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As the Quad CRUMBLES



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News

Grads upset over List proposal

Paul Strickland

Many graduate students are aghast at Gov. Robert List's little-publicized proposal to cut out 31 graduate assistant positions at UNR. They believe it would be a huge mistake.

The recommendation to cut 31 graduate assistantships was included in the governor's Executive Budget Request. It was presented to the legislature in conjunction with his State of the State message. Unlike the proposal to cut 42 faculty positions at UNR, the recommendation to reduce the number of GA's was not in the actual text of the message itself.

A sociology department faculty member said that there are a total of 130 GA positions at UNR. Losing

31 GA's would mean "somewhat less than a 25 per cent cut in the ones we have." Such a cut would put UNR back to the number of GA's it had in the late 1960's, he noted.

Hans-Juergen Sievert, president of the Graduate Students' Association, made the following statement concerning the proposed cuts, "I would hope that the Board of Regents has a closer look at the situation and does not accept the governor's and/or the legislature's recommendations at face value. In fact, it should try for even more money, if possible, to keep up the high standards of education in Nevada."

One graduate assistant who did not want his name used said, "Most graduate students are graduate

assistants. When you are phasing out graduate assistants, you are phasing out graduate students. They can't afford to go to school otherwise. And when you lose graduate students, you lose graduate programs and the quality of the academic atmosphere diminishes."

Another graduate student who did not want to be identified commented, "UNLV may need more GAs, but we certainly don't need any less."

Finally, Michel Tissier, another graduate assistant, summed up the feelings of many graduate students in the social sciences when he said, "It's a Monty Python exodus. First they hack off the legs. Now they are hacking off the head of higher education."

This issue

Those strange fumes floating around campus the last two days are the result of a chemical mishap. Ruth Mills reports on page 3....

Paul Strickland outlines some of the major problems should the traditional UNR quad be torn down. It starts on page 6....

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Students that want Crowley

A petition is being circulated by the students of UNR recommending that Dr. Joseph Crowley be included on the final list of candidates presented to the Board of Regents for the position of university president.

The petition will be presented to the Presidential Search Committee, which earlier announced that Crowley, interim president of UNR, was not included as a finalist for the position.

Dave Ritch, vice-president of activities, is coordinating the petition drive. He said more than 200 students signed the petition at registration last week.

"Dr. Crowley has been one of the best presidents, as far as student interests are concerned," Ritch said. "He has worked closely with the student government and is always open to new ideas."

Ritch said Crowley has been very responsive to students' ideas and needs.

Ritch plans on circulating the petition at sorority and fraternity houses, residence halls and in the student union. "I expect we will have at least 2,000 signatures when we present it," he said.



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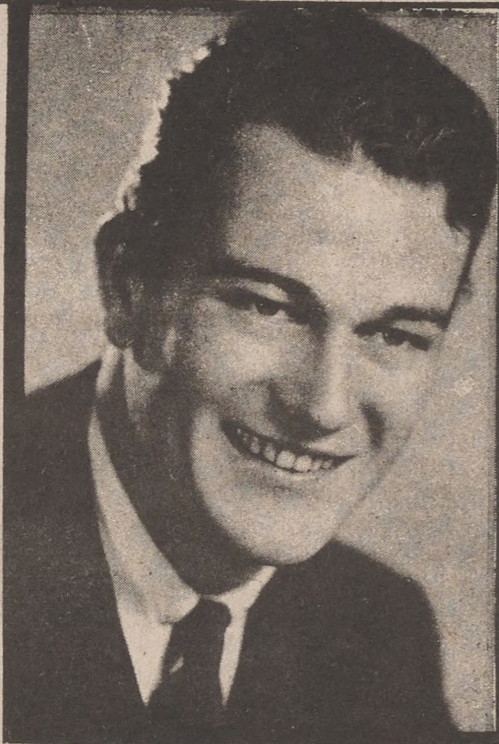
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Letters

Seldom is heard

Editor:

The latest news is deeply discouraging. Gov. List's State of the State Message contained contradictions that even Taoist mystics probably could not understand.

For example, unparalleled prosperity and record increases in revenue mean we must cut the UNR faculty by 42 and the number of graduate assistants by 31. We can afford to build more and more expensive structures but must reduce the number of people to maintain or teach in them. We must have quality education at a time of rising enrollments caused by growth, but must destroy UNR's capacity to be a first-rate institution.

War is peace, too.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Strickland

Roll 'em

Charles O. Neidt, the third of six candidates being considered for UNR's presidency will complete a two-day interview on campus this evening.

Currently academic vice president and professor of psychology at Colorado State University, Neidt, 56, holds a doctorate in psychology, statistics, economics and educational research from Iowa State. He has been associated with Colorado State Research Laboratory. Prior to that time, he was director of the personnel development department with Mead Johnson & Co. in Evansville, Ind.

Thursday, Neidt met with the Selection Committee, Academic Council and Faculty Senate. In addition, he lunched with Chancellor Donald Baepler, called on acting UNR President Joe Crowley and later atten-

Chemical spill closes Chemistry Building

Ruth Mills

A chemical spill injured a graduate student and forced the closure of the UNR Chemistry Building late Wednesday afternoon.

While working in one of the chemistry labs, student Steve Rogers accidentally dropped and broke a one-gallon bottle containing the chemical ethyl acrylate. Failing to halt the breakage, Rogers slipped and fell into the liquid and broken glass, where he became drenched and subsequently sustained cuts to his hand, according to Dr. Frank Baglin, an associate professor of chemistry and building safety officer.

Fellow students aided Rogers in cleansing himself of the chemical then took him to St. Mary's hospital where he was treated and released.

Immediately following the spillage, added Baglin, the building was evacuated and secured. In preparation for the clean-up, a hurried call was sent to the sheriff's squad for self-contained breathing apparatus so necessary for the operation. "You can't believe those fumes," recalls Baglin. "The odor would have been unbearable in the room without protective material."

The area was thoroughly washed and treated with sodium bicarbonate and sodium hydroxide and yesterday workers were in the process of neutralizing the chemical and removing good percentage of it from the lab.

Ethyl acrylate is a lachrymator chemical which can be absorbed through the skin. It can cause severe headaches, nausea and tearing of the eyes. Baglin said, "The toxicological effects are not to my knowledge well established. In other words, it's not one of the more dangerous carcinogens."

He added that the exposure received by those involved in the accident and clean-up were about as dangerous as drinking the water supply in some of the

Washoe County private water districts.

Baglin admitted he didn't know how long it would be before the building could be fully utilized but added there was a possibility the Lecture Building might be partially usable depending today on the wind direction. "There has to be some modification on the exhaust exits

on the roof," Baglin reasoned. "When there is a northeast wind, we have a problem. As the fumes in the building are expelled, they inadvertently sucked back into the building by the wind."

Baglin concludes that the Physical Plant is aware of the building design problem and that some changes will have

to be made to improve the ventilation system in order to prevent the spreading of noxious fumes should future chemical spillage occur. He further added that lab students will have to exercise more caution in the handling of chemicals in the future.

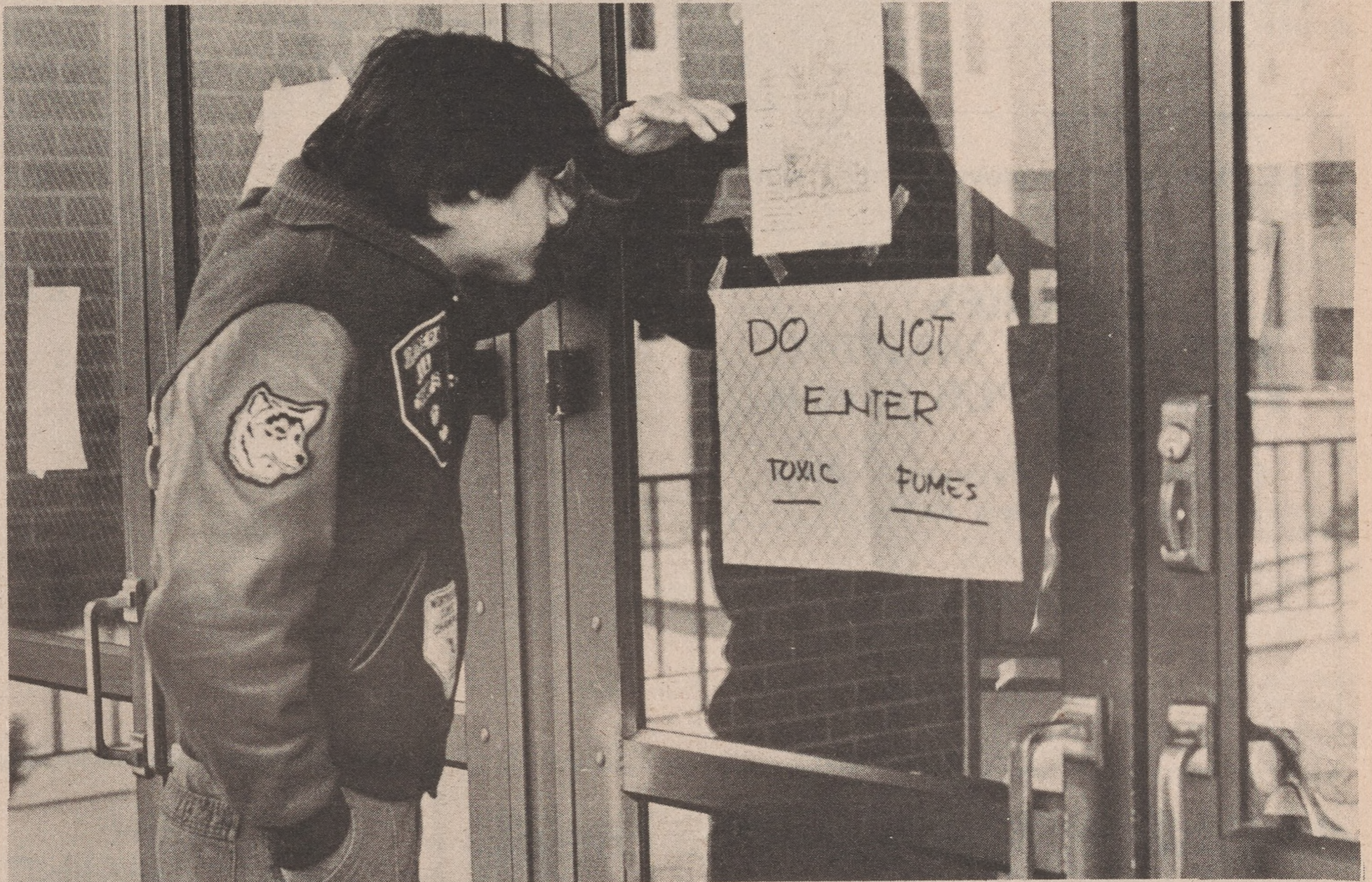


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"Hello Dolly" to be UNR benefit

Ron Ellis

The premiere showing of the award-winning Broadway musical "Hello Dolly," to be held April 4 at the Sahara Reno, will be staged as a benefit performance for UNR, a spokesman for the casino said.

Vlad Chuhlantseff, vice president and general manager for Sahara Reno,

made the statement at a press conference held Jan. 18 in UNR's Jot Travis Student Union.

In making the remark, he said, "Del Webb hotels in Nevada have supported the university system through a number of fund-raising functions for several years. We are very happy to be able to offer the Sahara Reno in this continuing program and hope to make the benefit a yearly event."

would go into UNR's Corporate Support Program.

The program, begun last March, receives donations from Northern Nevada businesses and corporations on an annual basis. It funds such university programs as research, scholarships, faculty enrichment and recruitment, instructional equipment, Getchell Library and program development.

"...but also marks the first time a major Broadway show has come to Reno."

The musical, which opens for public showing April 6, is one of the longest running plays on Broadway and will feature Carol Channing and the entire Broadway cast.

Chuhlantseff explained he is very excited about the benefit performance. "We feel this performance will be significant in many ways. Not only does it mark the first benefit for the university, but also marks the first time a major Broadway show has come to Reno."

Accepting the gift, UNR president Joseph Crowley thanked Del Webb's and said money raised from the show

"I feel it's more than appropriate that the first anniversary of our highly successful support program be celebrated by the performance of the great musical 'Hello Dolly,'" Crowley said.

The benefit showing will cost \$50 per person and includes a gourmet champagne dinner. Crowley added that the university hopes to raise between \$35-40,000.

For more information about the performance, reservations or tickets, contact UNR's Office of Development (784-6620).

Students speak up; library hours hiked

Students at UNR are finding that the time is right to speak up, and the studious UNR students are getting some results.

The second extension of Getchell Library study hours (since last fall) has gone into effect as a result of student requests.

The library will open one hour earlier, 9 a.m., on Saturdays.

Joyce Ball, public services librarian at Getchell, said, "This hour change was an attempt to accommodate some of our students who needed additional weekend study time."

Ball explained that although the building is opening earlier the service desks will be staffed at the regular hours. She doesn't anticipate any further extension of hours without a staff increase.

The last change occurred last fall when the library extended its study hours to midnight. This change gave students an additional 10 hours of library study time five nights a week.

Getchell Library is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-midnight; Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m.-midnight.

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ded a cocktail party given in his honor.

Today Neidt's itinerary includes meetings with student leaders and the Staff Employees Council and one final meeting with the Selection Committee. Other activities planned are an area tour, a luncheon and designated off-campus meetings.

The two finalists who have completed their interviews for the position are Edward Steven Todd, vice president of New York College at Old Westbury, and James Horner, Illinois State vice president.

All interviews will be completed by Feb. 9, at which time the Selection Committee will submit an unranked list of three finalists to Chancellor Baepler. The Board of Regents will name the new president at its Feb. 23 meeting.

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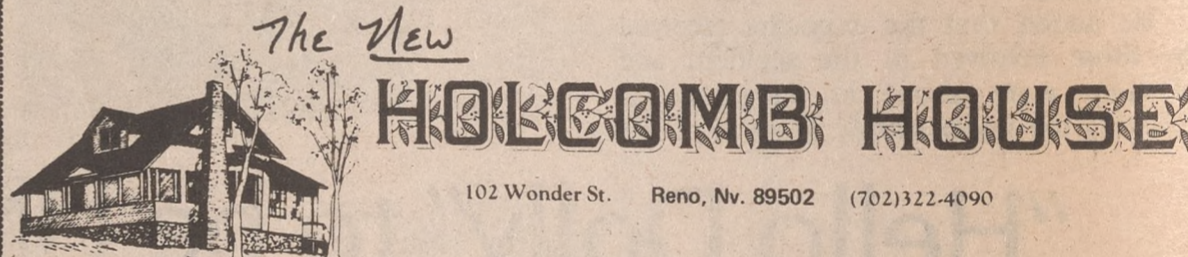
Student representation is needed for the following committees and boards. If you are interested, contact Kathy at 6589.

FACULTY SENATE BOARDS & COMMITTEES

- Code Committee (2)
- Salary and Benefits Committee (1)
- Institutional Studies and Budget (2)
- Library Committee (1)

UNR COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

- Arboretum Board (1)
- Arts Festival Board (2)
- Educational Radio and Television Board (2)
- Environmental Studies Board (2)
- Equal Opportunity Board (2)
- Ethnic Studies Board (1)
- Evaluation Committee (1)
- Honors Study Board (1)
- Intercollegiate Athletic Board (2 women)
- Military Affairs Review Board (2)
- National Student Exchange Program (1)
- Public Occasions Board (1)
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- Intramural Sports Committee (3)



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Short Takes

Getchell sale

Getchell Library will hold a book sale on Monday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Several thousand books and magazines covering a wide variety of subjects will be offered.

The sale will be open on a first-come basis to all university students, faculty and staff, and will be held in the storage area in the northwest corner of the ground floor reading room. University ID will be required for admission.

Prices will be 25 cents for magazines, 50 cents for paperbacks, and \$1 for hardback books. Book sets and unusual items will be priced according to their value. Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy new books for the library.

GSA opener

The Graduate Students' Association will hold its first meeting of the new year at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30 in the East-West Room of the Jot Travis Student Union Building.

At the meeting, GSA members will make specific arrangements for the selection of movies and guest speakers. Also, evaluations of the revised forms for the travel monies that are available will be made, as well as arrangements for spring elections.

Most importantly, a resolution concerning proposed budget cuts affecting graduate students, graduate assistants and the entire university campus will be drawn up, according to Hans-Juergen Sievert, GSA President.

Center welcoming

The Center for Religion and Life will sponsor a welcoming party for new and returning UNR students Sunday, Jan. 28, at 7:15 p.m. in the main room.

Desserts will be provided by parishoners of Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church, and musical entertainment will be furnished by the Blue Mailbox.

Rec checkouts in full swing

The Recreation and Physical Education Department in cooperation with ASUN announced it has an extensive assortment of recreation equipment available for students.

Camping gear, cross country skiing equipment, 10-speed bicycles and various sporting goods can be checked out from the equipment room at the recreation building. Climbing gear can also be checked out but only by authorized students. In most cases all that is required is an I.D. card.

Camping gear can be checked out Thursday and Friday from 4-6 p.m. for the weekend. All gear must be returned clean and dry on the following Monday. A student cannot check out



SKI THE SIERRAS (STREET)--or what happens when Sagebrush staffers close down the local drinking establishment on a Wednesday night.

PHOTO BY MARTARANO

Run, run, run

Filing will open Feb. 7 for student government elections. If interested in running for president, vice president of activities or finance or senator, students should begin making preparations.

See Kathy at the ASUN office or phone 784-6589.

Rule rulers

Get involved in one of the most exciting student elections ever! Become a member of the Election Board. Committee applications are now available in the ASUN Office.

If interested, stop by, or call Kathy at 784-6589. Applicants must have at least a 2.0 GPA.

B-ball time

Entry forms for the spring semester intramural basketball season should be turned in before 5 p.m., Feb. 2, at the Intramural Sports Office in Room 100 of the recreation building. The office is open 3-5 p.m. Entry forms are available at the office desk.

Students can enter one of three leagues: open, women's or fraternity. Championship play will follow the regular season. Games will be from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. weekdays except Friday.

Snow Blind '79

Help! Applications for Winter Carnival Committee members are being accepted. Winter Carnival is scheduled for Feb. 5-11 and due to circumstances beyond our control, we have no committee yet.

Contact Kathy Butler in the ASUN office at 784-6589.

Grab a snack

Resulting from great response last semester, the UNR student union snack bar will retain its nighttime hours.

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Jeffersonian Postscript

Strickland

The Quad's integrity is in danger



When the governor proposes arbitrary cuts in faculty and staff that can only cripple UNR, it seems absurd to discuss the preservation of historic structures on campus. Yet, even when a struggle for survival is imminent or under way, we must still look ahead to future generations and their right, as members of perhaps a far more rational society, to see parts of this campus as they once were. If the historic Mechanical Arts Building is destroyed, the integrity of the quad as an architectural whole may well be finally destroyed along with it, and then they will never see it as it once was. A thing of beauty should be a joy forever.

According to the University of Nevada Bulletin for May 1, 1929, the Mechanical Arts Building was completed in 1897. Other sources—newspaper files and the university president's reports to the 1897 and 1899 state legislatures—indicate that construction of the venerable structure began shortly after the 1897 legislature adjourned in the spring of that year. It was probably completed in time for the 1897-98 academic year.

The Spanish-American War lasted from April 21 to Aug. 12, 1898. As a pre-Spanish American War structure, then, the Mechanical Arts Building is one of the four oldest buildings on campus. Only Morrill Hall, Manzanita and Lincoln Halls are older.

The President's Report to the 1899 legislature states that the Mechanical Arts Building "is a new brick building of superior design." It is highly significant that the university president should express such a high opinion of the structure, especially at a time when pride in workmanship was still a prized virtue. Its planners and builders evidently meant it to last.

Even Edward Parsons, a local architect who believes there would be too much cost involved in preserving the Mechanical Arts Building, says that the Roman arches and the pitched roof are architectural values of considerable importance. Even if it is not striking and unique, it, in conjunction with the older buildings on the quad, contributes to the inflexible atmosphere of that quad. This atmosphere will probably be destroyed if the Mechanical Arts Building is demolished.

There are some difficulties in preserving the Mechanical Arts Building for future generations, although these difficulties may be over-rated. In the first place, according to Mr. Parsons, modern building codes for educational institutions require that an elevator be installed for the handicapped in every building of two or more stories. It would not be worth it for an older two-story structure such as this one, he said.

The second difficulty is that such older buildings were built when people considered fire the primary problem, rather than earthquakes. As a result, the Mechanical Arts Building has a "post-and-beam structure where the floor joists are not securely attached to the masonry walls," according to Parsons. During a fire, floors in 19th-century buildings were expected to fall in while leaving the outer brick walls relatively undamaged, so that subsequent repair would be easier.

In the present age the main concern is with seismic forces and safety during earthquakes. Parsons said,

"Now we can construct the floors so that we have them tied to the walls in a box-like scheme, or to columns, creating a rigid frame. The first thing we have to do in such an old building [as Mechanical Arts] is to create one." To accomplish this would necessarily involve going into the wall to secure the floor with pieces of steel, bolts and angles.

Every good cause can be carried too far. If it is true that one must build elevators in every historic structure to accommodate the handicapped, then the cause of architectural reform for the handicapped has been carried too far. How many 10th-century towers would still be standing in Europe if all those which could not easily have elevators built in them had to be demolished? Moreover, some officials say the fear of seismic disturbances is destroying more

of the Mechanical Arts Building. First, the somewhat haphazard and poorly planned demolition of buildings on this campus has caused a sense of dislocation, disorientation and uncertainty. For example, as the game of musical chairs—or, rather, musical buildings—continues, no one really knows where Sagebrush will go when and if the time comes to move. As Bill Phillips, plant engineer, said, "If that building comes down, we certainly have no place for them that we have any idea of." In fact, the university spent \$4,000 moving Sagebrush to its present location from Morrill Hall just last March. When a building is demolished, some of its occupants are provided for, but not all.

The greater worry is that, if the Mechanical Arts Building is destroyed, the quad will not be the same

modern buildings any better? In Mack Social Sciences Building, for example, some rooms are alternately too hot or too cold. In the fall of 1977, an 8 a.m. history class had to move from Room 120 to another room on the second floor because it had become literally freezing after the middle of October. In addition, its clocks are perennially out of order, and the stairways are too narrow for the normal flow of students. Its sterile, impersonal halls remind one of a hospital. But Mack Social Sciences Building was constructed in 1967.

Officials involved in the proposed demolition of the Mechanical Arts Building say that any new buildings on the quad will resemble those they replace. But has past experience shown us that architectural continuity has been respected on this campus? How successfully does the Ross Business Administration Building fit into the quad? If we acquiesce, the outlook is not good.

What, then, must we do? Students should become involved in creating a groundswell of opinion in favor of retaining the Mechanical Arts Building. State officials will not go on record to support its preservation unless there is a considerable movement in that direction among the alumni first. What about students and faculty? Is it not possible that their opinions could make just as important an impression as those of the alumni? Students should take action immediately to marshal opinion in favor of preservation of the Mechanical Arts Building and the quad.

Reliable sources say that, since the demolition of the building has not been bid yet, there is still considerable room for action to save it. One course of action would be to approach the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and see what steps could be taken to have the building listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Demolition would be much more unpopular to begin after that. And, of course, it would be necessary for students to enlist funding support for necessary repairs to the building.

Preserving the Mechanical Arts Building is not just an idle dream among a few people. This pre-Spanish American War structure, one of the four oldest buildings on campus, is important to many. A number of state officials in their private opinion supported preserving it, although they would not go on the record to that effect without moral support from the Alumni Association. Almost all Sagebrush staffers, who are mostly undergraduates, support the proposal to retain it. Graduate student opinion is perhaps reflected in this statement by Ron James, a teaching assistant in the History Department: "It's a fine old building. If it can stay up at all, I say let's keep it." Tim Gorelangton, speaking as a member of the university community and long-time Nevada resident, said, "if you want to preserve the historical integrity of the university quad, then you should preserve each of the buildings that are part of it. If the case can be made to preserve Morrill Hall, then it would seem that a case can be made to preserve the entire quad. Ultimately it's a decision for the people of the state. I personally would hate to see the face of the quad changed further."

We should act to prevent the UNR campus from looking increasingly like UNLV, with its sterile, "institutional modern" style of architecture.

historic structures than any actual earthquake ever could.

The Uniform Building Code (UBC), which was adopted by the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) in 1976, mandates elevators and other accommodations for the handicapped in most buildings. It is applied across the country, but enforcement is undertaken by the individual state.

However, there is some indication that it is not as rigid as sometimes supposed. According to a state official who did not care to have his name or office mentioned, "the UBC does have a provision for preservation of historical structures," allowing a certain "flexibility to accomplish the same safety ends" and other modifications that the code requires but "in different ways" more in keeping with historic preservation.

Moreover, a state official also said that the university, having long ago assumed that the Mechanical Arts Building did not meet its needs, neglected its maintenance. Some deterioration occurred which did not have to happen, and which must have occurred over a long period of time, as with the rain-pipes.

Whatever difficulties there might be, there seem to be enough facts to support a case for the preservation

quad that anyone would want to come back to 10 or 20 years from now. Matthew Arnold said we should write new criticism of literary works every 25 years, as each new age's impressions of those works are different. But it seems a little absurd and wasteful to tear down buildings every 25 to 50 years to keep up with the times or momentary budgetary limitations. Did Harvard get its aura of tradition undertaking such silliness? With the proposed demolition of the Mechanical Arts Building, we are in imminent danger of losing the architectural flavor of the quad.

Secondly, we should act to prevent the UNR campus from looking increasingly like UNLV, with its sterile, "institutional modern" style of architecture. As the Reno City Council and developers have allowed the city's tree-lined avenues and its architectural continuity to be destroyed and replaced with the brutal, the tawdry and the gaudy, the UNR campus is the last enclave of beauty, serenity and quiet a person can find in this area. The grace of the older buildings along the quad—buildings which have architectural integrity—contributes to the sense of peace here.

In the third place, modern buildings may not be any improvement over those presently on the quad in any technical sense, either. Old buildings may have their problems—for example, heating; but are the

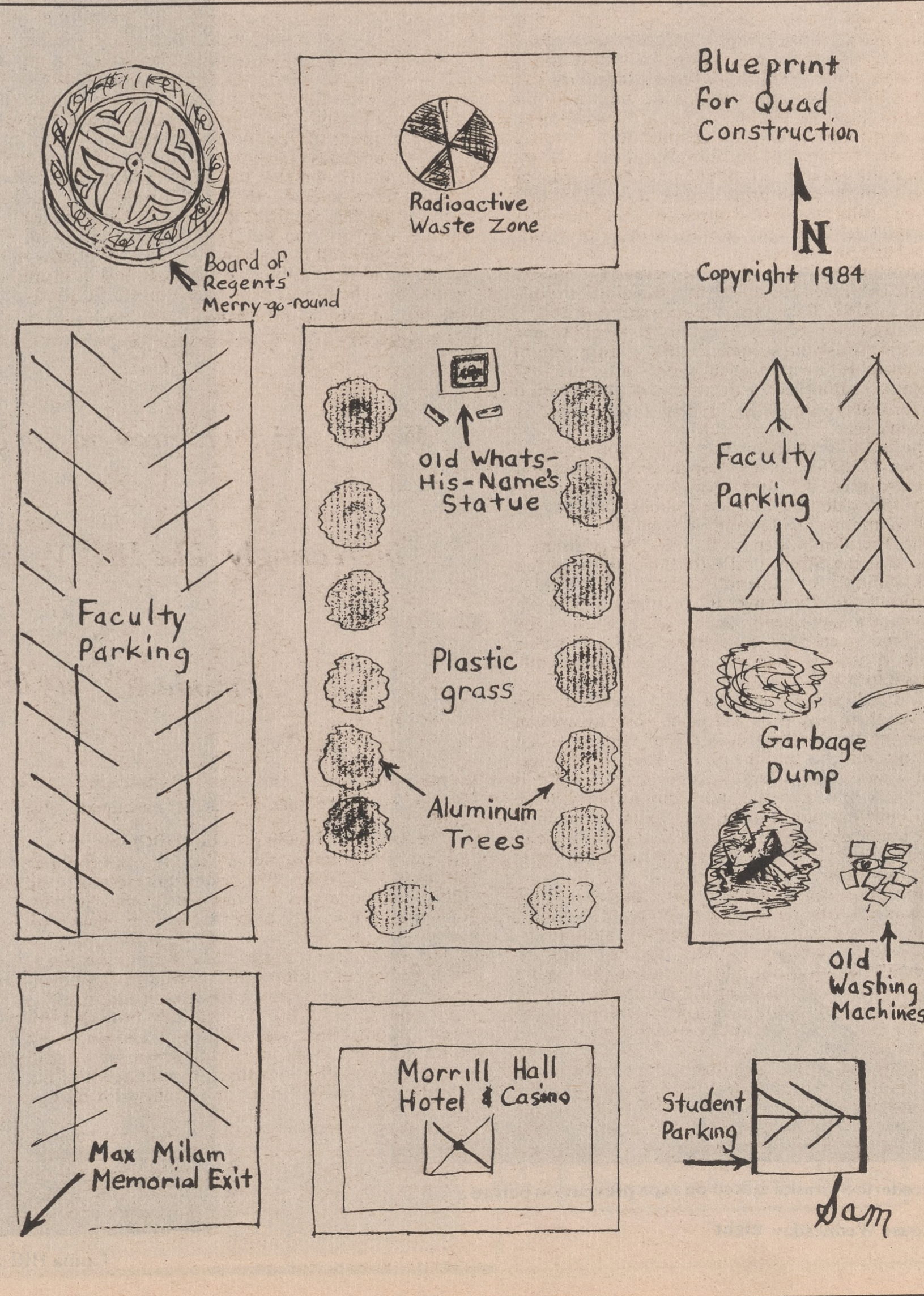




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Melissa Meredith and Bob Wines were elected members of ASUN's Judicial Council. Filing for one more seat is still open.

People, People, People

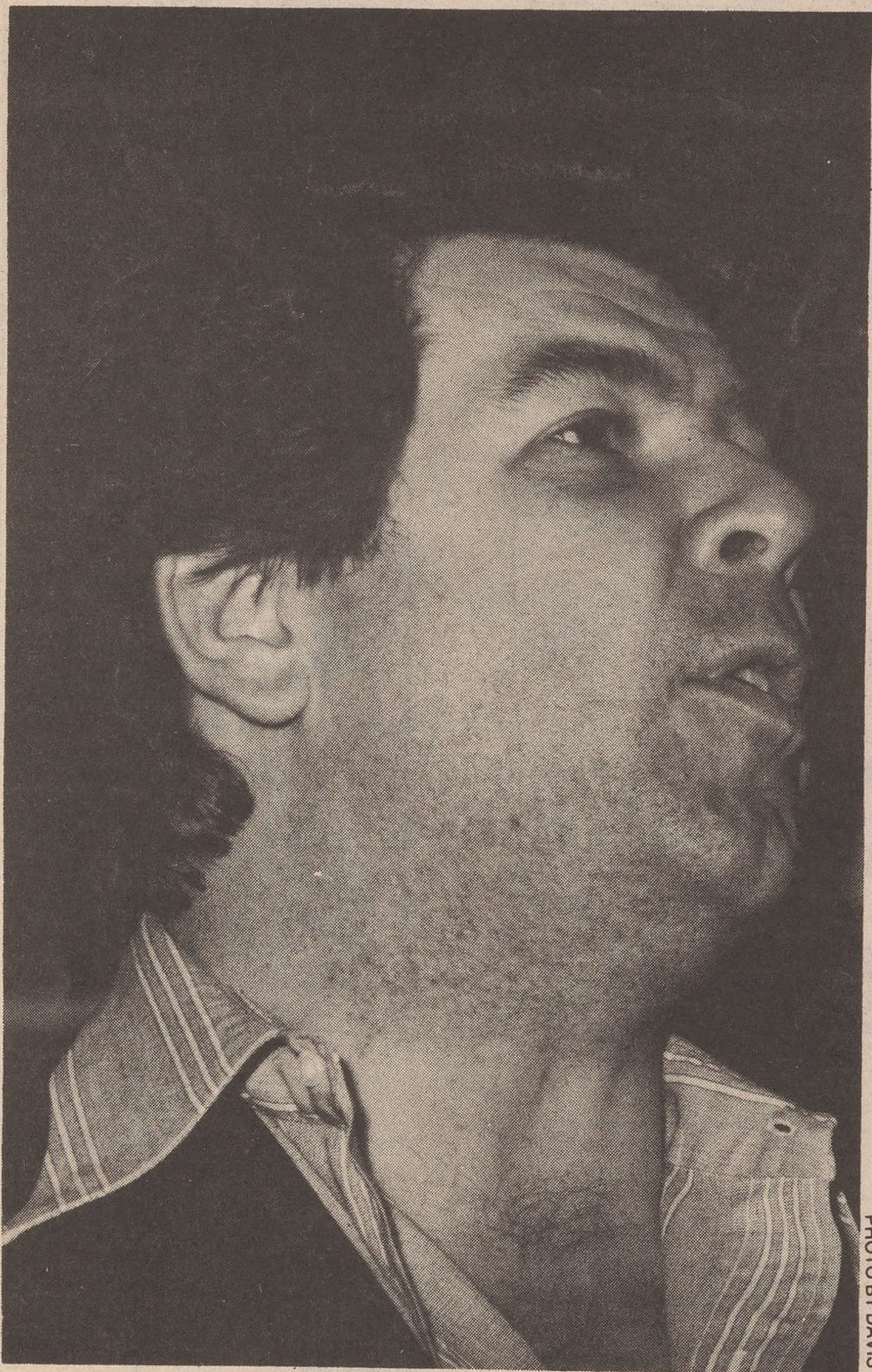


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Frederic Storaska talked on rape prevention before a full house Wednesday night



PHOTO BY MILLS

Launa Hill was crowned Miss Indian UNR last night

Upcoming recruiting schedule

Jan. 26 — Kennolyn Camps (All Majors)
 Feb. 2 — Pacific Missile Test Center (EE)
 Feb. 2 — Fleet Analysis Center, Naval Weapons Station (EE, ME, Comp Sci)
 Feb. 6 — Kennecott Copper Company, Utah (CE, EE, ME, Met Engr, Min Engr, Tech Engr)
 Feb. 6, 7 — U.S. Navy Officer Programs (All Majors)
 Feb. 7 — Stauffer Chemical Company (Chem Engr, Min Engr)
 Feb. 8 — AMOCO Production Company (ME, Geol Engr, Chem Engr)
 Feb. 8 — Sears, Roebuck and Company (All Majors)
 Feb. 9 — BNR, Incorporated (EE, Comp Sci)

Feb. 9 — K-Mart Corporation (Fash Merch, Accounting, Bus Admin)
 Feb. 12 — U.S. Army Material Development and Readiness Command (EE, ME, Chem Engr, Met Engr)
 Feb. 12 — Pratt and Whitney Aircraft (ME)
 Feb. 13 — Touche, Ross and Company (Accounting)
 Feb. 13 — Denver Paralegal Institute (All Majors)

For more information concerning the above campus interviews, contact the Career Planning and Placement Office, second floor, Thompson Student Services; or call 784-4666. Advance sign-up is required, preferably at least one week prior to the date of the interview.

Snow Drifts

Chinook

Skiing better than orgy

In the wake of last week's snow storms, it appears that the best snow in the country is at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, and there is even talk of constructing an aerial Tramway on the World Trade Center.

Speaking of powder, what is it about untracked, sparkling snow that transforms grown, mature businessmen — and women — into howling, hooting, wild-eyed fanatics? Even the good Dr. Jekyll would have been amazed. This sort of behavior is no recent development, however. There

are historically documented cases of this mania, even better than an olive oil orgy." I'd have to agree

Often, when all the other runs on a mountain have been either chopped up by skiers or groomed by snowcats, the only remaining untracked snow is found hiding "in the trees." Here are a few simple suggestions to keep in mind when you find yourself gliding through the pines: First, it's much easier to ski around the trees than to ski through them. If, however, a tree should jump directly into your path

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Apparently, the bug is still biting, causing skiers to leave home, families and football games in search of the virgin snowfield. Perhaps it has something to do with the feeling of silent flight through a gallery of pines, of the welcome memory of a painless fall into a cushion of whiteness. Fresh powder world of dollars, and sense. As a medium of pleasure, it remains unheralded — and as testified by one

of them, "sacrifice your skis rather than your noggin. Beware of conspicuous looking lumps and humps in the snow, as they often hide ski-grabbing stumps and fallen trees. Unless you think your arm would make an attractive ornament in a fir, it's always wise to remove the ski pole straps from your wrists... you'll be much more willing to retrieve a lost ski-pole than a lost arm.

Snow bunnies—never ski in the trees alone, but if, through some unplanned maneuver, you find yourself there, maintain a constant vigil for the sly snow snakes (or powder pythons) that lurk behind trees and bushes waiting to spring on any unwary passerby (especially those in jump suits). Finally, take all precautions possible in hiding your wine bottle, in a secure, obscure drift where it won't be too easily lost — or found.

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A grad student information primer

Dear Graduate Student:

Regardless whether you are a new or a returning student, you should be aware of some facts of (graduate) life. To create this awareness is the purpose of this newsletter which features only a few of the facets of this university.

1) The Graduate Student Association

Like the undergraduate students have their ASUN we have our own student body, the Graduate Student Association (GSA); the purpose of which is to "promote the welfare and interests of the graduate students of UNR." The GSA has been trying to do just that and as a result we are now able for the first time to make the benefits the ASUN offers its members available to all graduate students.

That includes access to the movies, concerts, plays and other ASUN activities, but also participation in the student newspapers *Sagebrush* and *Brushfire*. Unfortunately, as a consequence of our fee structure, admission to basketball and football games of the UNR Wolf Pack is

excluded from this. We are still negotiating with the Athletic Department for some kind of arrangement that is mutually acceptable.

2) The UNR Fee Structure

You might be interested to find out where all the money goes that you pay at registration. I hope that we are still paying \$23 per credit and not \$24.

In any event, you belong in either of two categories and your money is distributed accordingly. Students with a grant-in-aid do not pay the capital improvement fee and \$11 out of the registration fee, which leaves them with \$6 to pay out of their own pocket.

The following table is based on last semester's fee distribution, the breakdown for full-time undergraduate students is given for comparison.

Key: A — full-time graduate student; B — part-time student (graduate or undergraduate); C — full-time undergraduate student

	A	B	C
Registration fee	12.80	14.40	11.00
Capital improvement fee	6.00	6.00	6.00
Student Union capital improvement	1.00	1.00	1.00
Student Union operating cost	.25	.40	.23
Recreation building use	.15	.20	---
Health Service	1.50	---	1.50
Graduate Student Association	.30	---	1.37
Graduate Student Activity Fund (gsaf)	1.00*	---	1.00*
Library fund	---	1.00*	---
Intercollegiate athletics	---	---	.90
Sum	23.00	23.00	23.00

*This \$1 results from last fall's fee increase requested by the ASUN and is distributed as indicated.

This fee structure has some interesting consequences, like the fact that neither part-time nor graduate students have free access to games, because they do not contribute to intercollegiate athletics. It also explains why part-time students are not eligible for either the health service or their respective student associations. It also shows that in their case the \$1 fee increase (which goes either to the ASUN or the gsaf, not the GSA for full-time students) is put in a library fund instead of enabling them to buy into their student organization.

3) Benefits and Services Offered by the GSA

Out of the roughly \$11,000 per year that stems from GSA fees and the Graduate Student Activity Fund (gsaf), \$9,000 has been budgeted by the GSA for items like the above-mentioned participation in ASUN activities but also for our own projects like guest speakers, movies and a graduate student handbook.

In addition, both the GSA and the gsaf (through the graduate school) have limited funds available for graduate students traveling to meetings. Applications can be made either to the Graduate School or to the GSA, eligible is every graduate student who either is a full-time student (seven or more credits) or has been one for two semesters.

4) GSA Elections

At the end of the spring term new GSA officers will be elected by the Executive Committee of the GSA. This committee consists of one representative from each department that offers a graduate degree. These representatives are elected by the students of the department in whatever fashion they choose. Make sure you know who your representative is. The date for the submission of nominations for the elections will be announced.

The present GSA officers are: President — Hans-Juergen Sievert, Biochemistry, 784-6301; Vice President — George Kraemer, Accounting and Information Services, 784-6459; Secretary — Pat Morrison, English, 784-6642; Treasurer — Ann Graney, Home Economics, 784-6193.

The graduate students of this university never had much to say about their concerns, not that they did not have the option to do so, but they were not organized well enough. Maybe this will change in the future, the present GSA has already left some lasting impressions, but it depends on your participation and input to keep this up. The GSA is currently involved in such issues as better health insurance, increased salaries and benefits and fair working conditions for teaching and research assistants. Make sure you let us know, either directly or through your representative, what you think about these or other issues.

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Sports

Pack women ready to wrap up season

Rick Oxoby

The UNR women's basketball team plays its final home game of the season tonight at 7 when it takes on Stanislaus State at the UNR Old Gym. It will be the first home game for the Wolf Pack since they swept a pair of contests from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks Jan. 11 and 12 during the Christmas vacation.

The Pack then played five road games in eight days, winning two while losing three. The women were without the service of starter Cindy Rock for the first four games.

"Cindy's mother passed away a day before the trip," explained coach Cindee Metzger, "so she had to go home."

The Pack opened with a convincing 69-45 win over Pomona Pitzer College Jan. 16, but suffered a disappointing setback at the hands of Laverne College, 60-59, the next night. "We shouldn't have lost to Laverne," Metzger lamented.

The Pack played again Jan. 18 against Biola College and was soundly defeated 92-46. Despite the lopsided score, Metzger was pleased with her team's play.

"Biola was the No. 4 small college team in the nation last year," Metzger said, "and I think they are even better this year."

After a day's rest, Reno traveled to Stockton and sank the University of Pacific 95-77 in what Metzger described as "the best game I've seen us play in the last two years."

Guards Ellen Townsend and Carla

Bennett each scored 24 points as Reno had its best shooting night of the year. The women shot 64 percent from the field in the second half and hit 45 of 83 shots (54 percent) for the game. They had been averaging only 32 percent from the floor prior to the Pacific game.

Last Tuesday the Pack was unable to avenge an earlier defeat to Sacramento State and lost again to the Hornets 74-66 in Sacramento.

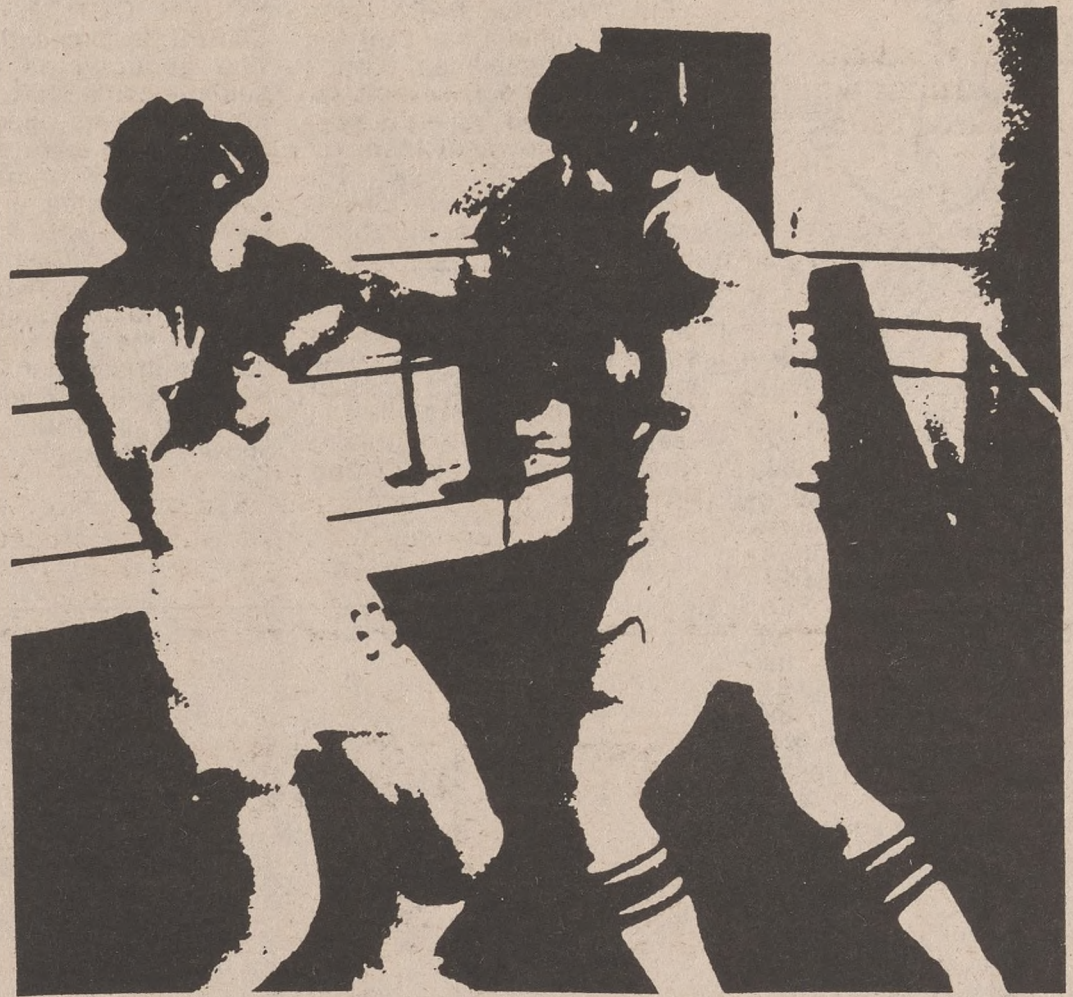
Reno committed 27 turnovers and shot only 37 percent from the floor as it dropped its 10th contest in 12 games against large schools. The Pack is 7-12 overall but more importantly is 5-2 against its own small college competition.

Townsend led the Pack with 20 points while Rock, who returned to action and played mostly in the second half, tallied 19. Darlene Roque grabbed 14 rebounds for the Pack.

The Pack women trailed 40-35 at the half but could get no closer than two points in the second half as they made too many mental errors, according to Metzger.

Metzger announced that 5-foot-11 forward Sabrin Hyde will not play the rest of the year because of grade problems. Metzger doesn't know how much Hyde's absence will affect the team's performance for the remainder of the season, but the Pack's rookie coach is confident about tonight's match with Stanislaus.

"They (Stanislaus) are weak," stated Metzger, "We are going to win."



Boxers open at home

Chris Healy

Year No. 30 for Jimmie Olivas as the head boxing coach for UNR will be a rebuilding year.

Led by Victor Allegria and Mike Martino, the Wolf Pack pugilists begin the regular season on Monday night with their traditional season opener against the 12th Naval District.

"They beat us last year in our opener for the first time in 20 years," said Olivas at Thursday afternoon's practice. "I think we'll be able to handle them though."

According to Olivas the biggest problem the Pack boxers face is poor conditioning. "We have some of our boxers fighting over their usual weights. We have only been practicing for a week so most of the boys are a little out of shape and overweight."

Martino is the Pack's most versatile boxer according to Olivas. "He is easy to coach. He can fight at any weight."

The senior fighter will be fighting at 165 lbs. on Monday night. Another fighter to look for this year is Allegria, the national champion in 1978 at 132. He will be fighting at 139 against the

Navy.

Olivas expects big things from Steve Korchek, the Reno entrant in the 147 lb. division. "He has a good chance to be national champion. He is a boxer, not a puncher," says Olivas.

The boxing team lost one of its "potentially best" fighters to an intramural football injury. Bob Brown was going to be the 156 lb. entrant but the injury will put Kevin Johnson in the ring for his first fight. "He has the potential to replace Brown. He does lack experience though," says Olivas.

There will be 10 bouts on the Monday night card. Admission to students is free with their ID card for the 8 p.m. boxing card.

LEFT JABS — Vern Baker, the 172 lb. entrant, is the second generation of Bakers to fight for Olivas. His father fought for Jimmie in 1953...Former football player Brian Rothe is the Nevada heavyweight, but he won't fight because the Navy doesn't have anyone to fight him...Next weekend the boxers go to Vallejo, Calif. for the Mare Island Invitational.

Big tests ahead for struggling Pack

Chris Healy

The Edgar Jones-less UNR Wolf Pack travel to Moraga, Calif., this Saturday night to play their first conference game since losing to Pepperdine nearly two weeks ago.

The Pack, coming off a victory over Southern Oregon, will see if their two week layoff from conference play will enable them to adjust for the loss of Jones to a knee injury.

"You never really adjust for a loss like we suffered," coach Jim Carey said. "We think we are making the necessary adjustments in our game to compete for the title."

Even though St. Mary's is near the bottom of the conference with a 1-3 mark and a 9-9 season record, the Wolf Pack can attest they are usually tough at home.

Last year when the Pack went to Moraga they were leading the league and St. Mary's proceeded to hand UNR an unexpected loss. As history shows, the Wolf Pack eventually lost the conference lead and the title to USF.

"This is a must game for us because USF is undefeated and it would be

awfully hard to catch them if we lose on Saturday," Carey said. "We have a good team still but we'll have to have a good effort from everybody down the stretch to win."

In an effort to get more scoring from the forward position, Carey plans to play Aaron Cusic and Thaxter Arterberry on the front line along with center Mike Stallings. Michael "Fly" Gray and Johnny High will man the guard positions.

High and Fly are scoring half of the Pack's points. Gray is averaging 23 points per game and High 17.9 despite not scoring in a "disastrous" individual performance against Pepperdine.

Saturday's game is the first of five road games for Reno. The Pack doesn't return to the Centennial Coliseum until Feb. 15 when the USF Dons come to town.

TO THE HOOP — The Pack 13-3 with five of those victories coming against Division II opponents. Next season the Pack will not play as "weak" a schedule. Kansas and Detroit will help the Pack kick off the 1979-80 season.

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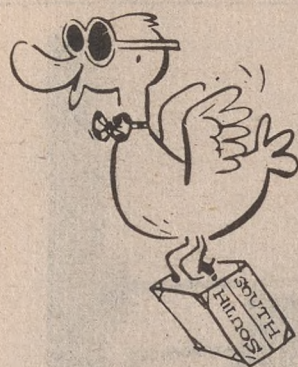
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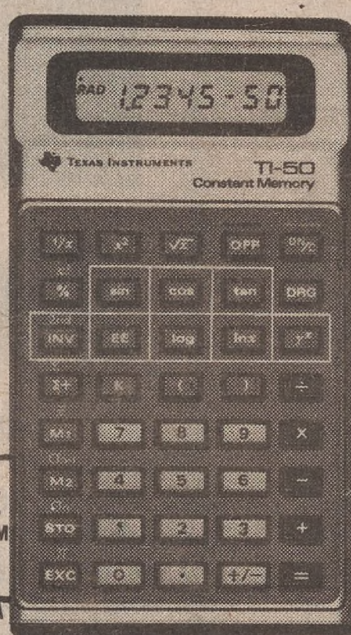
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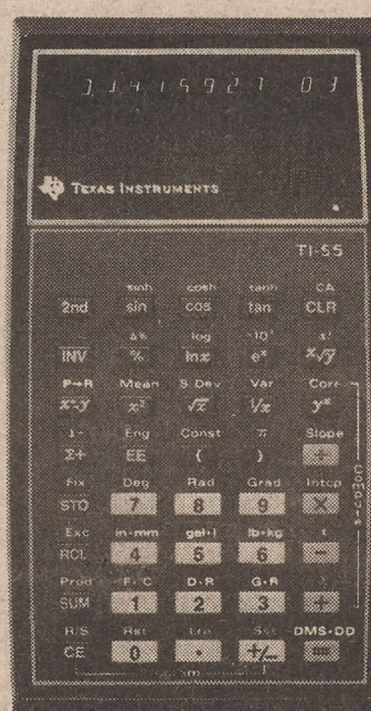
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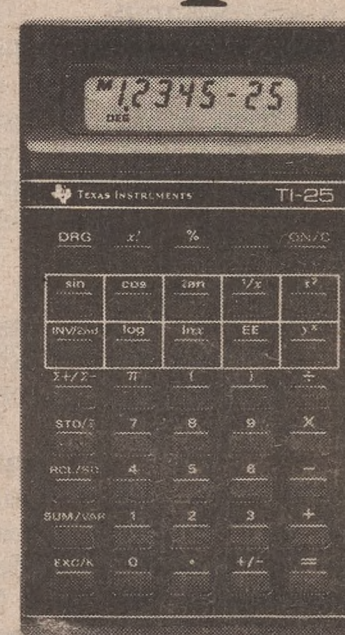
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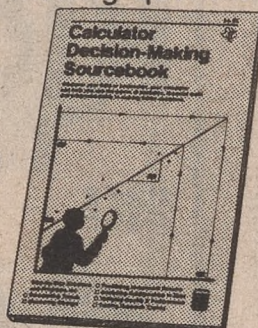
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