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Regents hit critics in wallets, veto raises

DON LaPLANTE

Raises for Robert Gorrell, academic vice president, and Harry Gianneschi, director of alumni relations and development were withheld by the Board of Regents on Friday in apparent retaliation for comments both made about the board's action in firing UNR President Max Milam in February.

Although Gorrell's raise was delayed, the center of attention was Gianneschi. He was criticized for his action in speaking on Milam's behalf before the board and for a letter he wrote to members of the Alumni Association Council in which, at one point, he expressed his dissatisfaction with the action of the board.

UNR President Joseph Crowley had proposed that Gorrell receive a 12.5 percent increase from \$38,000 a year to \$42,750. Gianneschi was to have received \$26,207, a 22 percent increase from his current salary of \$21,507.

The board actions took a number of strange turns during the debate on the proposed salary increases. At one point, there was a motion to approve the increases for all 90 of the persons on the list

However, that motion failed to pass. Regents John Buchanan of Las Vegas, Fred Anderson of Reno and Molly Knudtsen voted for it, with Chris Karamanos, Lilly Fong and James L. Buchanan, opposed and John Tom Ross of Carson City abstaining. Louis Lombardi of Reno and Brenda Mason of North Las Vegas were absent.

Immediately after that motion failed, a motion passed to table the entire list until May when the board could meet with Gorrell and Gianneschi in a personnel session to discuss their actions.

The board then recessed to allow the Investment Committee to meet for a few minutes to make stock recommendations. The committee meeting had been delayed from the morning when a Hughes Air West plane carrying three regents was delayed in Las Vegas for over two hours.

When the board reconvened, Karamanos said that "since it has quieted down in here" he would like to move to reconsider the previous action. At the time he made his motion only the seven regents, three staff members, three reporters and a student were left at the meeting.

Karamanos moved to reconsider and then to approve the salary increases for everyone except Gorrell and Gianneschi. The motion passed and both men are being requested to meet with the board at the May meeting in Elko.

In the earlier discussion, the attack against Gianneschi and Gorrell was led by Karamanos, who consistently mispronounced Gianneschi's name. Karamanos said he was distressed by the actions and felt he had been personally attacked. He complained that he was forced to defend himself for his action in voting to fire Milam.

"Certain things happened in that personnel session with Milam to cause us to vote the way we did. We are not allowed to bring out what is said in personnel sessions. But we don't make those deci-

sions out of the blue sky," Karamanos said

However, Crowley strongly defended Gianneschi's job performance. He allowed that the letter may have been "indiscreet" but that Gianneschi had accomplished a tremendous amount of good for the university.

Knudtsen also roundly criticized Gianneschi. She said he had insulted the board when he spoke in favor of Milam.

"I knew at the time he was under emotional stress and I thought because he was young and a bit impulsive it could be excused. Then he decided to run Milam's press conference on television. It seems for a man who is working in public relations to strengthen the university's position that was not a wise move. But I could see that happening in the heat of the moment," Knudtsen said.

She said the letter to the alumni council could not have been written in the heat of emotion and said she was not sure he was working in the best interest of the university.

"I still feel he is not doing a good thing in attacking us. But apparently the good outweighs the bad. I hope in the future he'll be more discreet," she said.

The only member of the audience to speak in favor of Gianneschi was Faculty Senate Chairman Joan Chambers. She told the board that in the span of a year Gianneschi had received three unamimous votes of praise from the senate.

"That's probably an unparalled record in the history of the Faculty Senate," she said.

Gianneschi's actions also received some support from regent Anderson. He chided the other regents for not being willing to take the public heat that goes with the job

"I have served on this board for the psat 22½ years and I have found that the heat we had to take is part of this job. A person should be judged on the merits of the job he does, and not what he has to say about all of us," he said.

As of Monday afternoon, both Gorrell and Gianneschi were undecided as to what action they would take.

Gorrell, who was present for the entire discussion period and was never asked to talk about the matter with the board, said he was truly undecided about what action he would take and that he wished to talk with some people, including Chancellor Donald Baepler, before making a decision.

Gorrell had barely been discussed at the meeting. About the only comment about him came from Kundtsen during a short discussion on academic freedom. She said that since Gianneschi was in public relations he should refrain from making comments that might damage the university. However, she said that since Gorrell was an academician he had the acedemic freedom to do so. She said, "If he wants to tell us we're fools, then so be it."

Gianneschi said Monday that he did not know what he would do. He said since he was not at the meeting, he wished to talk to Crowley, when he returns on Wednesday from a trip to Washington.

He said he thought the section of the letter to the alumni council where he discussed the board's action had been taken out of context. He said he felt the letter overall was very positive in that it was urging the council to accept matters the way they were and get on with the job of improving the university.

Gianneschi said overall he was very pleased with his own performance and he tried to avoid looking back at what he had done in the past and trying to second guess it

During the board meeting, only Fong commented on a different part of the salary issue. She said she was opposed to the salary increases because she felt they were inflationary. She said the President had asked the country to help fight inflation and that the university should do so.

She said the increases would price the university right out of the market and would eventually increase the cost of education to students and taxpayers.

She was rebutted by Baepler who referred her to a handout that compared Nevada salaries with those of other uni-

versity systems. He said the university was barely in the job market when competing for administrators because of the low salaries.

The figures showed the chancellor coming in last in a comparative group of 26. The figures for the university presidents showed UNR and UNLV tied for last in a group of 99 schools. Of the 17 UNR positions in the survey, the UNR office holders were in the bottom half in 12. The controller, dean of students and affirmative action officer ranked in the second quarter of the positions surveyed.

The only person in the top 25 percent was Don Jessup, director of budget and planning who came in 20th out of 83 and Jack Shirley, director of admissions and records, who was sixth out of 116 positions examined. However, Shirley is somewhat of a rarity for his position in that he holds a doctorate in education. In addition, he has been at UNR for nearly 20 years.

In the survey, UNLV fared even worse than UNR. At UNLV 13 of 17 positions were in the bottom half, and none of the positions were in the top quarter of those surveyed. For system-wide positions, all seven were in the bottom half.

Sagebrush honored

The Sagebrush won more awards this weekend, this time from the Nevada State Press Association meeting in Reno Saturday.

The newspaper took six awards, more than any other weekly in Nevada except the Record-Courier of Gardnerville. Included were first and second place awards in the best-local-column category. Paul Strickland won a first-place plaque for his columns on growth, and Paul Lyon was awarded a second-place certificate for a column entitled "Inscrutable Changeboys" from his "In Medias Res" series.

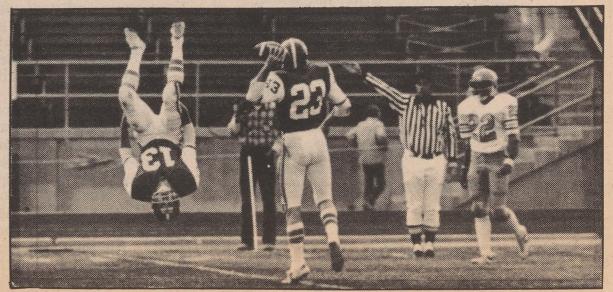
A first-place award also went to photographer Curt Larson for a picture of football player Alex Willis doing a flip in the end-zone after intercepting a pass. The award was in the best-spot-photo category. Larson previously won a first-place award from the Rocky Mountain

Collegiate Press Association and a thirdplace award from the California Intercollegiate Press Association for the same photograph.

Other winners were Ted Terrebone, second place for best feature photo in a weekly for "Venerable Gentlemen" and Don LaPlante, third place for editorial writing in a weekly for "ASUN Investments."

The Sagebrush was awarded a thirdplace certificate in the catetory "Freedom of the Press" for weekly newspapers for an editorial calling for public counting of election ballots.

The NSPA is composed of staff members from daily and weekly newspapers from throughout the state. All contestants except those from the Sagebrush and UNLV's Yell were professional journalists from commercial newspapers.



Alex Willis does the "Football Flip," award-winning photo by Curt Larson.

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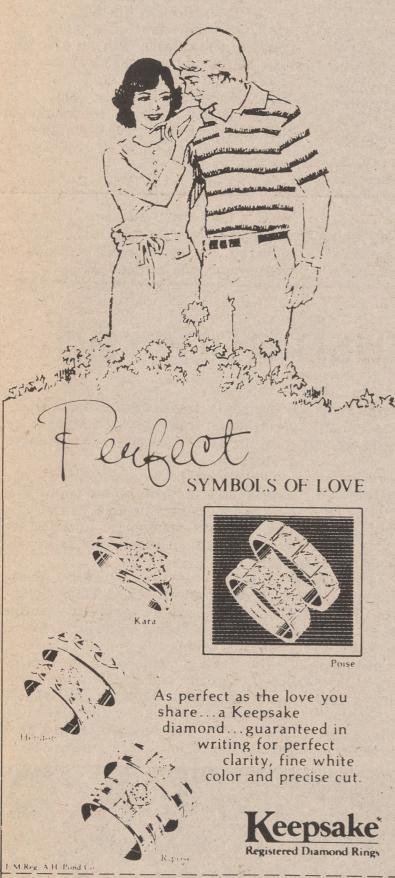


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=To the Editor =

The real Varney

A question asked in the Sagebrush letters section of April 14 drew my attention. The question was "Who is Varney?" ('Brush, April 14, page two, column one.)

Varney, as any serious student of Eastern European history knows, was a vampire. His biography, "Varney the Vampire, or The Feast of Blood," written by Thomas Preskett Prest, was published in 1847 and was so well received it was reprinted in 1853. It was recently (1970) drawn from oblivion by Sir Devendra P. Varma, who edited a new edition which was published by Arno Press of New York. Prest, incidentally was also the author of "Grace Rivers, or the Merchant's Daughter," and, as you no doubt are aware, the original compiler of the Sagebrush Index.

Dennis Myers

Please, let's not start that again.

Editor



A cold sauna

Once again I find myself to be the only person outspoken enough to criticize an obviously disgusting and bad situation, or at least I seem to be the only one to air his feelings about it.

The target for my letter at present is the Recreation Center. It should be clear to most individuals that a sizable portion of the semestral fees charged to students go to this part of UNR and therefore it seems to be at least assumable that the Rec Center is there to serve the student's needs, not vice versa.

Point one: Sauna: I have attended UNR for two semesters and one summer semester so far. I have used the sauna in the men's section many times and have found it too cold in many instances, although it has been up a few degrees at times, mostly when someone forgot to set it back down, after complaints let up a bit.

When Inquiring about this situation, I have been informed many a time that the administration has received complaints that the sauna is too HOT. Not wanting to call the people there liars or other unpleasant names, I nonetheless would like to point out that a sauna by definition is a dry HEAT room. Those individuals who cannot take heat over 100 degrees Fahrenheit should therefore go somewhere else. Although, incidentally I have heard many a voice explaining that the sauna is too cold, none has yet been heard by me stating the opposite. Furthermore, it would not be too much of a challenge to create a schedule where, say, Monday, Wednesday,

Friday and Sunday are hot, the others cooler.
Point two:General attitudes of the staff:

I have perceived many instances already in my two semesters at UNR where the politeness of the staff could have been improved. Recently, though, some instances have made me think that the word rudeness would be used with more exactness. Today I had a conversation with another student who pointed out to me that a complaint to the administration would have no result since "everybody knows everybody and there's no use talking to Lee because he wouldn't do anything anyway." For clarification, Lee is in charge of the new gym. Although Lee himself has never been actually rude to me, I have not noticed any change in conditions either, although I have asked him in many instances about various things for changes.

Although I do not doubt that sitting behind a counter for four hours (or maybe even six(is strenuous on the nerves of the no-doubt heavily overworked and underpaid students, I do feel that the attitudes of various student-employees is not in line with the job they are supposed to do, namely working with the public, for although no actual money changes hands at each time a student checks out or in something or other, the student has in fact paid for this service and I doubt that the very studednts requesting help would take kindly to being snapped at at, for example Sambo's or Macdonald's.

The last comments, incidentally, are also applicable to some other departments and I am sure these departments as well as the students will know what I am referring to. I feel that an investigation chaired by somebody from Student Services in connection with ASUN would be appreciated. Remember, although students are only students, they are also in many cases taxpayers and direct paying customers and without them no professor, dean or secretary would be employed at UNR.

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Residence hall rates upped \$30

DON LaPLANTE

Residence hall rates will go up \$30 next year following action by the Board of Regents at a meeting Friday in Reno.

The new rate will be \$370 for all double occupancy rooms, except rooms in Juniper Hall which will be \$320. Private rooms will be \$460. However, next year there will be only be 42 private rooms as compared to the 176 currently available.

UNR President Joseph Crowley told the board the rate increase was necessary to cover increased costs for utilities and labor. He said the restriction on the number of private rooms was because of the housing situation in the Reno area.

"Students will need a reasonably priced place to live. Housing in the surrounding area is becoming less reasonably priced. Students will be priced out of the market by fall," Crowley said.

Roberta Barnes, dean of students, said this would be the only increase for two years and the cost increase for utilities alone had been \$60,000 this year. She said the increase would just cover the utility costs and the rest of the needed funds would come from the increased occupancy.

ASUN President Gregory Neuweiler and Juniper Hall President Gary Kittay told the board students had discussed the situation and were generally supportive of

Kittay said the administration had discussed the proposal with the students and they understood the need for the increase. He did ask the regents to try to provide more money in the future to renovate the dorms.

However, he was told by board chair-

man James L. Buchanan of Las Vegas that the board had put in \$100,000 worth of improvements two years ago and there just wasn't any money available at this time.

The rate for private rooms not in Lincoln, Manzanita and Juniper Halls, where the 42 private rooms will be located, would be \$510. However, these rooms will be available only if not filled by double occupancy.

The board also approved an increase in the telephone service fee charged students. The new fee will be about \$44 per room per month which will be divided among the number of occupants.

The board approved the appointment of Donna Beth Downer as dean of the School of Home Economics, effective July 1.

Downer is presently dean of home economics at the University of Tennessee, Martin. She received a doctorate in housing from Purdue University in 1977. Downer, 49, will receive \$31,306 a year.

A transfer of the Department of Geography from the Mackay School of Mines to the College of Arts and Science was approved by the board, effective July 1.

The board also took the the unusual action of accepting the low bid for the purchase of some surplus property. The UNR planetarium had offered some equipment for sale with the high bidder being the University of South Florida. However, the board decided to accept a bid from the Astronomical Society of Las Vegas, which was over \$1,300 lower.

The majority of the board said the benefit to the citizens of southern Nevada outweighed the extra money that would

have been received. John Buchanan of Las Vegas voted against it. He said the system had an obligation to get the most money possible from surplus property.

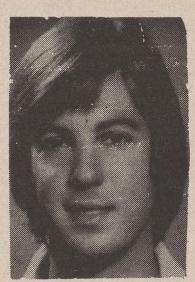
The board tabled until next month two items dealing with capital improvements and the future of the community college system.

A report on the additional facility needs of the community college system prepared by Tadlock Associated was tabled. The board members were upset at not receiving the report until the afternoon of the meeting.

The board first put the matter off for an hour so the members could skim through the document, but then decided to postpone it after apparently reading some upsetting material. Board chairman Buchanan refused to release the report to

Regent Fred Anderson of Reno criticized the firm for having failed to get input from members of the board. The firm had only contacted two members.

The board also postponed action on the capital improvement program for the university system for the coming four years. The action was taken due to the lateness of the meeting. It was 5:15 p.m. before the board got to the item, and considerable discussion was expected. The meeting had started nearly an hour late because a Hughes Air West plane carrying three regents was delayed taking off from Las Vegas.



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Police said he apparently died of a selfinflicted gunshot wound. He reportedly left a tape recorded message, but because of background noise it had not been deciphered by press-time.

A review of "Superstar" in the Sagebrush called Durante the hero of the play. He received cheers from a crowd on press night, and he was given the longest ovation during the curtain call.

Durante appeared in the company's latest production "Magic to Do" in Reno just before his death. He was also a voice student and a novice boxer.

He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Tony Durante of Reno. Walton's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



James W. Durante

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Baseball team still battles for top spot

DAVE YEARY

The UNR baseball team is finding it more difficult every weekend to maintain its lead in the Northern California Baseball Association.

Last weekend the team lost to the University of the Packfic's star pitcher Syd Church, 4-2, on Friday, and then split a twin bill with the host Tigers on Saturday.

"We played poorly this weekend," said Wolf Pack Coach Barry McKinnon. "Our pitching was good, but our defense and hitting were terrible."

Church, who leads the league in earned run average and has a 7-1 record, struck out 10 Pack batters while allowing just four hits.

"He (Church) is the best pitcher on the league," McKinnon said. "But we have hit him a lot better than that before."

UNR did not score in that one until the sixth inning, getting a run on a walk to Paul Loveseth and an RBI double by John Anderson.

In the seventh inning, a Jim Gray single, a stolen base and a single by Bill Enos tied the game at 2-2. Pacific went

ahead to stay in the top of the seventh when a Butch Dayton error blew a chance for an inning-ending double play and allowed the winning run to score from third.

Dayton made up for the mistake on Saturday, going 2-for-4 in an 8-1 loss in the first game, and 3-for-4 with two runs batted in in the 8-5 Pack second game victory. Jack Tolliver, replacing regular Pack designated hitter Paul Loveseth also hit well getting two hits in the finale.

Greg Young was the losing pitcher in the first game. Young was, just as teammate Carl Henry had been the day before, the victim of poor defense with Pacific getting three unearned runs. Young's record now stands at 5-3.

Ed Bonine, although at time wild, walking six and hitting two, was the winner in the nightcap. His record is 5-6.

McKinnon, whose team now has a 9-3 in NCBA play, feels that a general team improvement will be needed to win the league: "We are going to have to play a lot better than that if we are going to beat St. Mary's," McKinnon said.

The team will be home to face the Gaels this weekend, with a single game Friday and a twin bill Saturday.

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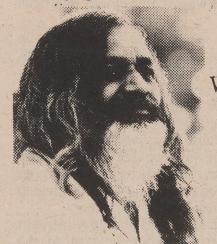
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