding. Those in attendance were regents Lilly Fong, Brenda Mason, Chris Karamanos and Buchanan, all of Las Vegas; Fred Anderson and Louis Lombardi of Reno, and John Tom Ross of Carson City. Regents Molly Knudtsen of Austin and John Buchanan of Las Vegas were not at the meeting.

UNR Faculty Chairwoman Joan Chambers spoke first explaining the criteria used by the selection committee. "Although the committee used many criteria, the major ones we kept in mind were the fact that the acting president will have to deal with the budget next year. Therefore, we were looking for somebody who could deal with the

budget." She continued, "In addition, we wanted someone, if possible, who had a knowledge of the legislature. Finally, we wanted a person who could marshal the support of the faculty and administration of UNR."

"After many lengthy and separate meetings of various parts of the selection committee, we selected Dr. Crowley in a unanimous vote," concluded Chambers.

Chairman Buchanan then called on Crowley to speak to the board. Crowley began by saying, "I believe this university to be a strong one. Just how strong I never realized until last week when I started studying its many areas."

"My background comes from substantial involvement in UNR which includes chairman of the UNR Faculty Senate as well as a professor of political science," said Crowley.

When asked what he saw his role as, Crowley replied: "I see myself as a consultative leader in the university

with vast inputs and involvement by faculty, deans, students and the community."

Crowley went on to say that he sees the community as more than just Reno and its environs. "I believe the entire state of Nevada is the community UNR exists in."

Then Robert Gorrell, academic affairs vice president of UNR, spoke highly of Dr. Crowley saying he feels it is important to have such a president during a budget planning year.

Chairman Buchanan then asked for nominations for UNR acting president from the regents. Regent John Tom Ross recommended Crowley and Regent Chris Karamanos seconded the motion. Buchanan then closed the nominations.

In a roll call vote, the regents approved Crowley as acting president. Regent Lilly Fong cast an abstention in the voting and, although she later changed her vote to a positive one at the urging of Chairman

Buchanan, she still had reservations about Crowley.

"My abstention was not based entirely without reason. I did not know Dr. Crowley when his name was recommended by the selection committee last week," she said.

"During the two or three days preceding the regents meeting, I called several deans at UNR to get a better idea of the person. They all agreed that his (Crowley) experience as a political science professor would give him a hotline to the legislature, he would be unbiased and not shortchange any college at UNR."

Then she voiced her concerns for what she called "the altruistic reasons for a university."

"I heard nothing from the deans about the welfare and education of the individual student," she explained. "The purpose of the university should be to educate the student to become a humane, responsive, thinking person in a free and democratic system. A president needs to

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New president delivers newspapers

DON LaPLANTE

The first morning of his week as acting president-nominee, Joe Crowley started the day off not by making important phone calls or opening the mail, but by delivering copies of the *Nevada State Journal*.

It's not that Crowley is trying to butter up the press and he's not moonlighting, but his son was sick, so being the good father he took over the route.

Delivering newspapers wasn't the only thing Crowley did last week prior to his appointment as acting president by the Board of Regents on Friday. He spent a good portion of the week meeting with administrators, faculty and students trying to learn the problems of being president.

"I have to learn what the nature of the job is and what decisions need to be made early on," Crowley said. "They (the administrators and faculty) are telling me what they think I need to know about the job."

The major area Crowley cited that he will have to begin working on very soon is the university budget. Not only does the work program for the coming fiscal year have to be finalized, but the budget for the next biennium, 1979-1981, must also be prepared.

One of the reasons Crowley was nominated by the special committee of administrators, faculty, student and alumni representatives was his relationship with members of the legislature.

Crowley said he expects to have no great problems working with either the regents or the legislature.

"I hope and presume that the Board of Regents take a system-wide approach," he said. "I don't see any evidence working with the members of the legislature. I don't anticipate any grave difficulties working with them either."

While this is Crowley's first full-time administrative position at the university, he did serve for two years in Washington, D.C. with the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Commission on Water Quality.

Crowley said he does not see himself making campus decisions alone, but expects to heavily involve the faculty in the process.

"I have been involved in efforts at increasing the faculty participation in the university. I certainly intend

to involve the faculty in making the decisions," said Crowley, who served as Faculty Senate chairman during the 1972-1973 school year.

The first item Crowley intends to ask for faculty input on is which division UNR should place itself in for football. Under an NCAA reorganization plan the university has until March 14 to decide whether to stay in Division II or to move up to Division IAA.

Crowley said he will ask any group that has an interest in the matter such as the athletic department, the Intercollegiate Athletic Board and the Faculty Senate to make recommendations to him on the matter.

"The (groups) will be discussing the issue in the next couple of weeks to provide me with their views. On the basis of that process, I'll make a decision," he said.

There are many other problems facing the university but Crowley said he will have to wait until he has more time to look at the information before discussing them.

Although Crowley was eventually nominated unanimously by the regents, Crowley said he still isn't quite sure how the whole process worked.

"I really was a reluctant candidate. The whole process came about so quickly that it was really hard to be in control of your own life," Crowley said.

"A certain logic in the process, I think, suggested that the people finally regarded as the leading candidates found themselves in a position of not being able to withdraw."

He said once he allowed his name to continue in consideration there was no way out, even though he said there were times he said he would have preferred to just forget it all.

Crowley will probably serve as acting president through June, 1979. He said he would have to wait for a while to decide whether he would apply for the permanent position.

"Any decision about an interest in the job will have to wait until I learn more about what it's like to be the president," he said.

Although he is busy with being president almost continually, Crowley said he intends to keep teaching. This semester he is teaching a class on the great issues of

politics. He said he would have to wait until he could better judge the time requirements on him before deciding whether to teach in the fall.

While he is serious about the tasks before him, Crowley also has a sense of humor. When he was interviewed by the selection committee the first question was basically, "Why would you want this job?"

His reply probably best epitomizes him. He said he wasn't sure but perhaps his parents hadn't told him about some "funniness" in the family a few generations back.

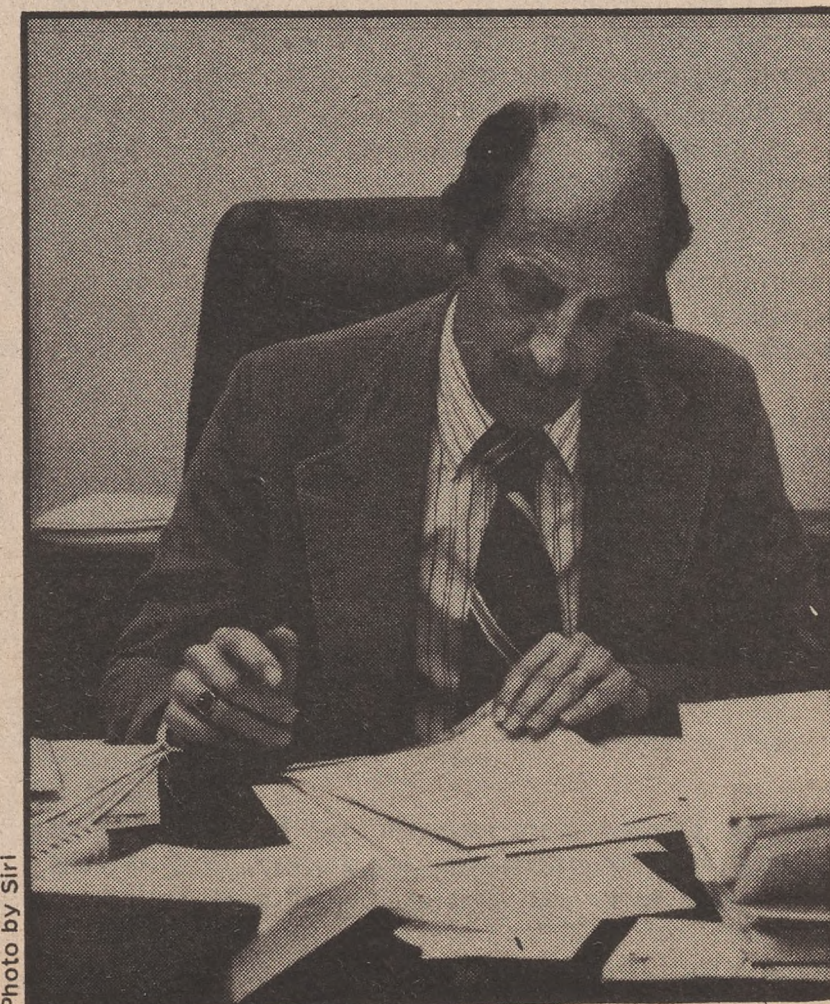


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Editorial

The circle is complete

The circle that was started during the Christmas vacation has now been completed with the appointment of Joseph Crowley to be acting president of UNR until a permanent successor to the fired Max Milam can be found, approximately 15 months from now. We wish Crowley the best of luck, but we're glad it's him and not us.

The newly appointed president is stepping into the bear pit, and he's going to need all the help he can get. We can't help but wonder where that help is going to come from.

The events of the past several months have left many of us in a state of shock. When the regents first talked of firing Max Milam we laughed. How could they be serious? After all, Milam's contract was due for renewal later this year, and, although his administration wasn't going to go down in the books as an exciting one, neither were there howls for his removal from the campus. Surely the regents, bright politicians that they are, would not raise a ruckus now when they could just as easily slide Milam out quietly in the summer when there will be far fewer people around.

But the regents apparently were perfectly happy to create that ruckus, and in the time that has gone by since then they have done nothing to calm things down a bit. Every action that has been taken since December has only served to make matters worse.

The regents fired Milam earlier this month with no discussion. He was fired by a simple yes-or-no voice vote, and only Regent Fred Anderson of Reno (one of our predecessors in this office) expressed any concern over the handling of the matter.

A short time later, a blue-ribbon panel of top administrators and invited guests got together to decide who would be acting president. Members of the Faculty Senate's executive board were invited, as was ASUN President

John McCaskill. The faculty in general was not invited, nor were any students other than McCaskill. No member of the staff was invited. And most importantly, the people who own the university, the citizens of the state of Nevada, were not invited.

The public had to be satisfied with the decision of non-elected professionals at UNR. Of course, they did have one recourse. They could always hope that their elected regents, who still refuse to demonstrate the unrest and dissatisfaction they found prevalent on the campus, would at least take a look at the candidate chosen in private meetings.

A silly hope, we all know, and the regents didn't surprise us. Regent Lilly Fong expressed her concerns with the whole thing, but, as usual no one paid much attention. In fact, everyone has seemed to be going in his own private directions throughout the affair. Last Friday's confirmation proceedings in Reno for Crowley were well planned and went according to script. Crowley was rather quickly appointed, and everyone adjourned for the victory party.

The proceedings were shameful. We have heard numerous times that the group which picked the acting president had acted well within the law. That is probably true (although the group effectively acted as advisory to an elective body), but legalities and ethics are not necessarily the same thing. Sometime the public must be brought into proceedings that choose major administrators of public monies.

Now, however, the difficulties begin for Joseph Crowley and UNR. The regents probably had a very good reason not to interfere in the selection process—they don't intend to pay much attention to the new president. We hope that for the sake of the university, Crowley fools them all and stands on their desks until they do their jobs properly. If he doesn't there are going to be some troubled years to come.

To the Editor

The mercy of man

This is not written in answer to the letter from Mike Trauner but, rather, because of it.

Animals are at the mercy of Man—not the other way around (unless Man trespasses in the area of an animal's habitat).

The horse that died at the UNR horse facility must have, at one time or another, been at the mercy of a person or persons who mistreated it so badly, that the animal would attack any human who tried to approach.

If this animal was so dangerous as to be unusable for rodeo purposes (which is another form of mistreatment of animals for man's pleasure—but I'd rather not get into that argument at present), then she should have been returned to the range to be at peace, or humanely destroyed to relieve her of her fear of Man, which we have no idea how long was instinctively carried by her.

If the horse was that dangerous, she never should have been permitted to be used at the horse facility, or any place where humans abounded. The person or persons connected with the UNR program supposedly have a knowledge of horses and should have foreseen the problems that would have arisen with this animal.

Well, now she has been delivered from her misery, but I hope we never again have to read or hear about a similar occurrence happening to any animal in the care of UNR.

Arlene Kramer

P.S. Mr. Trauner—I am sorry for you. You sound like a person with no compassion for animals. It is evident from your letter that you went no further with your thoughts than what the horse would do to humans. How about giving some thought to how the horse developed this terrible rage against humans? You may not realize it, but your letter gives one the feeling that, if an animal in

your care "misbehaved", so to speak, you would "show it" who's boss. If you have that kind of attitude toward animals, what kind of attitude have you toward humans????

A staff complaint

Acting President Joseph Crowley
Vice President Robert M. Gorrell

The Staff Employees' Council would respectfully like to register a complaint regarding the recent oversight on the part of the administration to include the classified staff as a representative body, along with students and alumni, in selecting an acting president for UNR. While this may have been due to the haste of the matter, classified personnel are frequently overlooked for input on matters concerning them. Certainly the selection of a president or acting president has much bearing on the well-being of classified personnel and to exclude them denies a right that has been extended to every other concerned group. Classified staff, which now number approximately 800, work closely with all facets of the administration and are an integral part of the university.

We request representation in the selection process of the new president. This is of great importance to us. You can be assured of our sincere desire to give you valuable assistance in this assignment.

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Aside

A serious threat to Indians

CLAYTON DUDOIT

Indian nations defended their homelands in countless battles and wars with the United States government. One result of these wars was treaties between separate sovereign nations—treaties which clearly define the boundaries of those nations. They guarantee Indian nations a land base on which to maintain their people's culture and government. Indian people fought and continue to fight for the rights guaranteed in these treaties—rights they want and need to survive.

The relationship between the United States and the Indian nations has always been one of a colonial force to colonized nations. The United States colonial tactics have meant destroy the culture, destroy the people and take the land. This is a continuing policy of genocide.

The most comprehensive bill is House Resolution 9054, authored by Rep. Cunningham (R-Wash.) This bill seeks to ignore all treaty rights relating to fishing, hunting, and water use, as well as ending all reservations. HR 9054 attempts to divide Indian people by taking collectively held lands and assigning ownership of allotments to individuals according to age and amount of Indian blood. Previous legislation attempted such "allotment" and "termination" in the 1930s and 50s.

If passed HR 9054 would spell the complete and final termination of the federal Indian reservation system—and end to the present land base, and thereby a legal end to the sovereign relationship between Indian nations and the federal government. Robbing Indians of rights reserved by treaties and international law, the bill goes by the misleading and dishonest name Indian Equal Opportunities Act.

Yet another congressional bill—HR 9951 [Meeds (D-Wash.)], Quantification of Federal Reserved Water Rights for Indian Reservations Act—states "all claims to aboriginal rights to the use of water are hereby extinguished." The bill elaborately defines "permissible uses" and outlines the need for Indians to file claims for use of water. Indian nations deliberately reserved the right to water because the understood the importance of water to their survival on the land. Instead of upholding its part of the agreement the United States has dammed, diverted and destroyed the water. Attempting to seize complete control over the water reserved by treaty, the United States is directly aiding corporate interests. One example is the funneling of valuable water from Indian land in Central Arizona and the Colorado River area to exploitative Phoenix real

estate and agricultural projects.

HR 9950 (also sponsored by Rep. Meeds), the Omnibus Indian Jurisdiction Act of 1977, also seeks to limit hunting rights. In addition, it gives the states ultimate regulatory powers currently held by the federal government. The main issue here is that Indian nations would be forced to deal with individual state governments, rather than with the nation of the United States. This bill would further limit tribal governments' legal jurisdiction. Tribal governments would have no authority outside "Indian Country" (for example, to extradite) and even limits jurisdiction within "Indian Country" to tribal members. This would mean that if a non-Indian committed a crime against an Indian on the reservation, the tribe would have no authority to prosecute.

As well, SB 1437, the Criminal Code Reform Act of 1977, sponsored by Sen. Kennedy (D-Mass.), attack the rights of all people, Indian and non-Indian. It is the old SB-1 under a new name with some cosmetic changes. Yet it remains a legal frame-work for a police state with repressive measures which attack our right to demonstrate, to protest judicial proceedings, to remain silent in a grand jury.

In addition, sections have been proposed that would abolish Indian self-government and abolish any distinction between federal territories (such as army posts) and Indian reservations. The bill would abolish all previous treaties between Indians and the United States.

These are only some of the many bills attacking treaties, sovereignty, and basic human rights, and there will be more—bills, amendments, and "riders" tacked on to totally unrelated bills—until the United States government has complete control over Indian land. As Rep. Cunningham, who authored HR 9054, said, "If we can't get it in a bucket, we'll do it cup by cup." *What does all this anti-Indian legislation mean?*

These bills are not something new. They are part of the continuing tactics of the United States to gain control over Indian nations' land and resources. Treaties by the United States with Indian nations are the same as treaties by the United States and any other nation, such as France or England. Treaties are subject to international law. Such bills are an attempt by the United States government to violate these international treaties, thus providing a legal veneer to stealing the remaining Indian land.

Why are these attacks happening now?

In the 1970s, remaining reservation land has been "rediscovered" because it contains uranium, and other natural resources: gas, coal, water, fish and timber. Large corporations want these resources because cheaper resources mean higher profits.

An economic system that perpetuates the theft of Indian land to exploit their natural resources does not

serve the interests of the majority of the people in this country. The combined power of the United States government and the energy corporations consolidates their control over our lives, and directly attacks the sovereign rights of Indian people to control their land and resources. It's not possible to deny the existence of a people with a piece of legislation. Indian people have chosen survival. They have proven their strength and endurance in 500 years of struggle for their land.

Who is behind the movement to pass these bills?

The bills are authored by representatives and senators, but they serve the interests of big corporations. A good deal of support for these bills comes from extreme right-wing organizations. There are five main national organizations that violently oppose the rights of Indians today. Four of these are the Indian Affairs Task Force of the National Association of Counties, the National Wildlife Federation, Trout Unlimited and the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. The membership of these organizations is comprised of county officials in Indian country, individual sportspeople who fear that Indian hunting and fishing leaves less for them, and members of state fish and game commissions.

The fifth organization, and most serious threat to Indian people, is the Interstate Congress of Equal Rights and Responsibilities. It asserts that "the constitutional rights of all Americans must supersede the treaty rights of some Americans." They operate on or near reservations, and claim affiliates in 26 states. ICERR has a budget of millions of dollars and a full-time congressional lobbying staff.

What can non-Indians do?

All people struggling for their rights need to support the Indian movement. We need to unlearn the lies about the history of this country. We can play an important role in, for the first time, building a movement in solidarity with Indian sovereignty that helps set the conditions for Indian people—and ourselves—to win. As part of this, the people of the United States have an obligation to fight in Congress to counteract and stop these bills.

—Write your representative and senators protesting these bills.

—Sign petitions and pass them on to your friends.

—Investigate and expose the organizations and corporations generating anti-Indian hatred in your area.

—Donate funds to organizations fighting these attacks.

Aside is a column for non-staff members to offer unique viewpoints on events of the day. The above does not necessarily reflect the opinions of Sagebrush or the Associated Students of the University of Nevada. Submissions should be sent to the editor.

Crowley,

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be an advisor and counselor to the students. A father-surrogate is needed just as much as a lobbyist.

"It seems to me that the deans wanted a self-perpetuating system instead of reasons of a university. We might just have to forget about money sometimes and give a little more devotion to the ideals of a good education," she concluded.

Acting Chancellor Donald Baepfer disagreed with Fong saying that he feels Crowley will not only be a good pipeline for the budget but also responsive to student needs.

"I have known Dr. Crowley for over 10 years and I feel he will be responsive to the students. Dr. Crowley is considered a good teacher and you cannot be a good teacher without being responsive and sensitive to student wants and demands."

James Richardson, former chairman of the Faculty Senate, echoed the acting chancellor's comments saying, "I have worked with Dr. Crowley over the years and found him very concerned and receptive to the students on all levels."

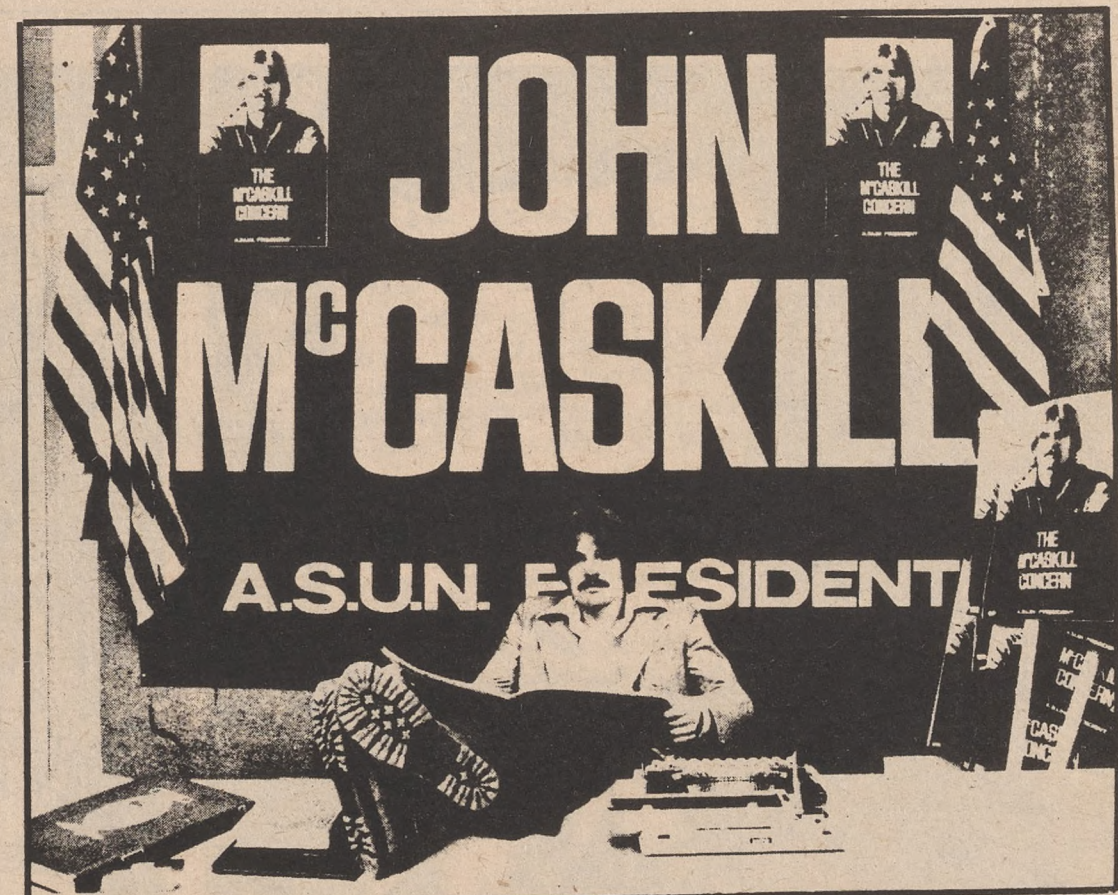
Regent Fong also expressed her desire to see Dean of the College of Arts and Science, Rebecca Stafford, serve as president at UNR. "I do not say this just because she is a woman," Fong explained. "I feel she is amply qualified for the job and should apply for the job."

'Sagebrush' takes awards

The *Sagebrush* was awarded an honorable mention for general excellence in weekly college newspapers from the California Intercollegiate Press Association last Friday.

The *Sagebrush* also won a first place for best sports page and a second place for front page layout in tabloid size newspapers. Individual honors went to former staffer Ted Terrebone for best feature photograph for his pre-election photo of ASUN President John McCaskill and to Curt Larson for third best sports photo for his picture of football player Alex Willis doing a flip during the game with Sacramento State.

The CIPA is an organization of college newspapers, magazines and radio stations in California, with members also in Nevada and Oregon. The awards were announced at the association's annual convention in San Louis Obispo.



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Accountants meet

Orin Kabaker, CPA, a partner of Touche Ross and Co., the third largest CPA firm in the world, will speak at the Student Accounting Society's monthly meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Orvis School of Nursing, Room 102.

This free lecture offers an excellent opportunity to discover the operations of international firms. The public is welcome.

Candidate visits

John Barnes, professor of higher education at Northern Arizona University, will be the first candidate for chancellor to visit the university.

Barnes, who is also former president of Boise State University, will be in Reno on Wednesday and Thursday. A reception will be held on Wednesday from 3:15 to 4 p.m. at the Center for Religion and Life, 1101 N. Virginia, to allow faculty and students to meet Barnes.

He will also meet with regents, administrators, and be interviewed by a group composed of faculty, student and alumni representatives.

Receptions for the other two candidates, Edward Jackubauskas, academic vice president at the University of Wyoming, and Donald Baepler, UNLV president and acting chancellor, are scheduled for March 8 and 14 respectively.

The list was narrowed by one last week, when Robert DeZonia, former acting president of the University of South Dakota, withdrew from consideration for personal reasons.

Real Estate class

The Nevada Real Estate exam will be given four times between June and December this year, and UNR is offering four courses to prepare individuals interested in taking the exam.

The first course starts today at 7 p.m. in preparation for the test on June 24. Applications for the state exam will be completed at the first class meeting.

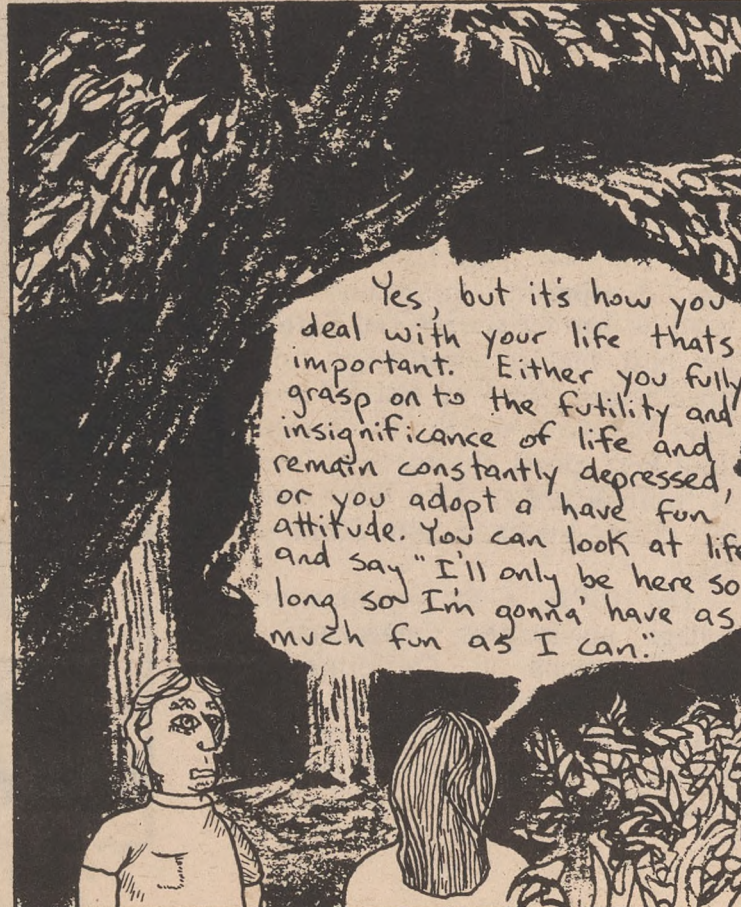
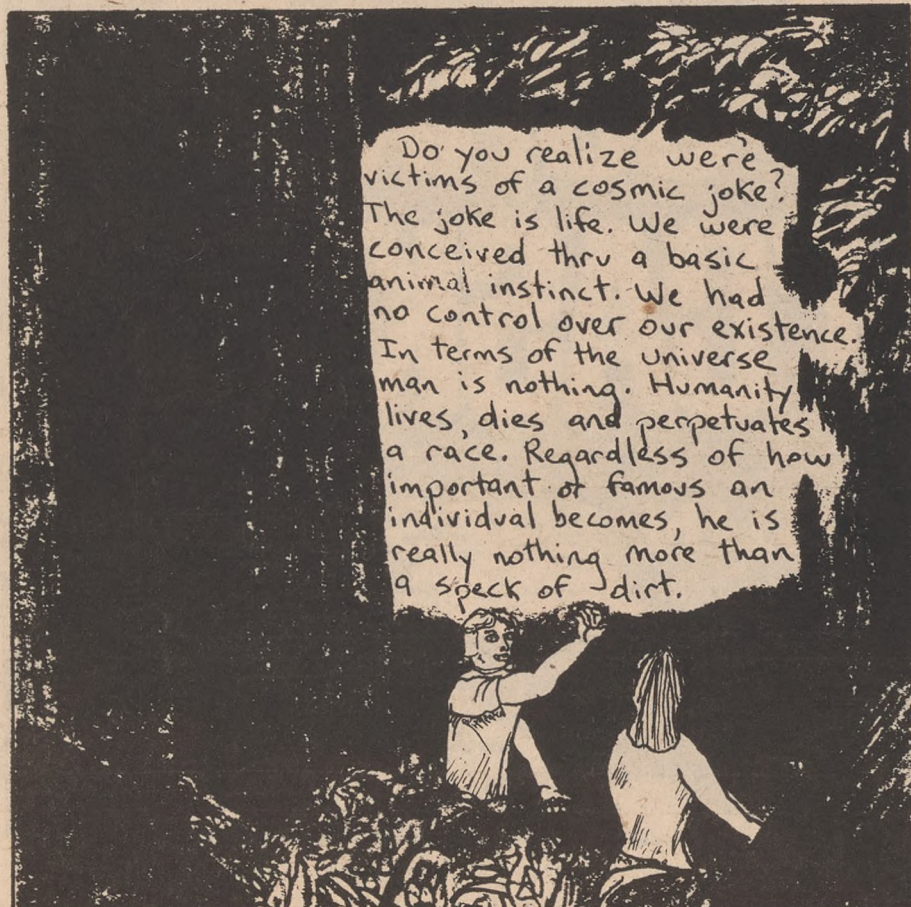
Classes are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights in Room 257, Scrumham Engineering and Mines Building.

The course is designed with the state exam in mind, but it is also open to those interested in an introduction to real estate principles.

The course costs \$250 and the four recommended texts total about \$41.

Subsequent test and course dates are available through UNR's Extended Programs and Continuing Education Department.

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Events

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- 3 p.m.—ASUN meeting, Publications Board; Ingersoll Room, Union.
- 7 p.m.—Folkdancing; Travis Lounge, Union. Beginners welcome.
- 7:30 p.m.—Meeting, Bahai' Student Lecture; Room 102, Orvis School of Nursing.
- Nevada Art Gallery—Sculptures and graphics Henry Moore. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., weekends. 643 Ralston St. Now through March 19.
- Norfolk Inc.—"Love Day"; 485 W. Fifth St. Now through March 10.

March

Wednesday

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- Noon—Publications Board agenda deadline.
 - 7 p.m.—Film, "The Shape of Things to Come"; Scrugham Engineering-Mines Bldg. Sponsored by UNR Art Department.
 - 7 p.m.—Meeting, Student Accounting Society, Room 102, Orvis School of Nursing.
 - 7 p.m.—Meeting, Chemistry Bldg.; Lecture Building 2.
 - 7 p.m.—ASUN meeting, senate; Travis Lounge, Union.
 - 7:30 p.m.—Meeting, Stauton Chess Club; 10 W. Second St.
 - 8 p.m.—Meeting, Reno Gem and Mineral Society; 380 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks.
- Final date for filing for late graduation.
Scholarship applications due.

Thursday

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- Noon—Activities Board and senate agenda deadline.
- 5 p.m.—ASUN meeting, Finance Control Board; Ingersoll Room, Union.
- 6 p.m.—Meeting, the Delta Pi Chapter of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi; Executive Suite, Ross Business Administration.
- 7:30 p.m.—Meeting, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship; East-West Room, Union.
- 8 p.m.—Rock Opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar"; Church Fine Arts Theater. Student admission \$3.
- 8:30 p.m.—Drama, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"; Reno Little Theater. Student admission \$1.50. Call 329-0661 for reservations.

Friday

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- 2 p.m.—Tennis, UNR vs. Chico State; UNR.
- 2:30 p.m.—Baseball, UNR vs. University of Pacific; UNR.
- 8 p.m.—Women's Basketball, UNR vs. UC-Berkeley; Old Gym.
- 8 p.m.—Rock Opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar"; Church Fine Arts Theater.
- 8:30 p.m.—"Belle of Amherst"; Sparks Civic Theater. One woman show about Emily Dickinson; stars Julie Lemaire.
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Saturday

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- 9 a.m.—Tennis, UNR vs. Chico State; UNR.
- Noon—Baseball, UNR vs. University of Pacific; UNR. Doubleheader.
- 1 p.m.—Tennis, UNR vs. Sacramento State; UNR.
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Sunday

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- 2 p.m.—Basketball, UNR vs. St. Mary's College; Centennial Coliseum.
- 2 p.m.—Reno Symphony; Pioneer Theater Auditorium.
- 8 p.m.—ASUN Movie, "Marathon Man"; TSSC Auditorium.
- 8 p.m.—Rock Opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar"; Church Fine Arts Theater. Student admission \$3.

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Judgment

'Encounters' ranks with the best

BILL BROWN

The difficult thing about writing a review of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" is deciding where to begin.

The film is a visual panorama of guessing—scientific guessing—what the first major contact between an advanced extraterrestrial life form and ourselves will be like. The effects are astounding. The music is an achievement in terms of motion picture scores. And the acting is at best, impressive, given the circumstances.

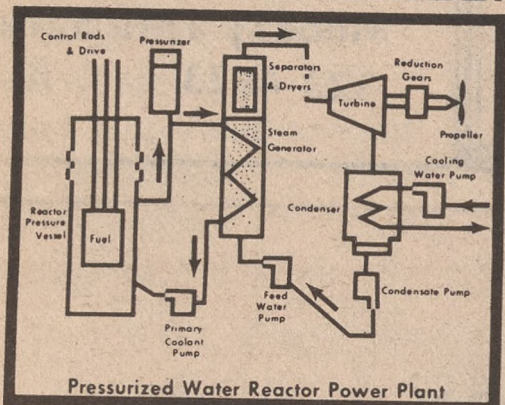
Steven Spielberg, the director of the wildly successful film, "Jaws," has again fashioned a plot that is long on visual action and rather short on content. I did not say intellectual content because in terms of scientific paraphernalia, scientific jargon and characters with imposing presence, "Encounters" ranks with the best.

Where the content falls short is in its characterization of the principal people involved. But when you are attempting to give the answer to the Bermuda Triangle mystery as well as devote a full forty minutes to the aerial artistry of alien pilots, the audience cannot expect much more.

"Encounters" is exactly what it purports to be: a collective vision of mankind's frailty, prejudice and his



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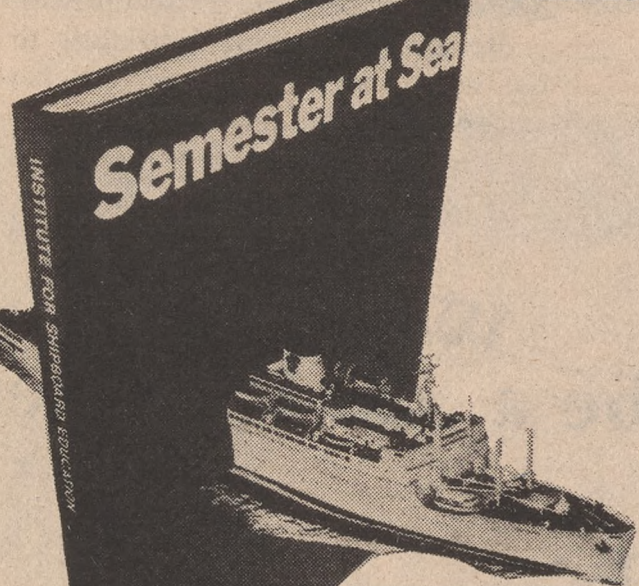
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lust for knowledge. The film dazzles us with the technological achievements of a totally superior race and convinces us, without robbing us of our pride, that it is all right to be a small but still significant part of the universe.

The film opens with an abrupt crescendo of music. We are led from the total loneliness that only a darkened motion picture screen can make us experience, to the blazing blowing sandy deserts of some Mexican rural municipality. Suddenly from out of the dust emerge several figures. They do not appear, but emerge.

The difference is significant and relates the prevailing mood of the film. There are no space battles or blasters or metabolic transporters. The alien beings are not the enemy nor is there a feeling of panic or hostility on behalf of mankind. Simply, people—ordinary people of ordinary walks of life—are involved in what is certainly a not very ordinary situation.

Therein lies the film's appeal. The people react predictably but without toiling under the burden of stereotyping. Many of us can see ourselves in the same situation (given any degree of believability in the film's premise) and we can see it happening. In a film this quality means involvement and audience participation, and that means that the film has worked.

The actors portray their roles well realizing that they must convince us of the reality of their situation. Richard Dreyfuss gives a simple and straight-forward performance as a power company employee who encounters an alien ship on a lonely back road. He is quickly left with a mental impression of a mountain and finds his truck has gone crazy.

While a group of nearby mailboxes clatter and pop open, his truck shuts itself off, and he is enveloped in a blinding light that leaves him wondering where this mountain is and why he is driven to go there.

Melinda Dillon is in much the same situation. She and her son live alone in a rambling old country home and endure two visits from the aliens. The second time the visitors take her son with them. He is happy about the trip and totally unafraid. Like any concerned mother she panics and wants her boy back. She doesn't get him, but she does get a vision of a strange mountain somewhere and the impression that somehow her boy will be there. Ms. Dillon does an admirable job in a role that allows no flexibility.

As preposterous as this may sound to some, Spielberg masterfully develops their passion to find the mountain through their near fanatical attempts to draw it, sculpt it and just plain visualize it while driving others around them crazy. The aliens of course have been dealing with the government during other segments of the film and have set up the mountain, Devil's Tower, Wyo., as the spot for first contact. Nothing more than a musical

string of notes tells the feds where the ship will land. They are never told what to expect or how it is coming.

The audience meanwhile is not told why the aliens chose the United States, or why they didn't request representatives of scientific communities from around the world.

But really we have no time to wonder about such things. We are led in a mad dash across country by Dreyfuss who has since lost his family and his job to his obsession, but has found the name of his strange mountain by chance in a television news report about an army mishap at Devil's Tower.

The government needed to remove everyone from within a 300 mile radius and convinced the public that a strange gas had been accidentally released around the tower. There are plenty of dead animals to prove it and in a mass evacuation scene reminiscent of many spectacular films before, hundreds of people all attempt to board the same train at the same time to hot foot it out of there.

Only Dreyfuss and Dillon rush madly towards the mountain to find answers to their questions. Despite the army's attempts to stop them, they make it just in time for the arrival. There they are met by Francois Truffaut who, as a French UFO investigator, is the only man who really knows what is going on.

From here the effects surround and overwhelm you. All previous questions about plot and lack of characterization melt away as you are whisked into an incredible and dazzling display of lights and model work.

Space ships of all sizes roar over your head plummeting across the brightly starlit skies performing amazing feats of aerial acrobatics and even more amazing feats of special effects and film editing.

The aliens arrive but not without accompanying fanfare.

John Williams musical score is not like his past pieces which include "Star Wars," "Jaws" and "The Towering Inferno." Those works could stand by themselves as listenable and likeable music, even without seeing the films.

The score for "Encounters," though, is a compliment to the film and is the icing on the cake. But you must see the film to appreciate any of its melodies except for the title tune which is in current release. In that sense Williams has produced the perfect score. One that does not detract from the film.

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind" stands as a film superior in mechanics and workable in pretense for those with even the most limited imaginations. The lack of depth of characterization does not detract from the film's believability, nor from the actors' performances. Spielberg has given us another blockbuster. One whose minor flaws we are willing to overlook and forgive. One that we can enjoy.

Periphery

Building renewed

The new \$1 million, 22 thousand square feet Renewable Natural Resources Building at UNR is nearing completion. Located on Valley Road next to the current RNR facility, the new structure will more than double available classrooms, labs, offices and student facilities of the RNR program.

Paid for by a \$600,000 Fleischmann Foundation Grant and about \$400,000 from property sales, the new building will be able to accommodate all but the largest classes. The interior of the building is flexible enough to rearrange current floor plans in the future.

The building should be completed in May.

Last chance seniors

Today at 5 p.m. is your last chance to nominate students for the ASUN Outstanding Senior Award.

An award committee has been selected to choose the outstanding senior of 1978 who will be announced at the annual Honors Convocation.

If you would like to nominate a student, application forms are available in the ASUN Office at the desk of Peggy Martin.

Hypnotized selves

Arrangements have been confirmed for the Bengston self-hypnotism course. Classes will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12, starting at 9 a.m., in the Ross Business Administration Building Room 213.

In addition to the weekend course, Mr. Bengston has offered to perform on Friday, March 10, for the enjoyment of the UNR community. As before, the performance will be held in the Jot Travis Lounge. Admission is free.

The course fee of \$25 per person must be paid in advance at the ASUN Office either in cash or by check. Please make checks payable to Associated Students.

A day for play

An equestrian "playday" will be held at 1 p.m., March 5, at the UNR horse facility on Valley Road. The event is sponsored by the UNR Rodeo Club and the public is invited.

The events are open to all ages. Entry fees will be \$2 with 50 cents going to stock and the rest for prize money.

In addition, a bareback bronc riding, bull riding and saddle bronc riding clinic will be held. Students will have the use of the El Toro bucking machine, bucking stock, competent instruction and will be filmed on video tape. The clinic will cost \$15. A bull riding jackpot will be held afterward.

Sign-up will be at noon.

Back of the board

The newly formed Sierra Backgammon Club is offering basic lessons and play at the Center for Religion and Life every Monday, beginning March 6, from 4 to 7 p.m.

According to Pat Hardy Lewis backgammon is said to have its "origin in ancient times, but you may remember it as 'that game on the other side of the checker board.'"

Ten large backgammon boards are provided and beginners are welcome. A donation of one dollar or 50 cents for students will help to pay expenses.

According to Lewis there are a number of backgammon enthusiasts on campus,

including Dr. Joseph Crowley, UNR's newly appointed acting president. Lewis also stressed that the club offers a rare opportunity for students, staff and faculty to get together informally.

The beginning lessons start at 5:15 p.m. with regular play following.

Legal interchange

The UNR Law Club is inviting all candidates and students for an interchange of views in the Ingersoll Room of the Jot Travis Student Union at 12:15 p.m., March 2.

For information call Cliff Young at 825-3008.

Super tickets scarce

Only a few tickets are still available for the final performances of "Jesus Christ Superstar" in the Church Fine Arts Theater Thursday, March 2, through Sunday, March 5.

Ticket prices are \$3.50 for ASUN students and \$5 for the general public.

For reservations call 784-6505 or 784-784-6847.

Antiques shown

An antique show and sale is being sponsored by the Northern Nevada Epilepsy League March 16-19 at the Reno Centennial Coliseum.

Thursday thru Saturday the show runs from 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday hours are noon to 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 in advance or \$2.50 at the door with children under 12 admitted free. For more information contact Kathy Olson at 885-4440.

Exploring newspaper careers

Marketing students will have the chance to explore newspaper career opportunities thanks to a scholarship award UNR's College of Business Administration received from the Speidel Newspapers Charitable Foundation.

Eighteen other scholarships are also available to business students, including economics and accounting.

The Speidel scholarship award will be used to establish an experimental program designed to interest marketing students in career opportunities in the newspaper industry, according to Robert B. Whittington, president of the foundation.

Richard Hughs, dean of the College of Business Administration, said two

Judicial vacancy

Filing is now open for the two vacated ASUN Judicial Council seats.

Members of the council must have upperclass status and possess a minimum 2.2 GPA.

Filing closes Monday, March 20, at 5 p.m. For information and applications see Peggy Martin in the ASUN Office.

Weeding out mines

The Mines Library at UNR is conducting an on-going sale of duplicate items from its collection.

The sale is open to the public and all items are on display in the library's reading room, Mackay School of Mines.

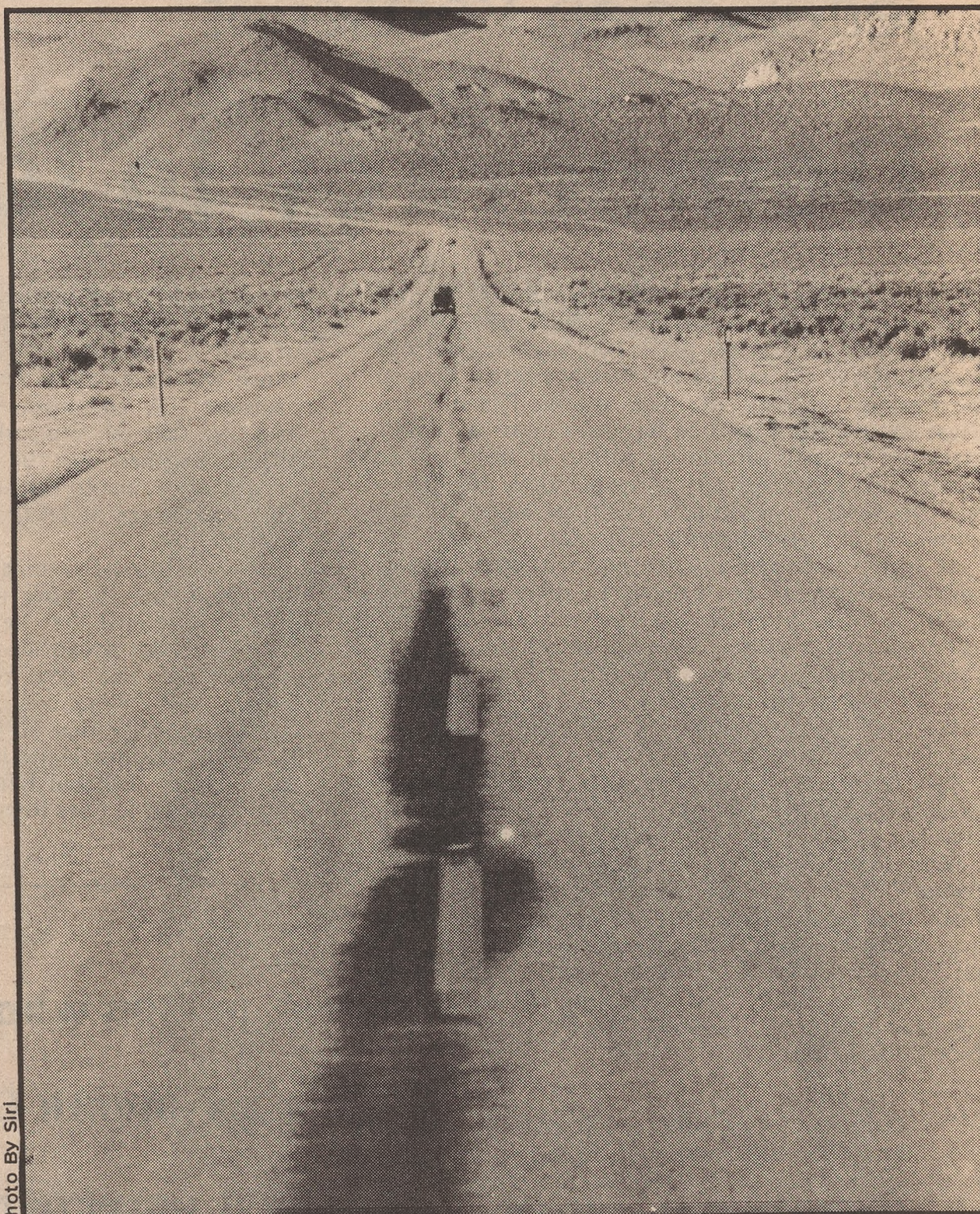


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Mary Ansari, mines-engineering librarian, explained that the mines collection will be moved into new facilities in the main library some time this spring and the sale is to help weed out the collection and to raise money for equipment for the new library.

Mackay Day chair

Filing is now open for the position of Mackay Week chairperson. Applicants must be undergraduate students with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Filing closes Friday, March 10 at 5 p.m. For applications and information contact Peggy Martin at 784-6589.

Jeffersonian Postscript

Strickland

Democracy in local government

Two conditions peculiar to Western North America make good city government and sensible urban planning very difficult. In the first place, people fleeing horrible metropolises in the East or the already existing blots on the Western landscape like Los Angeles, Phoenix, Las Vegas and the San Francisco Bay Area create an almost irresistible pressure for sudden growth in smaller cities or even rural areas. Secondly, a highly mobile population can contribute to a virtually complete turnover of a neighborhood's residents within a decade.

In highly fluid and unstable growing cities, citizens can feel anonymous and helpless to affect the changes assaulting them. A person who leaves a city for graduate school or even a six-month European sojourn can find whole sections of it unrecognizably transformed by the time he returns. Most people accordingly retire into a state of self-protective apathy and fatalism about "progress."

Into the resultant local political vacuum steps an oligarchy of so-called municipal experts who either intimidate the few remaining civic-minded ordinary citizens by snowing them under with facts and statistics, or airily dismiss them because they have no hard data to support their often vague unease over the deterioration of the local quality of life. Yet the idea of allowing a city to be run by experts who are almost completely unaided by public opinion always has disastrous results, as Paul Goodman relates in his book "People or Personnel" (New York, 1968):

The policy of a modern city is worked up by its highway engineer, its houser, sociologist, school superintendent, tax expert, political administrator, architectural designer, etc., each in his expertness. When the whole is put together, it comes to delinquency, traffic congestion, crashing civic ugliness, etc.; but these too are then worked on as special problems, with new levels of administration, ad hoc programs for drop-outs, face-lifting, one-way streets, and—needless to say—new millions of dollars for new kinds of experts. Nobody thinks of the community, the dialogue. (p. 235)

The Regional Planning Commission represents just such oligarchical rule by experts, and in addition serves to prove Aristotle's contention in "The Politics" that "oligarchy has in view the interest of the wealthy." Last Tuesday evening at 11 it approved Mr. Nick Oddo's request for a special-use permit to build a 525-room resort hotel-motel at Incline Village.

On Jan. 18 the commission had tabled this request, a significant number of citizens having appeared to protest or question the hotel project, until Mr. Oddo and his associates could answer certain questions about its design and potential problems. At Tuesday's meeting these

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developers addressed those questions with minor design changes and a proposal for a shuttle-bus system for bringing in guests from the Tahoe airport. Mr. Oddo explained that the hotel, which would not include gaming in the foreseeable future, would concentrate on off-season visitors and thus would not contribute to Lake Tahoe's traffic problems.

Only two people spoke against the project at that late hour, this columnist and an Incline Village resident. The commission heard a report from a highway department authority which said that roads leading to the proposed hotel would not be able to handle all the traffic it would likely generate, and that it would compound Lake Tahoe's already bad traffic problems in other areas. Yet some commissioners openly praised the project as a wonderful addition to the Lake Tahoe area. After all, the TRPA had suggested only minor changes in the proposed project's design for environmental reasons.

Only two commissioners had the courage to vote against the special-use permit for the project—Mr.

Whalen and Mr. Richter. Mr. Richter tried to get his fellow commissioners to think over approving a project of such a magnitude. "We're talking about something which will have half as many rooms as the MGM," he exclaimed. A commissioner in favor of the project answered that the comparison was invalid, because the MGM's hugeness can be attributed to its expansive gaming space, not to the number of hotel rooms it has. That was the end of debate over the consequences of the project.

It was a dismal evening that could easily have motivated a person to move to Grass Valley, Ore., immediately. It seemed that Nevadans had little concern for preserving what remained of their environment. Further evidence for this view could be found in Friday's *Nevada State Journal*, which reported that a majority of the Nevada delegation on the TRPA steered the whole agency into approving a 105-unit subdivision at Glenbrook, a new 147-unit hotel at Crystal Bay and a 27-home addition to Cave Rock Estates.

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Yet the situation is not entirely black. The Reno City Council is, of course, as poor in its decision-making as the Regional Planning Commission which it so strongly influences. Yet about a year ago it heard a report from the president of McManis Associates, Inc., a community services agency, concerning the possibility of improving policy-planning through the help of neighborhood councils. These councils would be composed of representatives elected from various, organically unified neighborhoods in Reno, perhaps the five wards, to help planners and city councilmen decide on the disbursement of federal funds and, more importantly, to help bring the people of Reno more directly into the city-planning and governing process.

Former Councilwoman Pat Hardy Lewis explained that, under the neighborhood council system, people could advise their neighborhood representative of their opinions whenever any questionable zoning proposals came up, and that the various neighborhood representatives could take turns sitting in on Regional Planning

Commission meetings for their constituents.

Unfortunately, and especially in Reno's case, the functions of these neighborhood councils would be only precisely what local authorities would allow them to be. At the time the president of McManis Associates made his report to the Reno City Council, some councilmen were quite rude to him, although the city had paid for his agency's report. The McManis Associates plan was in effect tabled and forgotten about, although people in the city's Community Development Department say it is about to be "resuscitated."

Even the Regional Planning Commission itself is planning to divide the Truckee Meadows into quadrants and to hear from representatives from each concerning a land-use master plan for the entire area. Some knowledgeable people, however, object that the boundaries of the quadrants are arbitrarily defined and will not represent organically unified sections of the Meadows.

More encouraging, though, are the recent actions of the Washoe County Commissioners to allow citizens'

advisory boards to be set up in Incline Village and Sun Valley. As a result the people who live in these areas will have more of a chance to advise the county government on questions of importance to them. It appears that there will be serious attempts to make these advisory boards as truly representative of the people as possible.

If the Regional Planning Commission is virtually incapable of resisting the demands of special interests, the Washoe County Commissioners by contrast have been able to take some strong and far-sighted actions to save much of the county lands north of Reno and Interstate 80 from reckless unplanned development—actions which are consonant with the desires of the majority of the people in the county.

They gave second reading to and passed two amendments to Ordinance 57, which concerns outlying, sparsely settled areas of the county. The first amendment changed zoning for Peavine Mountain from M-3

open-use zoning to A-7 agricultural-use zoning, which requires a minimum 40-acre lot size and imposes certain restrictions on the use to which the land may be put. The second amendment changed the character of M-3 open-use zoning itself, so that the 40-acre minimum lot size would apply to areas outside of Peavine as well.

These amendments have the most important implications for the future of the county. Mr. Nash of the Civil Division of the District Attorney's office explained that before these changes to Ordinance 57, the Peavine Mountain area and the two-thirds of the county under M-3 zoning could be put to any use any developer wanted. The county would have had no power to control runaway development, even if it could not provide services for it. Under the amendments just passed, the county now has that control. A developer can still contemplate building a subdivision, but he has to come and ask county authorities for a zone change first.

Mr. Nash gave some rather hair-raising examples of what was being contemplated by developers before the amendments to Ordinance 57 were passed. One Los Angeles developer wanted to build a suburban city of 10,000 at the top of Peavine Mountain. The costs of services for such an example of leap-frogging development would have been prohibitively high. Other developers, he said, were contemplating subdividing the area along the east side of Honey Lake. It is clear, then, that without the recent actions of the county commissioners Reno residents would almost immediately have shared the Los Angeleno's nightmare of having to drive over 100 miles to reach relatively unspoiled countryside.

These actions of the Washoe County Commissioners are encouraging, but if they are to become more than merely isolated examples of how democratic institutions by sheer chance happen to work, the people of Reno must shake themselves free of their incredible lethargy. Their apathy is at least partly justified, because it has been a long time since their wishes have had any bearing on the actions of their city council. Yet they can, if they act forcefully now, change mere chance occurrences into a genuine trend toward decentralization and democratization in local governmental bodies. If they fail to act, it will only be more difficult, if not impossible, to change things for the better later. It is a charged situation: all of Western Nevada and significant portions of Eastern California are waiting for some worthwhile actions to come from within the city of Reno.

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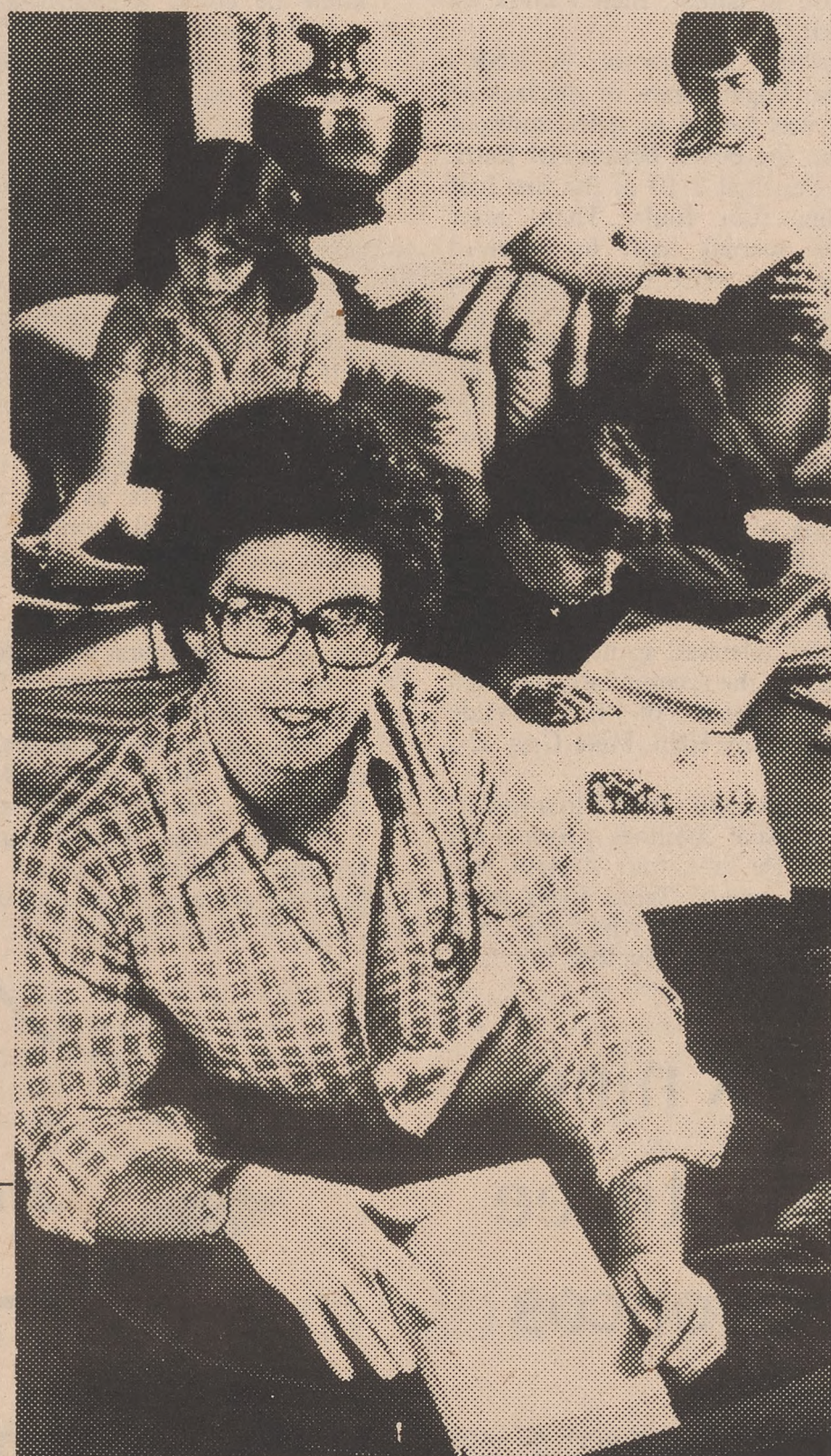
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Sports

Wolf Pack's title hopes dashed

STEVE MARTARANO

SAN FRANCISCO—The UNR basketball team took the WCAC race down to the wire Saturday, but the USF Dons finally clinched it with a 78-73 win.

"I think we played very hard," an emotionally drained Pack coach Jim Carey said Sunday night. "If it's possible to look good in defeat, then I think we managed that."

Probably the key factor in UNR's downfall was Edgar Jones, or the lack of him. Jones was forced to spend most of the game on the bench because of fouls. He sat out the final 8:19 of the first half after getting four fouls. Then, after starting the second half, he received number five with more than 11 minutes left in the game.

After the game, Carey had something to say about the officiating. "People come to see the players," he said. "They don't come to see the cats in the striped shirts." But Sunday night, Carey was more reflective. He said, "I never think the officiating is any good. We just didn't get a break; that's all."

Despite the absence of Jones, USF never could completely run away with the regionally televised game. Although never leading in the second half, the Pack kept close because of the outside shooting of Johnny High, Mike Gray and Steve Hunter.

But for the second contest in a row, it was forward Mike Stallings playing the big-man role. He sank four straight free throws in the crucial Santa Clara game Thursday to ice that win and then Saturday, Stallings put together his most

productive day as a member of the Wolf Pack.

Stallings was everywhere, bagging 18 points to lead all UNR scoring and he also came up with 14 rebounds. "Stalls just played super," Carey said. "We've been waiting for that game all year. We all knew he could score, it just took him awhile to put it all together."

The standing room only crowd at the USF gym could tell early that the Dons would have to work for the conference title. The first half was a seesaw affair, as USF once built a six-point bulge only to have the Pack close it. Jones started the game hot, hitting his four shots from the outside. But foul trouble benched him quick.

High pumped in a jumper at the first half buzzer to tie it at 38. But once the second half opened, the Dons put on a spurt putting the Pack in a hole from which it never recovered. UNR missed four straight shots as the Dons tallied seven unanswered points. Then, after Jones got nailed with his fifth personal, the capacity crowd let loose a cry of glee. With UNR already down by five, it seemed a Pack defeat was automatic.

But it wasn't that easy. UNR hung on, never allowing the Dons to run away with it. Then again, the Pack never could get closer than three points, so the game turned into a cat and mouse affair.

"Once Edgar fouled out, we were terribly outsized," Carey said. "But Stallings got a good portion of the boards

and we managed to keep close."

For San Francisco it was their second straight WCAC title and the fifth in the last seven years. USF is now assured a berth in the NCAA playoffs ending with a 22-5 overall mark and 12-2 in conference.

But the Wolf Pack's future is still in doubt. With the St. Mary's game still remaining Sunday, UNR sports a 18-8 record. The Pack still has an outside chance of an NCAA playoff berth, but that is unlikely. An NIT invite seems more of a possibility. "My opinion is that eight losses is too many for the NCAA bid," Carey said. "But the WCAC commissioner (Jerry Wyness) thinks we may get asked to the NIT."

So now with a conference title out the window, will the team let down Sunday against St. Mary's? "I hope not," Carey said. "We want second place outright and to get that we have to win. Also, I think the team would like to end up with 19 victories, a far cry from what we used to do here."

Although the Pack's month-long road

trip has finally ended, Carey hit the recruiting trail beginning yesterday. He says he's headed to Texas to watch a junior college tournament; a total of eight games in two nights. From there it's on to Los Angeles. Carey won't return until Wednesday to begin practice for the season finale Sunday.



Pack nine drops three to Broncos

RON ELLIS

UNR baseball team dropped all three games to conference rival Santa Clara last weekend losing Friday's opened 9-2 and Saturday's doubleheader by identical scores.

The Broncos' pitching limited the Pack to only 18 hits and six earned runs in the three-game series. And according to Wolf Pack coach Barry McKinnon, no player hit the ball well for UNR.

The Pack's usually reliable pitching staff of Ed Bodine, Mike Scott, Greg Young, and Mike Burnett was bombed for 27 runs and 31 hits, including six home runs.

"They simply outplayed us in every aspect of the game, defensively, offensively and pitching," said a disappointed McKinnon. "Santa Clara has an excellent team."

The losses dropped UNR's record to 5-7 overall and 3-5 in the Northern California Baseball Association. Santa Clara improved its record to 9-4 overall and 8-4 in the league.

"I just hoped we learned something from this weekend and are able to bounce back," McKinnon said.

The Pack travels to UC-Davis for a non-conference doubleheader Tuesday. Then UNR will play its first home games of the season against conference leader University of Pacific this weekend. Starting times are 2:30 p.m. for Friday's single game and 12:30 p.m. for Saturday's doubleheader.

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Women's streak snapped by tall S.F. Gator gals

RON ELLIS

UNR women's basketball team had its six game winning streak snapped as they were trounced by San Francisco State, 86-64, Friday night.

The Pack controlled the first quarter of the game and led 21-16 with 11:09 left in the first half. But then 6-2 center Kathy Mead picked up her third personal foul and sat out the rest of the half. The much taller Gators took advantage of this situation and raced to a 42-31 half-time lead.

UNR made a brief comeback in the second half and got within six points with 16 minutes left. But the Pack didn't score for the next five minutes which enabled the Gators to take control of the contest and coast to a 22-point victory.

"With Kathy (Mead) in foul trouble, we had to rely on our outside shooting, and we couldn't hit anything," said Wolf Pack coach Kaprice Rupp. "We'd even get open shots and wouldn't hit them."

The Pack suffered through one of its worst shooting performances of the season, hitting only 23-89 from the field

for 26 percent. They were also outrebounded 48-34.

UNR was led in scoring by the "Rat and Rock Show." Cindy Rock netted 18 points and Regina Ratigan added 15. Mead was the leading rebounder for the Pack with 12 despite playing only about 20 minutes.

UNR's record now stands at 9-10, and they will finish their season this weekend. The Pack has an exhibition game against the Chinese Airlines Thursday night at 8:30 p.m., and then face UC-Berkeley Friday night at 7 and Sacramento State Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. The games will be played at the Old Gym.

Dick Trachok, UNR athletic director, announced this weekend that the Pack will not receive an invitation to the NCAA small college western regionals. "We felt their win-loss record wasn't deserving of a bid," said Trachok.

According to assistant coach Cindee Metzger, the decision by the athletic department was a fair one. "Our goal now is to win our remaining games so that we can have a winning season," said Metzger.

Tennis team wiped out

DAVE YEARY

You would think that a tennis coach would be upset after his team had lost all six of its first round matches in the Northern California Intercollegiate Tournament, but that's not the way UNR tennis coach Bob Fairman feels at all.

"I was pleased with the meet, even though the boys didn't reach the finals," said Fairman. "They were playing some of the best teams in the country."

UNR's number one player, Brian McQuown, fell to Paul Batton of San Jose State, 7-5, 6-3, and it was all downhill for the team from there. Only Gary Kittay was able to take his man into a third set before losing, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, and only one other player managed to win as many as four games.

The losses came against Stanford, Cal-Berkeley, and San Jose St., all of which are ranked in the top ten nationally.

"They are all top-notch teams," said Fairman. "Particularly Stanford which is No. 1 in the country today."

The team returns home this weekend to face Chico State and Sacramento State. The women's team will be in action Friday at Davis.

Women skiers head to NCAA nationals

PAULA JEAN EISENBARTH

Two UNR sophomores are the first members of the women's ski team to qualify for the National Collegiate Ski Championships in the team's history.

Patti McMullan and Tandy Lavin will be flying to New Mexico in early March to compete in the finals.

Both of their backgrounds in skiing illustrate family spirit and encouragement for their undertakings. McMullan, who was born in Reno, says she began skiing at the age of six and racing at nine.

"It was my idea to learn to ski because most of the kids on the block were gone skiing." She said, "My parents didn't pressure me, but were supportive in every way."

McMullan is the only one in her family of skiers that races. As a member of the Mt. Rose Ski Racing Team, she competed in the Canadian-American meets during her junior and senior years in high school. Those last two years also saw her attending the North American Junior Alpine Championships in New Hampshire and Alaska.

Though her specialty is Alpine racing, she also enjoys the adventure and challenge of cross-country skiing. When the snow has melted and the skis are stored for the summer, McMullan scuba dives and water skis for enjoyment as well as for body conditioning.

Both women agree that it is important to try various sports. Lavin added, "This helps keep a perspective on sports as they relate to the rest of your life and interests."

Lavin, who began skiing at 11 and racing at 12 in cross-country, also feels that skiing has helped her growth in self-discipline and persistence and that these qualities can be applied to other aspects of one's life.

While living in Wyoming, Lavin competed in her first North American Junior Nordic National Championships as a member of an inter-mountain team. Since moving to Reno, Tandy has competed four more times in the junior championships as a member of the Far Western Division team.

For Lavin skiing began as "the thing to do." She said, "It was just lots of fun to meet all of your friends and neighbors and go skiing all weekend."



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Patti McMullan in action last weekend at Squaw Valley for the Pacific Coast Championships.

Similar to teammate McMullan, the Lavin family are all skiers (all the children have raced as well) and have provided much encouragement for McMullan's competitive spirit.

While one of the exciting aspects of skiing is meeting all kinds of people, Lavin does enjoy art—watercolors, oils and pen and ink sketches. This is something that always interested her.

As for the future, Lavin remains

unsure. McMullan declared her major in physical education and hopes to pursue a career as a ski coach as well as a teacher.

In anticipation of the upcoming nationals, Lavin said, "It will be interesting to see what this competition is like in

comparison to the junior nationals' experience. There may be a whole different atmosphere because these people go to school and ski on the side, whereas in the juniors, everyone seemed to be living to ski and to make the U.S. team."

Track team wins opener

DAVE YEARY

The UNR track team opened its 1978 season in grand style last weekend by beating Southern Oregon State, 102-50, and Butte College, 82-60, in a dual split squad meet at wind-swept Mackay Stadium. UNR used everyone on the team, with varsity runners and field men going mainly against Southern Oregon and JV's going against Butte.

"This meet gave us a chance to see our strengths and weaknesses," said coach Jack Cook. "We're satisfied with the performance for the first meet of the season."

"There were many individual stars for the Wolf Pack. Tom Wysocki ran away with the mile, recording a 4:20 time, four seconds in front of teammate Jorgen Eiremo. Carol Lewis won two events including the 100 yard dash in a meet record time of 9.6 seconds and Rudy Munoz won the steeple chase with a 9:35 time, nearly a full minute in front of the second place finisher.

In field events, Dave Cortell set a meet record in winning the pole vault; Billie Byrd won the high jump; Lars Weylander won the long jump; and Mickey Cutler took the discus.

"This is a good meet to open the season with," said Cook. "It gave us a good idea of what we need to work on going into Boise two weeks from now."

The Pack had a 34 meet win streak going into the Boise meet four years ago,

but it was snapped by the Broncos. This year Cook hopes to protect a 24 meet streak.

"We're going to give them all they can handle," he said. "But we've got a lot of work to do in the next two weeks."

"If we had opened the season against Chico (as the team was originally scheduled to do) we'd have been blown away," Cook said. "We've had seven runners just coming back from illness or injury, so it was a good meet to get them back into shape."

BOXERS SWEEP DUAL MEET

In the third bout of the season, the UNR boxing team defeated a combined Santa Cruz-Chico team 6-1-1 at the Old Gym Saturday night.

Not one knockout was recorded in the eight-bout card. Taking wins for the Pack were Mike Brown, 125 lbs; Chris McAviney, 147; Steve Koecheck, 147; Karl Matzoll, 156; Bob Brown, 165; Mike Martino, 165; and Jim Krtnich, 172.

Only Gene Drackulich in the heavy-weight division lost for the Pack. The team won't fight again until March 10 when they will be at Cal-Berkeley.

Orienteering in Oakland

UNR club has direction

UNR's Orienteering Club placed six members, including three in one event, at a meet held recently in Oakland, Calif.

The meet, hosted by the Far West Path Finders Orienteering Club, was "the first serious orienteering meet in the San Francisco Bay Area," according to Margaret Gregory, timekeeper for the event.

UNR sent 15 members to the meet, where they competed against various California clubs and independent competitors.

Competition in orienteering is broken down by age, experience and sex. In all, 59 men, women and children competed in their respective divisions at the Bay Area meet.

Orienteering, originally brought to the United States by the Army, involves finding one's way from one control point to the next on a designated course using a map and compass.

Course lengths at the Bay Area meet ranged from eight-tenths of a mile to three and a half miles straight-line distances. With hills and other land features taken into account, actual running distances were twice those figures.

Andrew Gregory, co-founder of the Far West Pathfinders Club and an experienced orienteer from England, set the courses.

UNR's Jorgen Eiremo, a foreign exchange student from Sweden, took third place in the most difficult, or elite course, a distance of 3.5 straight-line miles.

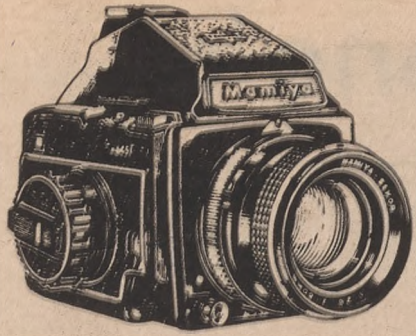
In the shorter elite run, 2.3 straight-line miles, UNR swept the first three places, lead by Louis Loftin. Richard Ellis placed second and Billy Flangas third.

Persons of intermediate orienteering skills took the yellow course, 1.6 straight-line miles. Second and third places in the run were taken by Daniel Mitchell and George Riehm, respectively, both from UNR.

UNR didn't place in the beginner division.

Other club members competing in the meet were Dorcas Carper, Joel DeLong, Gary Gearhart, club advisor, Sarah Leck, Paul McCarty, John Medve, James Rogers and Jon Turman.

The club plans to compete in Utah and Idaho, according to its president Richard Ellis.



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