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The unmaking of a president



Photo by Siril

Max Milam speaks tonight at 8

Editorial

An unprecedented event at UNR

The firing of Max Milam as president of UNR in February had some important consequences for the university beyond the simple changing of the man in that office. A number of major questions raised at the time have still not been answered by the participants. Although the members of the Board of Regents continue to refuse to discuss the matter, Milam has agreed to address the community on his thoughts on the affair. That discussion will take place tonight in the Old Gym at 8. Anyone interested in the future of higher education in Nevada should be there.

Milam has promised to discuss many of the important issues. It should be remembered, however, that one of the issues is not Milam himself. No matter what one thinks of the man it is irrelevant to the situation at hand. The questions raised by the firing are much broader, with farther ranging consequences, than the job of any one man. They affect all of us in the university community.

It is certainly possible that Milam deserved to be fired, although we have never been presented with any evidence of his not properly doing his job. Few of us really know much of what goes on in the president's office. In fact, as far as most students are concerned, the identity of that officeholder is a mystery. His concerns are usually far removed from the everyday lives of the students, and his actions only affect the student in the long run. Milam, in particular, was not well known by the students. He was never, prior to tonight, considered very accessible by the student body.

If Milam indeed should have been terminated, February was not the time to do it unless there was an extremely urgent need. Milam's contract

was due to expire later in this year, and procedures, developed by the university and accepted by the regents, were being followed to determine whether or not it should be renewed. If Milam's job should be ended this would have been the time to do it. The regent's, however, decided it was necessary in February, and two months later the question remains: why was it necessary to subvert accepted procedures and fire a sitting university president?

Some of the issues Milam has already agreed to discuss tonight include his relationship with the dean of the Agriculture College, Dale Bohmont. Milam has said that Bohmont was largely responsible for the firing because of his access to Regent Molly Knudtsen, whose switched vote cost Milam his job.

Milam will also address himself to issues involving the administration of a major university under the control of a highly politicized Board of Regents. Some of the questions posed to Milam will be: What can a university president actually do effectively without jeopardizing his position? Is there a balance of power between the president and the board? Does the way in which the regents are elected influence their views of the job? and, What is involved in the power struggle between north and south Nevada, and how has the university been caught in the middle?

Milam has promised that a question-and-answer period will follow his lecture. An address by a fired administrator is an unusual, if not unprecedented event in the history of the university, and it is important that everyone interested in UNR attend. Don't miss it!

To the Editor

A sad commentary

It is most disturbing that the Publications Board has not yet opened filing for the position of *Brushfire* editor for the 1978-1979 academic year.

In the late 60s UNR was able to support two literary publications, *Forum* magazine and *Brushfire*. It is a sad commentary on the intellectual climate of this campus that it now chooses to support only one such publication, and treats even that one rather shabbily.

Nova Scotia's Acadia University, an institution of less than 3,000 students, has a very fine student literary publication. One hopes the publications board will keep in mind the prestige of this university of over 8,000 students and henceforth be more forthright and prompt in its declarations and actions supporting *Brushfire*.

Paul Strickland

Capturing history

On behalf of the University of Nevada Alumni Association I want to extend to you and your staff a very sincere thank you for the excellent coverage you gave to the Morrill Hall Restoration Project in the April 4th *Sagebrush*.

Your editorial "The Soul of the Community" was not only appreciated by me, but I'm sure it has warmed the hearts of thousands of alumni who participated in the restoration program. In addition, Mr. Ebner's story regarding the Morrill Hall project was not only well conceived and written, but it truly captured the history and importance of this great building.

Speaking for all of the Nevada alumni, I want to congratulate you on a job well done. Everyday our alumni

are becoming more and more involved in the University and certainly your efforts have greatly helped to speed up this process. Thanks again.

Harry R. Gianneschi

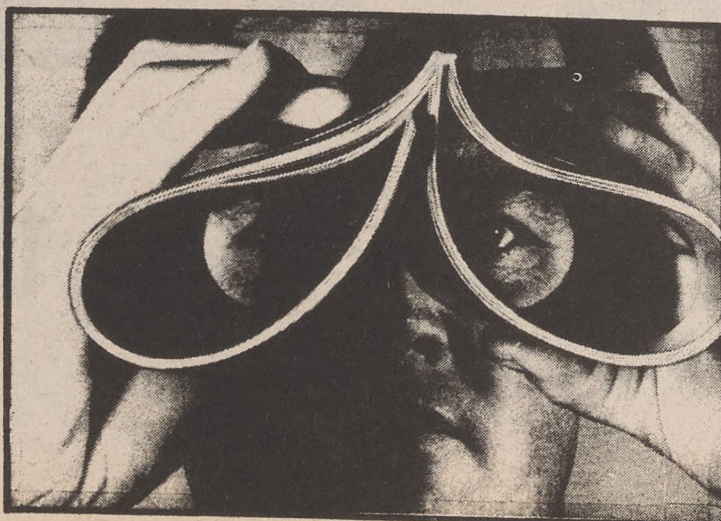
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Goodbye, Alan

The university is losing a dedicated and hard-working anthropology educator and researcher, Alan Leventhal. We would like to recognize his professional and extracurricular contributions over the past three years to the UNR students. We appreciate his concerns for the problems of the campus system and his caring for the people at UNR as a whole. Thank you, Alan.

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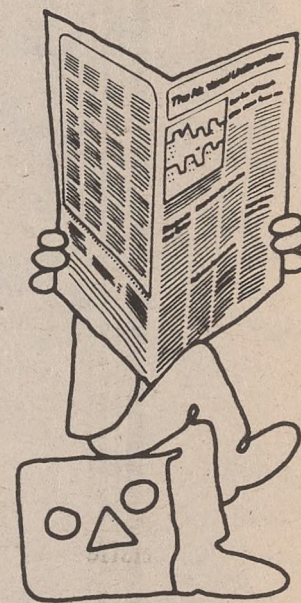
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Neuweiler establishes priorities

DON LaPLANTE

Why does a 30-year-old even want to be ASUN President?

Well, new ASUN President Gregory Neuweiler is 30 and for him, it's just something he wanted to do.

"After high school, I went right to work. I worked until I was 27 as a draftsman. Then I was ready to try something else. My head was ready to accept an education," Neuweiler said.

He said he sort of worked his way up through his time at UNR. He said he started off by becoming involved with the professional business fraternity, as a way to meet people. After all, the people he had gone to high school with weren't in college.

He also served as a student representative to the Dean's Advisory Council in the College of Business Administration, before running for the student senate last year.

"Who talked me into that? I can't remember. Well, I decided to try student politics. I found that I enjoyed trying to get things accomplished," Neuweiler said.

He said during the year on the senate he decided to try for the top job, but that he thought about it a long time before deciding to go ahead.

"Just running for any office is an experience. They ought to give you credit for the month you spend campaigning. After the primary election (when he trailed Heidi Waterman by 100 votes) I really thought I had lost," he said.

Neuweiler credited his victory to the strong turnouts in the business and medical schools.

"I carried the professional-oriented schools. They saw me as a business



ASUN President Gregory Neuweiler

person and saw Heidi as an environmental person. She did well in schools involved with environmental areas such as agriculture, mines and arts and science.

Now, I can understand why the election turned out as it did," he said.

Now that he is getting ready to enter office on Wednesday, he has set some priorities for his administration.

His first goal is a student survey on the quality of food and service provided by SAGA, which holds the university food contract. He said the persons

involved with food service have been very cooperative with him so far in his efforts to find out what is going on.

"Ed Pine (vice president for business) and Dick Carr (food service director) met with me and they were very helpful. Dick Carr can explain why prices are going to have to go up. He has all sorts of charts and graphs he will make up to explain it. I am very surprised that they are happy to communicate with the students," Neuweiler said.

He said he has also had cooperation from Roberta Barnes, dean of students, regarding the dorm conditions.

"She called me in and wanted to know what problems I saw in the dorms, since I had it in my campaign statement. She said they had plans to fix up a number of the dorms during the summer. They also asked for my support on some issues," Neuweiler said.

He also promised to work towards a pub on campus. He said there have already been discussions with Chancellor Donald Baepler and President Joseph Crowley. He said he thought things looked promising and that they were already looking for potential sites.

Neuweiler said he couldn't foresee any problems coming up during the year, but if there are any he'll be ready to face them head on.

"I won't be working at all next year so I'll be a full time student and student body president," he said.

On one of his major promises, to try to get the respect of the regents for students, he said it is too early to tell if it will be successful.

"I'm going to do everything I can to get a good rapport going with them. I hope they will be receptive."

Two presidents file for regents

DON LaPLANTE

ASUN President John McCaskill and Alumni Association President Robert "Lefty" McDonough have filed for a seat on the university Board of Regents.

Both are seeking to replace Dr. Fred M. Anderson who revealed last week that he will not run for another term on the board. Anderson, who is 76, has served on the board for 22 years, will retire in January.

Anderson said he thought there were plenty of good people available to run for the board and that it is time to have a younger person with new ideas join the board.

McCaskill, who has been student body president for the past year, announced his candidacy for the position this morning. McDonough filed late last week.

McCaskill, who is a 23-year-old senior in political science, said he is running because he is dissatisfied with the way the present board has been handling university affairs.

"The regents have been fairly irresponsible. They haven't really responded well to administration, students and faculty," McCaskill said.

He charged the board with completely disrupting the university system in the last year by firing Charles Donnelly as president of the community college division and Max Milam as UNR president.

"They have completely destroyed the continuity of the university system. The group as a whole is incompetent. They have lost the credibility and support of the voters of the state," McCaskill said.

He said he believed his experience as a student leader by serving on many committees has given him a good understanding of the internal operation of the university system.

The only other candidate for the seat so far is McDonough, who is serving as 1978 alumni president. McDonough, 57, graduated from the university in 1946 with a bachelor's degree in economics.

He said since Anderson was retiring he thought it was a good time to run for the board.

"We need to get a bunch of regents that think about the good of the university. Some of the regents we have now are more interested in furthering their political interests rather than the good of the university," McDonough said.

He said he had no specific plans or goals, but would wait to find out more about what is going on.

McDonough said he has been working

with the university and the alumni association for a long time and thought he had something to contribute to the board.

Owner of the Sierra Fuel Company, McDonough has lived in Reno since 1931 and graduated from Reno High School. During World War II he served as a pilot in the Marine Corps, leaving as a captain in 1946.

Filing for the position closes on July 19. Besides the seat from the northern Reno district, three of the seats from the Las Vegas area are up for election this year. The primary election will be held in September with the general election in November.

GSA considers amendment

The executive committee of the Graduate Student Association will meet Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Room 106A of Ross Business Administration to consider amending the current GSA constitution.

The proposed amendments would eliminate the position of program director and will change the provision for representation on the council. Currently, the executive committee has one representative from each college having a graduate program. Under the new document, there would be one representative from each department having a graduate program.

The other major change will have the four officers: president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, elected by the expanded executive committee rather than by the general graduate student

body. In the past, graduate election turnouts have been dismal and last year four of the offices had only one candidate.

The other changes in the document are basically word alterations to provide for the operation of the new executive committee.

Steve Rigazio, GSA president, said the main reason for the changes was to provide more representation. He said the students in arts and science especially wanted to have a change since there are so many different departments that have little in common.

He said there were about 36 departments with graduate programs with 17 of those in arts and science. However, he didn't think there would be any kind of block voting problem because of the diversity.



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In-depth reporting hits new heights

Appropriately enough it sometimes seems, this column is named "Staying Alive." And this week I intend to tell you about one of the most serious threats to your continued existence.

Like any other good but lazy journalist I shake off the multitude of story ideas that people request I write about every week and instead sail off on some fanciful project that sticks out in my mind and no one else's.

But this time I have written about one of those requests because it has directly affected me within recent weeks. My criteria for content selection may sound somewhat limited, folks, but at least I tell the truth.

But back to the serious threat that I so dramatically began this piece with. In this Pulitzer-Prize-worthy expose I intend to look into the world of a certain medical center and its penchant for *unrestrained* service.

With this daring bit of investigative reporting (I interviewed my mother) I will forever reveal to the three or four people who read this column just exactly what you

Her post-operative care was good, in that she was asleep most of the time and, therefore, could not provide the details even if the staff did not live up to her expectations.

get in the way of service in a private room that costs \$114 a day.

First, let me say that this is an isolated incident and is not meant to cast satirical aspersions upon everyone at this excellently managed and staffed institution. And if you believe the preceding sentence, then you probably also believe that Jerry Ford was once as graceful as a ballet dancer.

My mother's journey into the bizarre began with her entrance into the hospital for surgery. The morning after her admittance the surgery was performed. So far so good. Her post-operative care was good, in that she was asleep most of the time and, therefore, could not provide the details even if the staff did not live up to her expectations.

But beginning the next day the situation began to deteriorate until there wasn't much more room for things to worsen.

First, a handy little device known as a "sitz bath" was brought into the room. Now, for those of you who don't keep up with medical journals, this piece of equipment is a chair-like whirlpool in which the thighs and hips are immersed for therapeutic treatment.

Mrs. Brown awoke one morning to find this gleaming stainless steel object sitting at the foot of her bed—but empty of water. After waiting for a period of time, she rang the nurses' station.

"Hello, this is Mrs. Brown. I was wondering if someone could fill my sitz bath for me."

"No, I am sorry, ma'am, that won't be possible."

"Oh, really. Why is that?"

"Well, haven't you noticed that the chair is made out of metal. Goodness knows that you shouldn't put water in a metal chair where there is electricity."

"Oh, I am sure that the chair is safe. After all that is what the thing is built for."

"Oh, yes, but you see, everyone here is afraid to fill

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Fifteen nominees vie for faculty committee

DON LaPLANTE

The faculty senate will elect six members to the Presidential Recruitment and Screening Committee at its meeting Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Room 214 of the Fleischmann Agriculture Building.

The senate will elect six faculty representatives and two alternates from a list of 15 nominees who received the most votes in the university-wide nomination process. Under the selection rules, at least four different schools or divisions must be represented on the panel and no division may have more than two representatives.

The faculty members will join three representatives from other parts of the university to comprise the committee. Richard Hughes, dean of the College of Business Administration, will represent the Academic Council. Maynard Hanks of the College of Agriculture will be the delegate from the staff employees, and ASUN President Gregory Neuweiler will be the student representative.

The senate will also hear a number of reports and receive recommendations from two other committees.

The Academic Standards Committee will propose that the responsibility for issuing S or U grades under the S/U option be given to the instructors. Presently, the assigning of grades is done administratively by the registrar's office. Instructors mark a letter grade

for each student, and the registrar assigns an S for grades of A, B and C and a U for grades of D and F.

Presently, instructors do not know when students are taking a course under the S/U option. If the new system is adopted, instructors would be informed on the final grade sheet. The instructor would then have the flexibility to decide if a student's performance was satisfactory or not, although they would still be guided by the standard of a D or F not being satisfactory.

The Salary and Benefits Committee will recommend that Board of Regents policy be changed to allow faculty members on a 12-month contract to earn leave on a pro-rated basis for partial months of service. Presently, leave is earned only for full months of service. The committee will also present a recommendation supporting the continuance of grants-in-aid for faculty members and their dependents.

The senate will receive a report from the Merit Review Committee urging better communication in the process of allocating monies for merit increases and making a number of specific suggestions toward that end.

There will be reports on previous problems with A and B contracts, on summer session salaries for 1978 and on capital improvements on campus, among others.

COLLEGE SURVEY PROGRAM

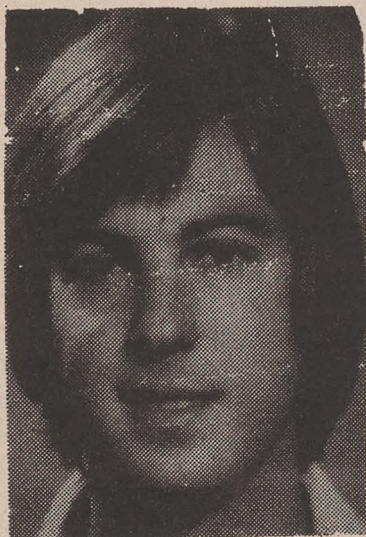
This survey is being conducted on this campus and others by the Student Association of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (The Mormons). The purpose of the survey is to determine basic convictions and feelings of college-age students toward Christianity and religion in general. Your response and any added comments will be appreciated. Thank you.

1. Do you believe that there is a God? yes no undecided comments:
2. Do you believe that we can communicate with God? yes no und. comments:
3. Do you believe that God communicates with man? yes no und. comments:
4. Do you believe the Bible is the word of God? yes no und. comments:
5. Do you believe there is life after death? yes no und. comments:
6. Do you believe there are absolute standards or right and wrong? yes no und. comments:
7. Can you answer these questions: "Where did I come from, why am I here, and where am I going after this life?" yes no und. comments:
8. Are the "organized religions" effectively carrying on Christ's work and message? yes no und. comments:
9. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is literally Son of God? yes no und. comments:
10. Do you feel there is one religion or philosophy that can offer the solutions to the world's problems? yes no und. comments:

If you wish to express your answers further or discuss the above topics, please leave your name, address, and phone number below.

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One person, surrounded where he sits with maps, charts and tables and obviously in charge, says, "You come to the intersection of three passageways, going north, east and south. The one to the south smells of brimstone; you see a door thirty feet down the east corridor."

"We'll take the east," calls out another, after conference with her four fellow adventurers. "The dwarf and I are leading; I have my crossbow ready. What does the door look like?"

"It's a double door of solid iron. There are two handles in the middle of the door. You don't see any hinges."

More conferring. "The hobbit thief will carefully attempt to open the doors while the dwarf, the cleric and I have our weapons ready behind him. The magic-user is covering behind us."

"I resent that!"

"The hobbit attempts to open the door," says the surrounded fellow, choosing from a nearby pile of oddly-shaped dice and rolling the chosen tetrahedron. "BOOM! The door explodes inward!"

"By Odin! Is the thief all right?"

"Yes, he managed to let go before his arms were ripped out, but he got pulled into the room beyond the door."

"What does he see?"

"Nothing."

"Why not?"

"Because he was caught in the enormous sack the three hobgoblins are holding. By the way, they're attacking you."

This is a sample encounter from the increasingly popular fantasy game Dungeons & Dragons, which in less than five years has spawned a cult stretching from coast to coast and recently even onto other continents, with a good deal of activity centering right here in Reno. More than a fad, it can inspire almost religious devotion in some of its players.

It's very likely Dungeons & Dragons is unlike anything you've ever run into before. It's not a "game" in the sense that after a set period you add up the points and see who won; rather, it's a set of rules which you adapt to design your own "game." In fact, you design a whole alternate existence, as simple or complicated as you wish, set in a romantic, medieval world straight from King Arthur via J.R.R. Tolkien. Or, if you prefer, you can design your own world.

It works this way: a Dungeon Master (usually abbreviated DM, just as Dungeons & Dragons is customarily shortened to D&D) gets a pencil and some ordinary graph paper and, drawing extensively on his own imagination as well as the published rules, designs a maze of rooms, corridors, secret passages, chasms, and whatever else he wants: a dungeon. Then he distributes throughout this complex, wondrous treasures (e.g., gold and silver pieces, magic rings and potions, talking swords, wands and amulets, Elvis Presley records, marijuana) as well as fearsome monsters (balrogs, orcs, green slime, giant rats, hamsters, lizard men, werewolves, weretigers, werebears, Gelatinous Cubes—gasp!—and about a dozen different species of dragons.) Then he gets a bunch of friends together. Each of them assumes the role of an adventurer in this created world, and by rolling dice in certain categories (such as strength, intelligence and dexterity) the talents of each are gauged. Using these dice-rolls, the players decide whether they wish to be humans or elves or dwarves or some other species; and each player chooses, along with his/her species, what character class to belong to (fighting-man, magic-user, thief, and cleric are the main classes; a cleric is a holy man or woman able to cast certain special spells). After all this is done, the players use the gold pieces they start out with (again determined by a dice roll) to purchase the armor, weapons, and supplies they will carry on their expedition. These are usually purchased at the shops in a town near the dungeon, also designed and populated by the DM; it should come as no

surprise at this point that in addition to imagination, the DM also needs much free time! The party sets out, explores the surrounding countryside until the entrance to the dungeon is found (this part is optional) and ventures down. There they explore, fight and find treasure, mapping out the dungeon as they go, surviving (or not) by wits and luck. It is entirely possible for your character to get killed in the dungeon. That's the closest you can come to the idea of "losing the game."

By surviving and accumulating treasure, as well as getting "experience points" for the various monsters they kill, the adventurers rise through the ranks of their respective classes, gaining wealth and ability as they do so. This is perhaps the most important point of the game, for after you've played D&D for a while you hunger for bigger treasures and more terrifying monsters; gaining power and better weapons allows you to face them, sustaining the variety and interest of the game. A beginning magic-user, for instance, can cast only one spell during an expedition, and a very weak "first level" spell at that, such as "sleep" or "detect magic." The same magic-user, if he/she stays alive long enough, can gain experience enough to learn many spells, including such powerful items as "earthquake" or "forlorn incantment" (occupy your enemy's attention by imprisoning him six feet underground for future retrieval). Similarly, fighters get stronger and more ferocious, while thieves get better at, say, picking that wand from the pocket of that evil wizard over there. As the group gets more powerful, they need more ferocious beasts or people to take on . . . so there's always another level of the dungeon below the one you're on now, where the monsters are correspondingly more ferocious and the treasures more valuable . . . and another level below that, and another . . .

The framework of the game was developed mainly by a former shoe repairman from Wisconsin, Gary Gygax. He and his buddies in the Castle and Crusade Society would get together to re-enact medieval battles using "miniatures": inch-high lead figurines grouped together by the hundreds—sometimes by the thousands—to fight to the death (the hobby has been around for a long time; one of the first books on the subject was written by H.G. Wells). Gygax published a booklet of miniatures rules called "chainmail," which contained a Fantasy Supplement allowing Tolkien's Middle-earth characters (ents, balrogs and the rest) to be used in more straightforward warfare. The supplement proved such a success that Gygax and his fellow tabletop generals expanded the rules considerably and published them about two years later in a boxed set of three 64-page booklets called "Dungeons & Dragons" (the miniatures were made optional). These rules were obscure, incomplete, at times even contradictory, but the substance was there, and D&D quickly became an enormous success. It spawned a host of imitators (including one game based on Richard Adams' "Watership Down" called Bunnies and Burrows) and pioneered the "sub-hobby" of fantasy wargaming, combining the aspects of fantasy as well as science fiction, and the more mundane historical wargaming (which, in allowing for different outcomes of famous battles such as Waterloo, had always embraced an element of speculation). This appealed to both fantasy fans and gamers; this larger public has helped to make fantasy wargaming a vigorous and thriving hobby. And D&D is thriving best of all.

Dungeon adventurers thrive in Reno, certainly, out of all proportion to the population of the city. D&D being the, um, *unorthodox* recreation you've probably realized it is, you wouldn't expect to hear of more than one or two oddballs involved in it in all of Nevada. Not so.

Games Etc., a specialty store dealing in all kinds of games at the Kietzke Centre in southeast Reno, is the sole distributor in northern Nevada of D&D and other TSR products (TSR stands for Tactical Studies Rules, the Wisconsin-based company that publishes many rules booklets for miniature combat). Loree Barker (the name is French) of Games Etc. says their line of wargames accounts for more than half their total sales, with D&D and associated products making up a significant fraction of those sales. Particularly popular is the basic set, a package for the beginning player containing a revised and much-improved rulebook together with "geo-

morphs" and monster assortments that help in constructing the first three levels of a basic dungeon, as well as a set of the special polyhedral dice necessary for resolving combat and for many other functions (dice are of immense importance in the game . . . in addition to the ordinary six-sided cubes, the DM needs 4-, 8-, 12-, and even 20-sided dice!). "Since I started working here last October we've had to reorder the basic set five times, with twelve to an order," says Barker; "In all we must have sold about 100." That means there are so many dungeons under Reno it's a wonder Virginia Street doesn't collapse under its own weight.

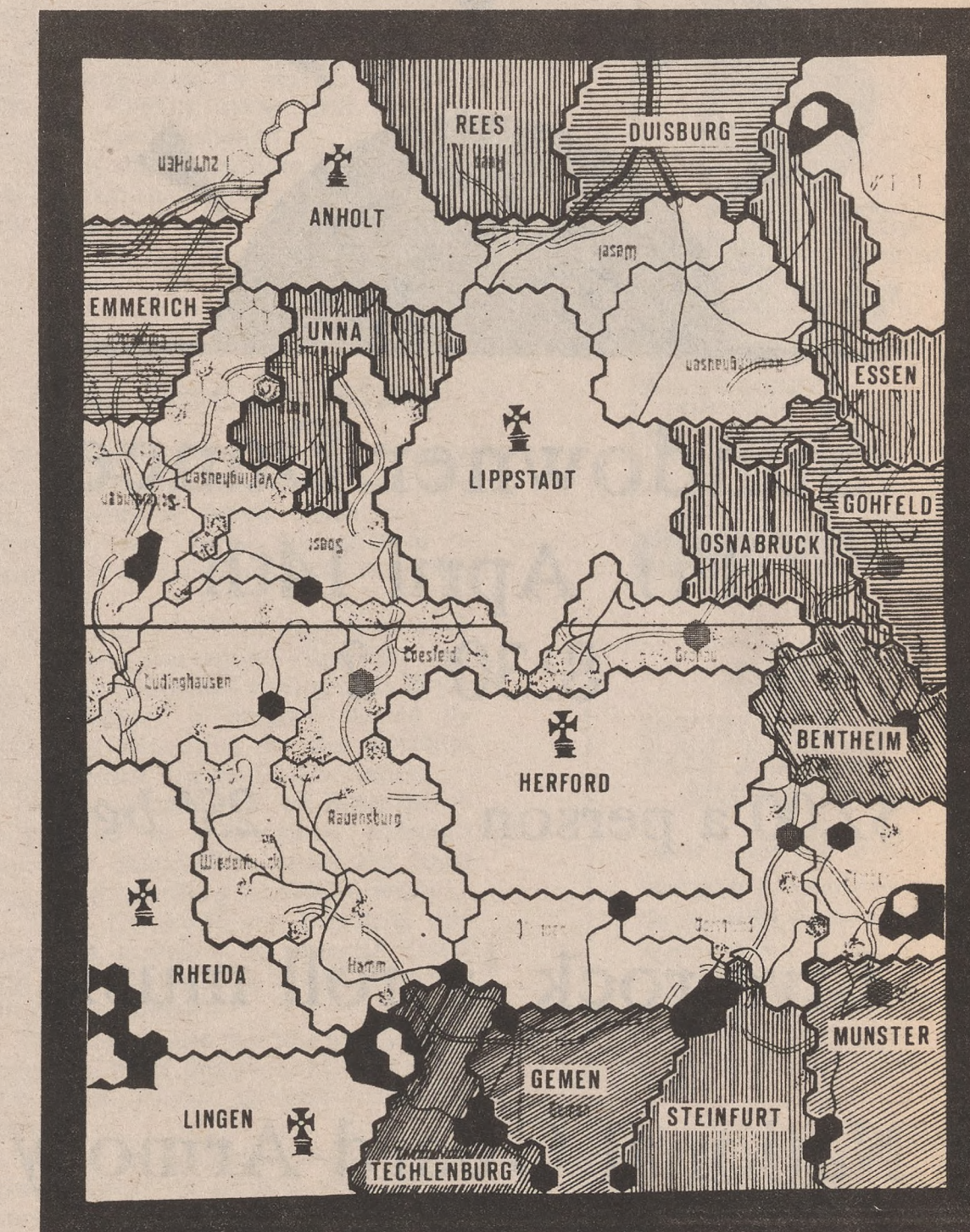
What accounts for D&D's popularity in a town usually concerned with more financially-oriented recreations? Probably the fact that Reno's gamers and fantasy fans, as a group, have become aware of the game considerably sooner than most of the United States' hobbyists. This premature awareness seems due largely to the efforts of one man: Chris Kirby, a biology major at UNR and an energetic D&D addict. Since his introduction to the game late in 1975, Kirby has risen rapidly to become one of Reno's most prominent DMs and something of a missionary for the game, staging free workshops for beginning DMs at Games Etc. and elsewhere, and presenting sample adventures to teenagers throughout the Washoe County School System. Response from almost all walks of life has been enthusiastic, from students to medical doctors . . . which leads to the notion that there's really nothing special or off-balance in the people of Nevada, that what has happened here is simply a harbinger of what will happen nearly everywhere, just as soon as other areas find their own Chris Kirbys to promote D&D as a way of life. This theory is borne out by what Kirby himself says: that Reno's mania, astonishing as it is, is only "medium" when compared with the Great Lakes area where the game originated and with perennially off-balance places like San Francisco (where dungeon-adventuring has become something of a religion). D&D has also found large followings in such unlikely places as Arizona and Washington's Puget Sound region. So the question to ask isn't "Why Reno?" but "Why at all?"

"No two dungeons I've ever gone down in were alike," says Kirby. "You can put anything in your dungeon you want; if you want Hamlet, you can put in Hamlet—'Oh, here comes a Hamlet down the hall . . .' This open-endedness frightens away some people, but it fascinates others." Kirby also agrees with another theory: while Tolkien's works and similar fantasy extravaganzas must inevitably end, leaving the reader back in the real world, the *living* fantasy that is D&D need never restrict itself so. Characters have risen from beginnings to establish vast empires of their own in their DM's created universe; people have been playing D&D for years, in many cases, playing out a single campaign. It's a harmless, fun, lasting way of leaving the world behind for a while.

This is D&D's whole reason for existence: escape. In the worlds you create or explore, controversial issues like busing or abortion don't exist (unless the DM wants them to; to my knowledge, no DM ever has); and you don't ever have to worry about how you're going to pay the bills this month, or your desirability to the opposite sex—all decent towns have at least one brothel, catering to all species and sexes, where players can blow all their treasure in one massive debauch. D&D is a fun and diverting way for its players to occupy their time on the long and tedious road to their deathbeds.

More and more people are realizing this. Several specialty magazines about fantasy wargaming are published; and Time magazine in an article about games said D&D has "the largest membership" of *any* game-oriented group or club, including play-by-play chess clubs and other, better-known recreations. And in Reno? Well, Games Etc. now carries three complete lines of miniature figures and oddments like polyhedral dice made of high-impact space plastic (designed to last for years), and they're about to open a new store; Chris Kirby and one of the parties in his dungeon plan to open their sessions of play to the public, to show how it's done; and the most effective advertiser, simple word of mouth, is working as efficiently as ever. Yes, you may be hearing much more about Dungeons and Dragons in times to come.

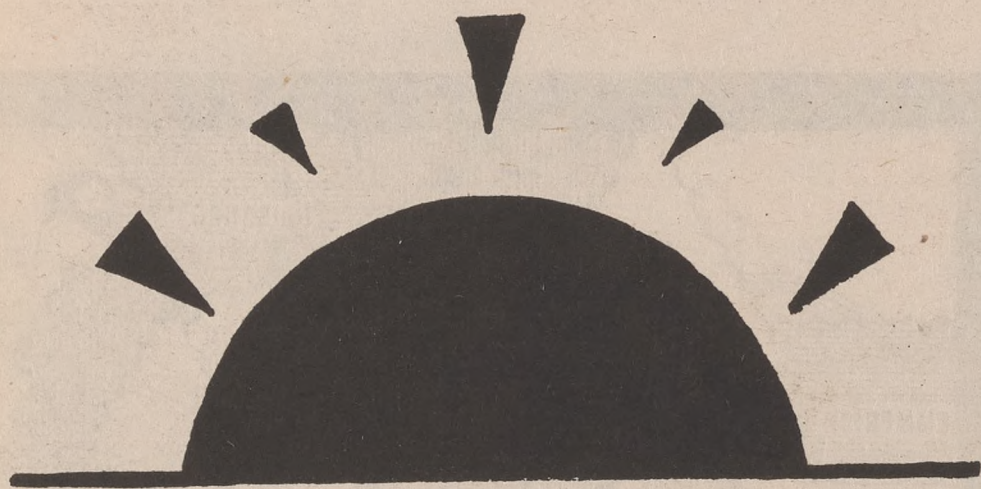
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Events

April

Tuesday

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- 3 p.m.—ASUN meeting, Publications Board; Ingersoll Room, Union.
- 7 p.m.—Folkdancing; Travis Lounge, Union.
- 8 a.m.—ASUN Blood Drive; Travis Lounge, Union.
- Mel Ramos, paintings of nudes; Church Fine Arts Gallery.
- Donel Jolley, watercolors; Sen. Alan Bible senatorial files; and Gloria Grace Griffen Western Americana Collection; Getchell Library.

Wednesday

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- Noon—Publications Board agenda deadline.
- 5 p.m.—ASUN meeting, Activities Board; Ingersoll Room, Union.
- 5 p.m.—Meeting, AWS (Associated Women Students); Mobley Room, Union.
- 7 p.m.—ASUN meeting, Senate; Travis Lounge, Union.
- 7 p.m.—Meeting, Student Personnel Society; Orvis School of Nursing, Room 204.
- 7 p.m.—Art Department film, "2001—A Space Odyssey"; Scrugham Engineering-Mines Building.
- 9 p.m.—Public telescope viewing; Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium sidewalk.

Thursday

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- Noon—Activities Board and senate agenda deadline.
- Noon—Meeting, Law Club; Ingersoll Room, Union.
- 4 p.m.—Lecture, "Groundwater Effects of High Level Nuclear Waste Storage" by Dr. L. Jan Turk; Lecture Building One.
- 6 p.m.—Meeting, the Delta Pi Chapter of the International Fraternity of Delta Pi Sigma; Executive Suite, Ross Business Administration.
- 6:30 p.m.—Meeting, Biology Club; East-West Room, Union.
- 7:30 p.m.—Lecture, "Water-Based Conflicts in Urban Planning"; Education Building, Room 103.

Friday

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- 8:30 p.m.—Drama, "Happy Birthday, Wanda June"; Reno Little Theater. Students \$1.50.
- 8:30 p.m.—Drama, "The Wager"; Sparks Civic Theater.

Saturday

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- UNR Natural Light Racquetball Tournament; Lombardi Recreation Building.

Sunday

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- 7:30 p.m.—Drama, "Happy Birthday, Wanda June"; Reno Little Theater. Students \$1.50.
- 8 p.m.—ASUN movie, "Butterflies Are Free"; Thompson Student Services Center.

Monday

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- 4 p.m.—Sierra Backgammon Club; Center for Religion and Life. Boards and basic lesson provided. 50 cent donation.

Periphery



Blood Drive co-chairman Kevin Melcher did his part to help make the drive successful yesterday and earned himself a big burger under the "golden arches." The drive continues today in the Travis Lounge at the student union.

Last day to draw blood

Today is the final day to volunteer as a donor in the ASUN blood drive.

Representatives from Nevada Blood Services are on hand in the Jot Travis Lounge until 4 p.m. this afternoon.

Participants will be given "Big Mac" certificates, compliments of the McDonald's Corp. In addition, two frosty kegs, donated by the Anheuser Busch people,

are in the deep freeze at the Beer Barrel Delicatessen waiting to be given to the group with the largest turnout and the group who respond with the greatest percentage of their members.

Approximately 30 minutes is required for each volunteer. Information sheets listing medical requirements and restrictions are available at the door.

Maclaine will talk

Four-time Academy Award nominee Shirley Maclaine will be the star attraction at a fundraising party sponsored by Northern Nevadans for ERA, Sunday, April 16.

Ms. Maclaine who has been a political activist for many years will be available for personal contact between 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., at the home of Vera and Sidney Stern.

For more information contact the N/NERA office at 826-6714. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Two-day sojourn

The Art Company will be holding a two day country sojourn April 15 and 16. The trip will be held at the S Bar S Ranch in Wadsworth and is open to all members of the Art Company and UNR students. The cost for both days is \$7.50 and includes lodging for 32 persons as well as meals from lunch Saturday on. However, if a person can only attend for one day, the cost will be \$3.

Various activities have been planned, the most important being a Raku firing supervised by Fred Reed. Tickets are available in the Art Department office until 5 p.m. Thursday.

P. R. filing open

Filing is still open for the position of public relations and publicity director, a combined post, for the Associated Students.

Applicants may be either under-

graduates with a 2.0 GPA or graduate students. A resume will take the place of any application forms and must be filed with the ASUN secretary in the Jot Travis Building.

Deadline is Monday, April 17 at 5 p.m. Responsibilities for the dual position include the writing and distributing of all ASUN publicity, designing and layout for posters, a working affiliation with the ASUN Executive Council and a rapport with the media both on and off campus.

Salary will be determined at the time of interviewing based on prior experience and the applicant's powers of persuasion. For information call 784-6589.

AFSC meets

The American Friends Service Committee invites the general public to a Program Day to be held on Saturday, April 22, from 12:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Center for Religion and Life, 1101 North Virginia Street.

The purpose of this event is to familiarize interested persons with the work of the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker-founded organization which has worked on issues of peace, justice, development and human dignity since its inception in 1917.

AFSC staff and volunteer committee persons serve in northern Nevada, many parts of California, and in varied programs across the nation and around the world.

Nevada poster contest

In observance of Nevada Historic Preservation Week, the state division of his-

toric preservation and archeology is sponsoring a contest for posters depicting Nevada's heritage. The theme for this year's contest is general but entries must relate to the topic of historical preservation in Nevada.

Original, unpublished entries using any medium of expression will be accepted. Poster sizes may range from 8 1/2 to 24 inches. Participants may enter from one of three categories: high school, college and general public, 18 years and older.

Contest deadline is May 8. Winners will be announced by Gov. O'Callaghan May 15. Winning entries will tour the state in a traveling exhibit.

Persons wishing additional information may contact the division office in Carson City for details.

Pros need update

Medical treatments change constantly and, according to Dr. Martin Dunn, 15-year veteran in dental education, it's imperative for dental professionals to continually update their medical evaluation skills.

Dunn will be in Reno, May 5, to speak on "Medical Evaluation—Prevention and Treatment of Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office," a program hosted by UNR and sponsored by the Northern Nevada Dental Assistant's Association.

Dunn explained that his Reno speech is designed to give dental assistants important information about the latest drugs used in treating medical problems.

"Drug treatment for managing epilepsy, for example, has changed drastically in just the past six months from barbituates to valium.

The lecture also updates treatment of congenital heart disease, rheumatic fever, high blood pressure, allergies, asthma and diabetes.

Dunn, an associate professor, presented papers on medical evaluation at more than 144 professional conferences. He authored a six-volume series (1975) titled Dental Auxiliary Practice—Its Biological Basis and Clinical Application.

For information about the May

program contact Conferences and Institutes, a department of UNR's Extended Programs and Continuing Education.

Vonnegut billed

The Reno Little Theater will be presenting the Kurt Vonnegut work, "Happy Birthday, Wanda June" April 15-16 and April 20-22. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. The box office will be open for reservations from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the weeks of the play. For further information, call RLT at 329-0661.

Films discussed

Movie critic and UNR Associate Professor Howard Rosenberg will discuss films at the first meeting of the University Club, Wednesday, April 19, at noon.

The club, which is open to anyone in the Reno-Sparks, Carson City area interested in the university, will meet at the Elks Club for lunch.

The meeting is the first of scheduled monthly programs planned by the service organization. Members of the club, which is not a fund-raising organization, will also be offered continuing education programs, seminars, workshops and educational travel opportunities.

The club is sponsored by the Alumni Association but is for anyone interested in providing service to both the university and the community. For more information, contact Harry Gianneschi, director, university relations.

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McCaskill reflects on past year

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On the eve of leaving office, ASUN President John McCaskill views the improvement of the ASUN image as his most important accomplishment.

"We were concerned about our image with the community, students, administration, everybody," McCaskill said.

He cited the ASUN information line, where people can find out about campus events 24 hours a day, as one of the steps made to improve communications.

Unlike a number of years in the past, there was very little controversy involving the ASUN this year. McCaskill attributed this to everyone being able to work together.

"How many senators reigned? None. All of the senators and executives handled their positions really well. We were able to head off any problems. That's the way it should be done," he said.

Although McCaskill said image was important, he denied that his administration stressed style over substance. He rattled off a list of accomplishments during the year that he thought were important.

McCaskill said it was important that the ROTC requirement for men was abolished by the regents. He said he had done some lobbying on it and thought he had contributed something.

He also thought he had done well

in his campaign promise to provide the groundwork for a state-wide student lobby and to improve state-wide student government.

"We made some definite changes in USUNS (United Students of the University of Nevada System). There was some rough going and it took almost all year to accomplish the changes," McCaskill said.

He also took pride in the revision of the ASUN Constitution that was accomplished.

"Dr. (Donald) Baepler (system chancellor) said he couldn't believe we could do a constitution that quickly and have it need almost no changes. We did it, maybe they couldn't in Las Vegas, but we had no problem," McCaskill said.

He said the reestablishment of the ASUN retreat for student government officials and the computerization of the election process as being important steps forward.

Although he cited a number of accomplishments, he mentioned at least one major disappointment in his administration, the failure to get ASUN and the Graduate Students Association to merge.

He said he had wanted them to get together, but the graduate students didn't show much interest. He said he hoped the work had laid the groundwork so the merger may be accomplished in the future.

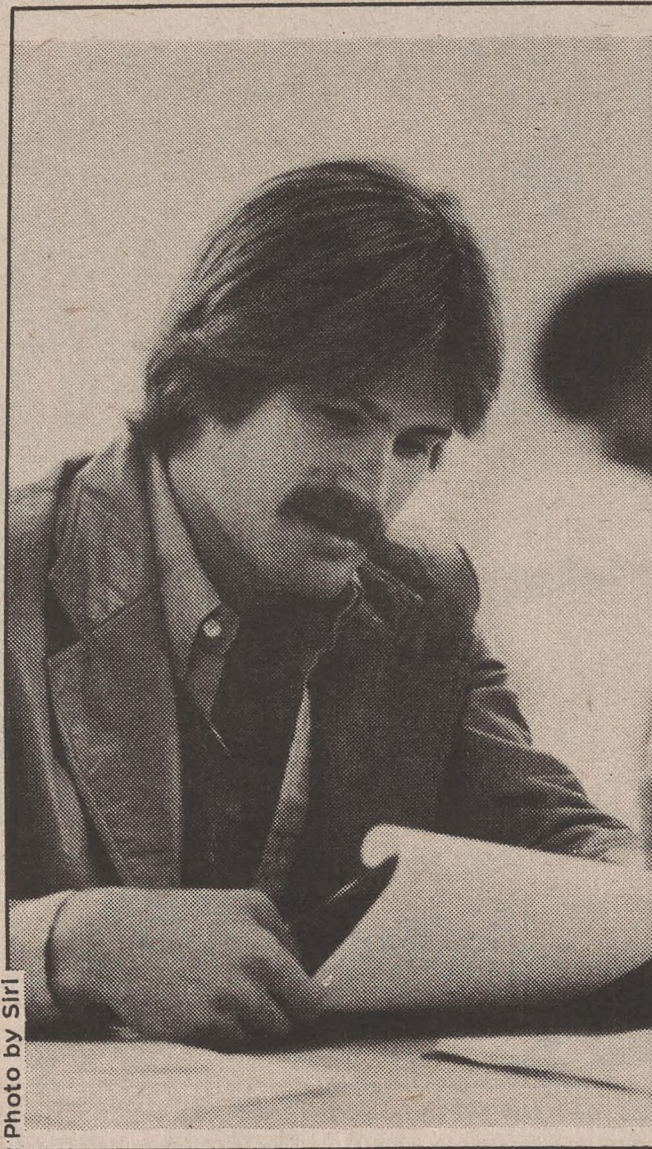


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Outgoing ASUN President John McCaskill

McCaskill said he was disappointed that there were a number of small things he had never found time to do, but that he had accomplished most of his major goals.

Looking ahead to the next administration, McCaskill said he thought Gregory Neuweiler would have the most trouble in restoring the respect of the Board of Regents.

"No, I don't think the regents have any respect for students. They are pretty haphazard and reckless. That is evidenced by the (Max) Milam and (Charles) Donnelly situations, both of whom they fired. There are a couple of good regents, but taken as a whole they are irresponsible," he said.

"They might be forced to deal with us because of the number of students who will be present for the USUNS meeting under the new set up. But they will have to talk to them individually. Generally they have their minds made up before the meeting starts."

McCaskill said Neuweiler would probably have more success in affecting conditions in the dorms or with food service. He said students had been able to work well with the administration this year and they (the administration) had tried to be responsive to complaints.

McCaskill, whose term ends Wednesday, said he hoped this year was part of a building process that can continue to make ASUN better in coming years.

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it, much less plug in that little devil. Now we wouldn't want to give you a 'hot seat,' would we?"

And so the shiny metal medical folly sat there until my father arrived and undertook the dangerous mission of filling and plugging the chair in.

Next came the case of the smileless nurse. Of all the wonderful nurses in the hospital Mrs. Brown was lucky enough to get one that was barely faster than a speeding snail—when you could find her. I met her once and quickly discovered that she had a personality similar to a dead fish. Had she ever smiled I really believe her arms would have fallen off. I followed her around smiling at her attempting to solicit at least some slightly curved mouth corners from her. But I have to hand it to her: At least she was consistent. Not only would she not even grin, but she actually hardened her granite jaw.

And then there was the problem of the empty linen closet. At least I assume it was empty because it was tougher than hell to get any clean linen out of it. My mother is one of millions of Americans who like to have their linen changed every day in a hospital, but, alas, this was not to be. In fact, if she had not dragged herself from her bed and, after repeated requests for clean sheets, mad a raiding sortie down the hall, she might never have had a clean bed.

I shall pass over the fact that she also had to get her own clean towels to bathe with. I shall also ignore the fact that she had absolutely no assistance in bathing, which she really needed.

Instead I shall close with the poignant questions that every person thinking of hospitalization should ask himself: What will I get for my \$114 per day? Should I take a private room or should I join others in a ward so we can gang up on the staff to get what we need?

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Raw talent isn't his bag
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In the raw talent department, some athletes have it and some don't.

For the ones that do, their sport comes easily—it's just a matter of doing it. But for the guys that don't possess that quality of things coming naturally, then they have two choices; 1) either hang it up and forget about competing, or 2) bust your butt continuously and hope it all pays off in the end.

UNR's baseball catcher junior John Anderson has elected to undergo option number two. After securing a scholarship from Coach Barry McKinnon after Anderson's 1975 graduation from Hug High School in Reno, it has been an uphill struggle all the way.

He has never been a full-fledged starter behind the plate. And that goes even for this year when catching over half the Pack contests, he was hitting a solid .323 before yesterday's doubleheader.

"If I was to classify myself as a ballplayer," Anderson said, "I would term it as budding, but I'm not frustrated. I'm too easygoing for that, nothing ever bothers me much."

What success Anderson has enjoyed was not inborn. Pack assistant coach Paul Hodsdon, a catcher himself for UNR a few years ago, couldn't have put it better about Anderson. He said, "Anderson's just a self-made player. He's not a superstar but he's the hardest worker we've got. He's out everyday early hitting and he's just done a really good job for us."

Anderson received his scholarship after a perfect example of his all-out attitude. In the 1975 State Connie Mack Championships, he played the entire tournament with a busted nose. McKinnon happened to be in the stands and was impressed.

Anderson began catching at a relatively late age. A Babe Ruth League coach stuck him behind the plate at age 15 and that was the first exposure he had back there.

In high school, the climb was slow. After a season of junior varsity, he sat the bench during his team's conference championship season. He finally started his senior year and earned honorable mention all-state honors.

His three years at UNR have been a string of bullpen duty with a few spot starts. As a freshman, he cracked a home-run at his first swing of the bat. He didn't

collect another one until earlier this season when he finally cleared the university field's fence once again.

"Sure I think I should be starting," he said Sunday night. "But I'd be the last guy to ever complain or cause dissension. I believe in the philosophy of the coach. I owe him a lot. After all, he's given me four years of free schooling."

This has definitely been his most productive year thus far. Although he trades catching duties with junior Paul Loveseth, he has appeared in 20 ballgames, batting 99 times. Sixteen of his 32 hits have been doubles which shatters the Pack record of 13. "He has improved tremendously," Hodsdon said. "He has been a lot better than expected at the plate this year."

Anderson is known basically for his defensive capabilities, however. "I've been told by players on Fresno State and Pepperdine that I'm the best defensive catcher in the league. I don't take those comments lightly."

He may well be. Anderson was credited with his first error last weekend on a high and tight fastball that the batter swung at for the third strike. The ball got away and the hitter made it to first. "Nothing gets by me," he says confidently. "I learned how to block pitches from long hours in the bullpen."

His arm is not close to being the best around, but Anderson is working on it. Sunday happened to be a break in the action between two days of doubleheaders. Most players probably spent the day relaxing. But not Anderson. He was out most of the day pegging throws to second, then he lifted weights.

Hodsdon termed Anderson, "not a pro-type player." Anderson realizes that but he can't let his pro aspirations completely slip away. "Sometimes I can see my career slowly fading away," he said. "But a shot at the pros is always in the back of my mind. I've learned a lot these past three years and I'd really like to coach. Being at the major-college level would be a good job."

How often have you seen a ballplayer with all kinds of naturally ability but who just never amounted to much. Fans, coaches and sportswriters see it happen every day. That's why it's such a joy to see someone with the determination of a John Anderson. It makes you realize that sports is much more than just winning or losing.

Softball finally loses

RON ELLIS

The dream of an unbeaten season was shattered Friday when UC-Berkeley handed UNR women's softball team its first loss and first tie of the season.

The Golden Bears won the first game 5-1 and then rallied in the nightcap for nine runs in the last three innings to tie the game before it was called because of darkness.

In the opener, Nevada's ace pitcher Debbie Flateau gave up five runs and seven hits while suffering her first loss of the season.

In the second game, despite blasting out 16 hits and scoring nine runs, the best UNR could manage was a tie.

Saturday, Nevada got back on the winning track as it swept a doubleheader from Hayward State, 10-5 and 12-0, and improved its season record to 8-1-1.

UNR stroked out 13 hits in the two games, with Robinson going 4-6, including a double and four runs batted in.

The Pack's next game is against UC-Davis at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Idlewild Park.

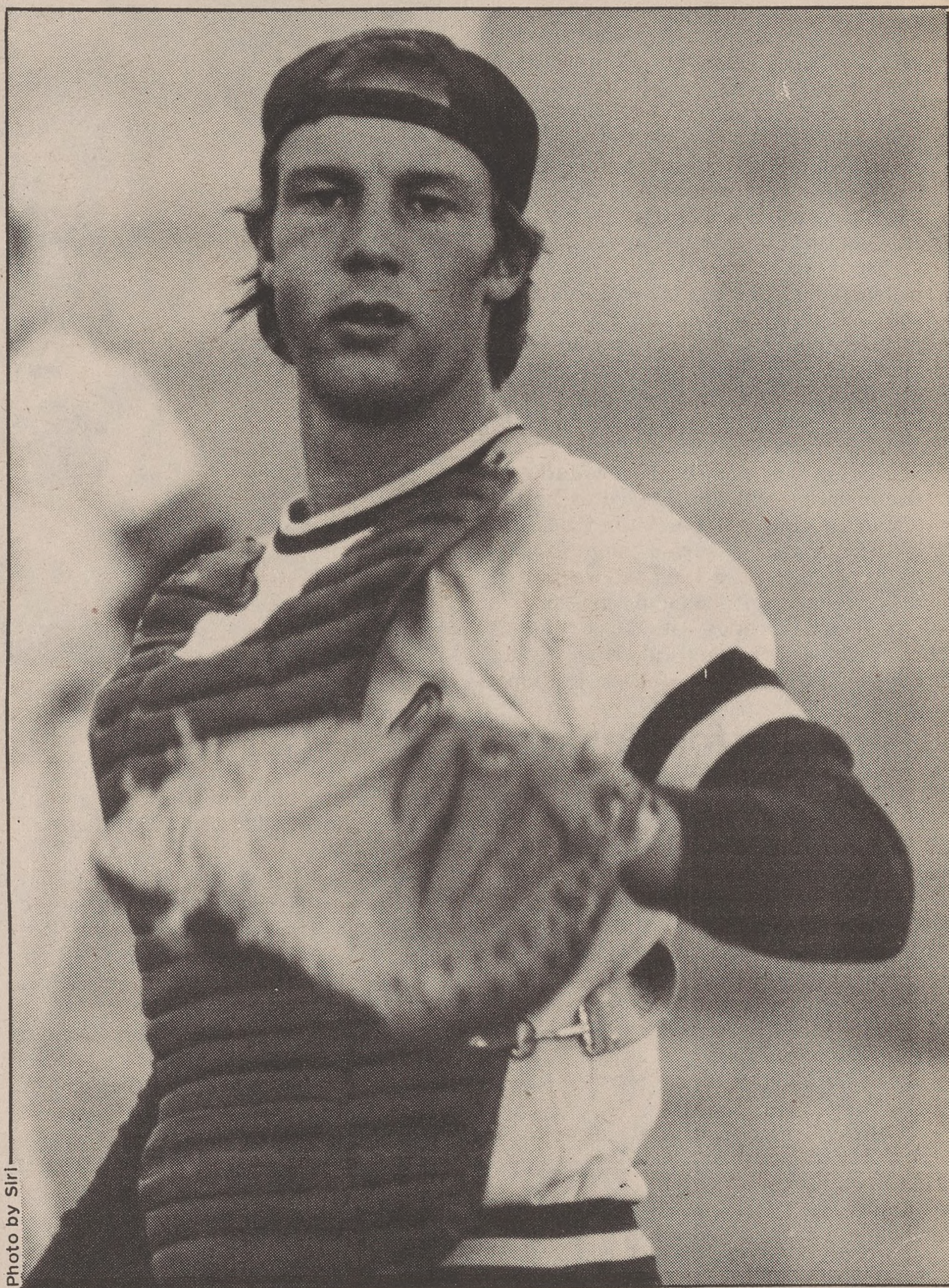


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Anderson: "Sometimes I can see my career slowly fading away."

A reversal of form,
now Pack winning

RON ELLIS

Playing at home and a newly found confidence are the keys to UNR baseball team's complete reversal of form, according to Wolf Pack coach Barry McKinnon.

But it doesn't hurt if your pitching staff limits the opposition to no earned runs in a three-game series, which is exactly what Nevada did as it swept three games from conference rival University of San Francisco last weekend.

In Friday's single game which the Pack won 4-0, right-hander Carl Henry twirled a masterful four-hit shutout against the Dons without being in serious trouble once. In winning, the ex-Sparks High hurler completed his first game of the season and improved his record to 2-2.

"Carl did a real good job," said McKinnon. "He had only one bad inning—the last one—because he was working on his curve ball."

Sophomore Rob Young supplied the only run Henry needed in the third inning when the fleet-footed centerfielder ripped an inside-the-park home run.

Nevada also capitalized on USF's shoddy defense when it added three unearned runs for insurance, two in the fourth inning and one in the sixth inning.

Pitching again was the Pack's strong point Saturday as it won both ends of the

doubleheader, 2-1 and 3-0.

In the first game, right-hander Greg Young worked 8 1/3 innings and held the Dons to nine hits and no earned runs to earn the victory. The 6-foot-6-inch struck out five and walked two while improving his record to 4-2.

Reliever Mike Scott pitched the final 2/3 innings and recorded a save when the Pack turned a game-ending double play. Scott also picked up another save in the nightcap when he and starter Ed Bonine combined on a five-hit shutout. The two saves gave Scott six for the season, a school record.

Leading the way offensively for the Pack Saturday were Butch Dayton and Mike Ceccarelli. The scrappy Dayton went 4-8, including three singles in the second game, and Ceccarelli smashed a towering home run to left center against a stiff wind and surprised everyone.

Nevada, in stretching its winning streak to six games, improved its Northern California Baseball Association mark to 6-0, tops in the second-half standings. It was also Nevada's 13th victory in the last 15 games.

"We're finally over .500 (17-16) for the season, which surprises me. It's amazing after losing those 11 games in a row," said an excited McKinnon.

More Periphery

Center losing

The Center for Religion and Life will be losing its two protestant ministers this summer when the Rev. Nadine DeWitt and the Rev. John Dodson leave to take new assignments with the United Methodist Church.

DeWitt, who became an ordained minister last summer, has been at the Center for five years. She will start her new job as Associate Conference Council Director in San Francisco on July 1. Her duties will include working in the areas of health and welfare, higher education and voluntary services and she will "try to focus mainly in the area of our nationwide general conference missional priorities," which are world hunger, ethnic minority churches and evangelism.

Dodson will assume his new duties as senior pastor with the Los Altos United Methodist Church in Los Altos, Calif. also on July 1. He has been a campus minister in this area since 1965 and was one of the co-founders of the Center in 1968.

DeWitt's position at the Center is being abolished and it is not yet known who will be taking Dodson's place.

Sun Day for Nevada

Northern Nevadans have begun plans to join other communities across the country in observing Sun Day, a national solar awareness day.

May 3 has been designated as a day of "celebrating the sun," with events scheduled for the entire week to recognize the many uses of the sun's energy.

Persons interested in organizing Sun Day activities for the Reno area will meet at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, at the Atmospherium Planetarium on North Virginia Street.

Already in the works are plans for a

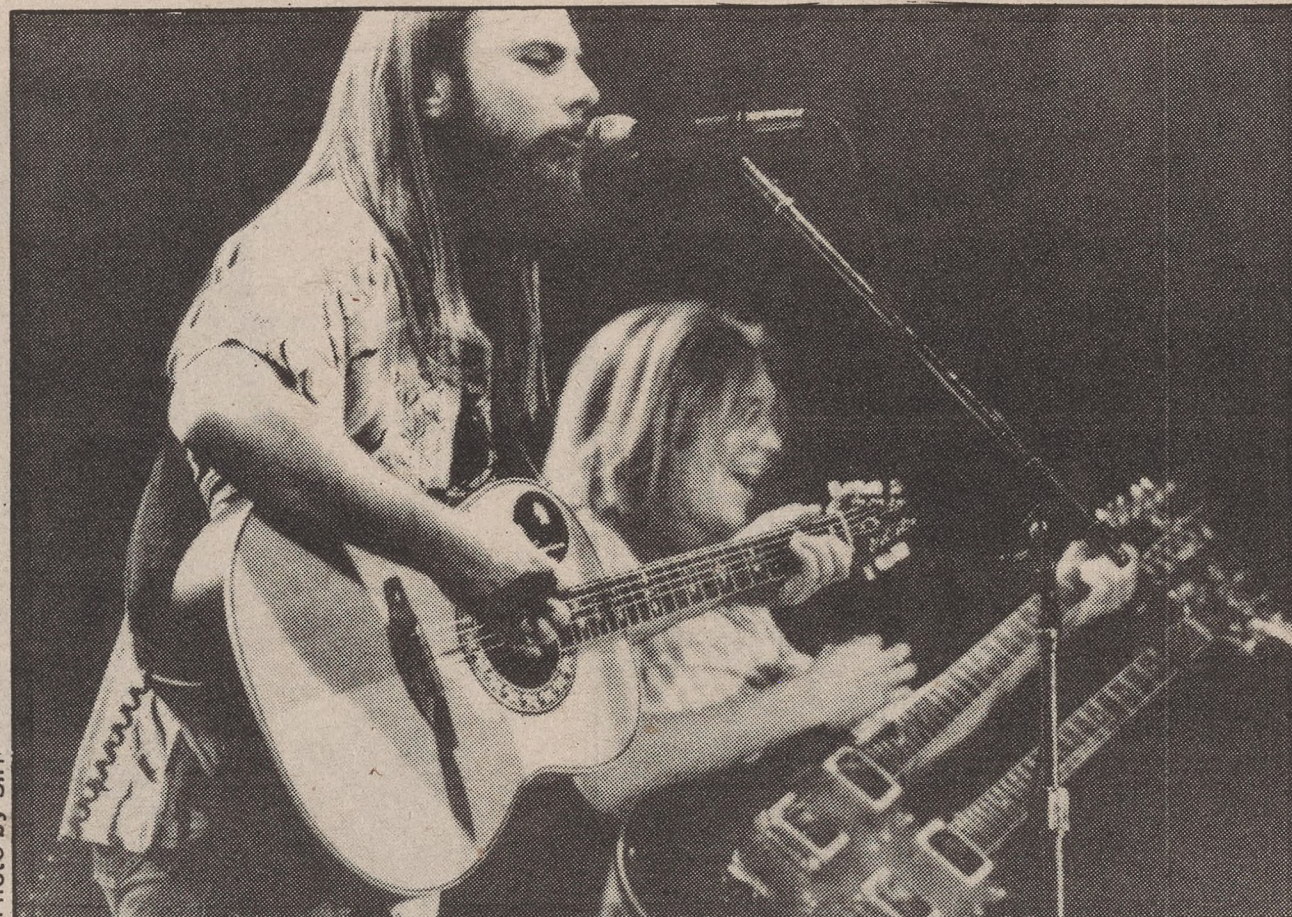


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Rock group America entertained more than 5,500 fans at its concert last week at the Centennial Coliseum. Singer/songwriter Harry Chapin will perform in concert tomorrow at the Old Gym at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Activities Office.

solar greenhouse workshop, a solar seminar series and a solar exposition.

Mike Judge of the Washoe County Community Services Agency is coordinating Sun Day activities for the Reno area. Others involved include UNR; the Foresta Institute; the Nevada Department of Energy; the Reno chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers; the U.S. Department of Energy; Sierra Pacific Power Co.; and solar equipment distributors.

Jazzing around

A jazz concert featuring the UNR concert Jazz Band, will be held at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, April 16, at the Reno Musicians Union, 124 W. Taylor Street.

Sponsored by the For Love Of Jazz Club, the band (conducted by Ken Lille, a graduate assistant in the music department) will perform "Arrival" by Jay Chattaway, "My Favorite Things"

by Richard Rogers, and "Densities" by John Higgins.

The concert also includes a special guest artist, and the UNR Trombone Choir directed by Graydon Mc Granahan, assistant professor of music.

The concert is free to members of the club and their guests. Student membership is \$10 a year. Adult membership is \$21. Concerts ranging from Dixieland to modern jazz, are scheduled once a month.

ROTC Week noted

Gov. Mike O'Callaghan issued a proclamation designating the week of April 17-23, 1978, as ROTC Week in the State of Nevada.

On April 18, the UNR Military Science Department will host UNR ROTC Day.

Skydivers from the UNR Parachute Club will deliver the proclamation to Maj. Gen. Floyd Edsall, the state adjutant general, who, in turn, will make the presentation at 11:55 a.m. in front of the Getchell Library.

UNR ROTC Day will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with displays of Army Reserve and Nevada National Guard equipment and weapons as well as booths providing information about the Reserve components and UNR's Military Science Department.

The display and activities area will be located on the grass in front of Getchell Library. A tank, artillery piece, hand-to-hand demonstrations, and a layout of equipment used by the Military Science Department and the UNR Search and Rescue Team will be features of UNR ROTC Day.

For more information contact Richard Iori, UNR Military Science Department.

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