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The New President and the Old Dave Ritch and Gregory Neuweiler



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Major break in Mitchell case

Steve Martarano

Has the haunting Michelle Mitchell murder case finally been solved after three years of authorities finding nothing?

Just two weeks after the Sagebrush did a follow-up story on the murder, a confessed killer has turned up in Shreveport, La. Washoe County district attorney Cal Dunlap announced at a Wednesday press conference that a self-admitted patient at a mental hospital there has confessed to the murder.

According to Dunlap, he received a call from Shreveport last week about a woman that had given information regarding Mitchell's murder. After a series of phone calls back and forth, Dunlap issued and filed a criminal complaint for murder.

Michelle Mitchell was murdered Feb. 24, 1976, and found in the garage at 333 E. Ninth St. just a couple hundred yards from the UNR main entrance gate.

She had gotten out of her car after it had stalled right in front of UNR's Agriculture building. Witnesses had seen Michelle being dragged down the Record Street alley. She was discovered about three hours after phoning her mother to come get her.

Dunlap said the vital data regarding the alleged murderer was: white, female, 30 years old, 5 foot 8 inches, masculine appearing. Using several aliases, she was known as Linda Woods, Cathy Woods or Cathy Wood, without the s.

Dunlap would give no information regarding Woods' whereabouts while she resided in Reno and at the time of the killing. He did day, however, that she had lived in Reno about six years prior to the Mitchell killing and about a year after.

Dunlap said that the woman blamed "little voices in her head" for the killing. Woods admitted herself to the Shreveport hospital after hearing the voices again, ironically three years to the day following the Mitchell slaying.

Dunlap decided to file the charges because it was what he considered "a good lead." The D.A. said that Woods was able tell about details such as the way Mitchell's hands were bound, the type of knot, the location in the garage of the body and the condition of the body.

Dunlap said that every indication shows that the killer did not know Mitchell; the victim just happened to be in the wrong spot at the wrong time.

And in a surprise twist, a key witness in the Morey-Kaplan contract-murder case testified to a possible link between the two slayings, with the other involving Kaplan's former girlfriend Peggy Davis.

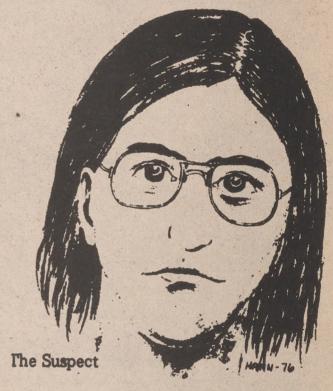
Prosecution witness Marjorie Carter said right after the press conference that Woods knew Kaplan, was a violent-type person and at one time had been Carter's employee.

Mrs. Carter had suggested in court that possibly Mitchell was killed to divert attention from the Davis slaving four days earlier.

During the press conference, Dunlap was asked about a possible link. He said, "A court of law will determine that. I am not in the position to make such judgment."

Dunlap said that Woods is still in the Louisiana mental hospital and would be arrested and brought to Reno as soon as paper work was taken care of. He also said that Reno Justice of the Peace William Beemer signed an order to hold the woman without bail once she arrived.

Michelle's father, Ed, has worked closely on the case the past three years. Involving the new developments, Mitchell said Wednesday night from his home, "I haven't looked at all the facts yet. Until I do, I don't want to be committed one way or another. It seems that what the woman has told the police regarding the murder is nothing more than anyone else close to the case wasn't aware of."



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Letters

Engineering termed very inadequate

Editor:

First let me introduce myself. My name is Steven Naumann and I am an assistant engineer for Kaiser Engineers in Butte, Montana. I work on first Magneto-Hydrodynamic experimental powerplant as piping engineer. The reason I write to you is to explain the copy of the letter to Prof. Bruce Douglas attached.

I graduated from UNR in December 1975 with my degree in civil engineering. Every so often the Civil Engineering Department takes a survey of its alumni to determine their opinions on their education, their career, and their conception of where the profession. Their purpose I'll grant is noble enough; they seek to improve their program.

If you read my response you'll find I'm not too complimentary. As a matter of fact, I am ashamed of my education at UNR. That's right, ashamed. I am technically deficient in some very important areas.

and I state why in my letter.

My reason for writing to you is not that I'm big on self-criticism, but because I am concerned for those students still in the program. I am concerned that they, too, are in the process of becoming deficient, a realization they too will face in the next few years. What I am afraid of is that the civil engineering faculty will not act upon my recommendations, nor will they give them any serious thought. All they'll do is nod, shake their heads, file my response in file B, and continue to produce inferior engineers. Education, believe it or not, is a consumer item, even if it is not recognized. You pay your fees for exposure

to knowledge, but you expect that knowledge to be genuine, not the crap I was fed. Do not let the faculty cover up reality; please tell the budding civil engineers still at UNR they are not being educated right.

Please tell them that they too will feel the shame of not being a complete engineer. Tell them I had to purge myself with graduate work at California at Berkeley (my undergraduate GPA was 3.54; my graduate GPA was 3.74; so I was no slouch at grades) before I became employable beyond the Nevada State Highway Department and the local consulting engineers. Please tell them that I will not hire a UNR civil engineer. Tell them that many other companies share this feeling.

I realize my letter and my survey response are a bit too long for publication. I also realize that my mentioning of names is also not kind. I even go so far as to ask you to edit away my fat, but please get across to the UNR civil engineering students that they are getting into trouble and will have problems unless they act now. After all, they are the consumers and they have to be told about what it is they're buying.

Please, do not let me be silenced. Thank You.

Steven Naumann

Ed. note: Naumann addressed another letter to department chairman Bruce Douglas outlining the department's problems.

Sagebrush.

Ritch, Contri, Waterman take election wins

Ren Rice

New ASUN President Dave Ritch took a 60-40 percentage split from outpolled Scott Koepf in the 1979 election results announced last night.

Elizebeth Contri took an even bigger

victory by tallying 64 per cent, handily winning the Vice-President of Activities post.

In the tightest race of the executive positions, Heidi Waterman won the

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important position of Vice-President of Finance and Publications over Senator Kirk Schumacher by a 51 to 49 per cent margin.

The incumbents in senatorial races

got surprised as challengers dropped them into the number two spots in votes polled.

Incumbent Education Senator Al Babb fell behind newcomer Glen Robinson by four percentage points, but both were elected to represent the Colege of Education.

A real dark horse victory took place



in the College of Arts and Sciences race. Leading the pack was music major Terry Flannigan by a good margin followed by incumbent Senator Reese Bostwick, Mike Forbes, David Hoffman and Stephanie Brown. There is some controversy surrounding winner Flannigan and actions taken in the music department the day before the



, Kirk Schumacher feels the defeat

elections. A complaint has been filed in Academic Vice-President Robert Gorrel's office charging instructors in the music department with taking actions influencing student election

College of Mines winner Joe Kircher won by the largest margin of the night with 72 per cent of the vote.

The vote compared well with last year's total despite the poor weather. There were 1,176 votes cast as compared to last year's 1,244. This year's tally was good for a 22 per cent turnout of those eligible.

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Teacher-student evaluation now set for use

Ruth Mills

A new, uniform teacher-student evaluation program has won unanimous approval from UNR's faculty senate and will be tested on campus in May, according to Gregory Neuweiler, ASUN student body president.

The College of Business Administration and the College of Arts and Sciences have been selected to test the validity of the pilot evaluation program since they represent more than half ot the student population, Neuweiler said. Every student attending classes in the two colleges — whether undergraduates, part-time or graduate students — will participate in the test, he said.

"In the past, whereas each college or department provided its own evaluation process or base, we now hope to standardize the procedure with one form to be used by everyone," Neuweiler said.

The rating form contains a course identification code, student information (names are not required) and questions about quality of course organization and class presentation. The form also seeks information on whether the evaluation is being administered fairly and correctly.

Written response questions appear on the reverse side of the page. They attempt to determine students' opinions of the courses, textbooks and class materials. In addition, suggestions for improving a particular course or a teaching performance are requested.

Faculty will be allowed to see the

"It will serve as a guide for students in determining which classes and professors will meet individual educational needs best."

written response questions, but only after final grades have been posted.

to limit the expenses of printing and the development of the computer program, ASUN elected to use two colleges in the pilot program. "We want the minimum involvement right now so that we can work out the bugs," Neuweiler commented.

About 24,000 evaluation sheets will be printed and distributed for the May survey. And although students will not see the results of this initial program, Neuweiler said, the faculty will have access to the information. This is normal procedure for other current

student-teacher evaluation programs on campus.

During the summer, a committee of faculty senate members and student body officers will evaluate the validity of the program.

"In December," Neuweiler said, "we'll hit the whole campus with the program and once again in May. Then, during that summer, we'll compile the year's data and once more submit it to the joint committee to see if the program is still valid on a whole system-wide basis."

Neuweiler said if it is valid, ASUN

will publish the results in two years. At that time the information will be compiled and printed in a book for the fall of 1981. The price would be about \$1.

Neuweiler cautions that the program is not designed to create a faculty "black book." "That's not our goal at all," he said. "We want to help the quality of education, not cause fear-fulness among instructors."

Instructors are not currently required to use the teacher-evaluation program in their classes. According to Neuweiler, Dean Richard Hughs of the College of Business Administration, estimates five percent of his faculty will not participate in the program. And even though Arts and Sciences Dean Rebecca Stafford requires her faculty members to be rated either by peer of student evaluation for promotion, five percent will refuse the option, Neuweiler said.

The new form is scheduled for distribution three weeks before the end of the semester.

Student governments from UNR and UNLV researched the program and are sharing its costs and coordinating its use on each campus.

Neuweiler explained the teachercourse evaluation will provide two services. "It will serve as a guide for students in determining which classes and professors will meet individual educational needs best," he said. "Another purpose of the program is to serve as a guide for the individual professor in assessing the students' evaluation of his or her classroom effectiveness."

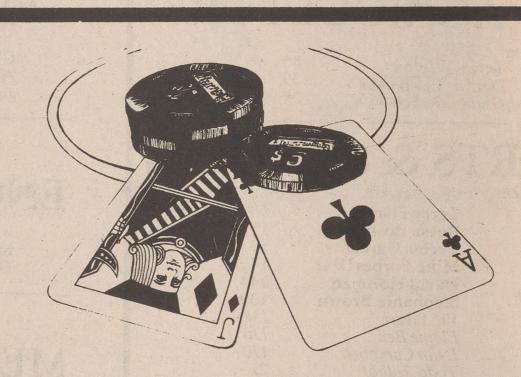
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Short Takes

BIBLE STUDY FORMED

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship President Kevin Brewer has announced the formation of a Bible study for interested UNR students.

It will be conducted in Nye Hall by two IVCF members, Dave Pugh and Tim Robinson. Meetings will be held at 4 p.m. each Tuesday in Room 603.

"The purpose of the Bible study is to introduce people to the Word of God," Robinson said. "Our main goal is for people to receive the way, the truth and the life that is Jesus Christ."

Pugh hopes to convey even more

through the Bible study.

"Many people see the Bible as a really good book; something that improves your morals and makes you a good person," he explained. "The Bible is much more than that. Everything in the Bible is the spoken Word of God, the truth.

"Believing the Bible is one thing, but living the Bible is the most important,"

Pugh said. "The Bi

"The Bible says to live as Jesus lived. Paul said, 'Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.' People who know Christ use the Bible as food, to strengthen their souls and improve their knowledge in all that God is. That way we are being made into His image. We want people to realize all the benefits the Bible has to offer."

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Mellow out

The second in a monthly series of poetry readings sponsored by UNR's literary magazine *Brushfire* will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, March 19, at the Blue Mailbox Coffeehouse in the Center for Religion and Life, 1101 Virginia St.

Featured readers for Monday Evening Poetry will be Dr. William Wilborn, an assistant professor of English at UNR; Paul Lyon, a former UNR student and author of a volume of poetry, Whispering Beans; and Michael R.J. Roth. In addition, time is allotted after the scheduled readings

for readers from the audience.

Monday Evening Poetry is scheduling future readings and is looking for Reno poets. For information call Roger Smith at (702) 329-5970.

History sale

The History Club will hold its spring booksale March 19-23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., near Room 117, Mack Social Sciences Building.

College life?

The Beer Barrel and The Library will sponsor a benefit kegger Saturday night at both locations.

All ASUN students 21 or over are welcome to partake in the 25 cent beer, the proceeds of which will go towards Muscular Distrophy. There will also be a raffle for beer and sandwiches.

The drinking gets going at 8 p.m.

Jazz concert

The UNR Concert Jazz Band is in competition today performing at the pioneer Auditorium 6:30 p.m. They are competing against schools from around the country in the Reno International Jazz Festival this weekend.

Whiz kids

A National Science Foundation institute on secondary mathematics for Nevada teachers will be offered this summer at UNR.

The four-credit course is designed to sharpen the skills of secondary mathematics teachers and is tuition-free. It will be held July 2-27.

Metric mush

The metric system is still foreign and baffling to many people, including teachers who are required to explain it in classrooms, according to Dr. John H. Trent of UNR.

Trent is director of the Division of Curriculum and Instruction. He said two one-credit workshops designed to help teachers better understand the metric system will be offered this summer, tuition-free, through the College of Education.

A "Secondary Metric Workshop" will be July 30 through Aug. 3 and an "Elementary Metric Workshop" is scheduled for Aug. 6 through Aug. 10.

Mrs. Mackay

Applications are now available for Mackay Misses official student hostess group for UNR. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA. Tryouts will be held March 21 and 22. For applications and further information, contact Kathy in the ASUN office.

Neidt meets

A press conference for Dr. Charles Neidt, a candidate for the UNR presidency, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, in Pine Auditorium, Jot Travis Student Union. A reception for the general public will follow 3-5 p.m.

LACE co-op

Leadership: A Cooperative Effort (LACE), a special workshop designed to increase awareness and basic leadership skills in dynamics will be held 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 31.

Sponsored by ASUN and the Office of Student Services, LACE will be conducted by a special team from Pennsylvania and is open to UNR students. Those interested must pre-register in Room 103 of Thompson Student Services Center before March 23.



Are you nuts?

Today is the last day to apply for Mackay Week Chairman.

In addition, there is still an opening for editor of the New Student Record. This person would be responsible for the coordination of the new

Blood suckers

The ASUN Annual Blood Drive will be held March 21 and 22. Those interested in donating should go to the Jot Travis Lounge in the student union between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. those days.

"This year we hope to top our pints by at least 50," according to Liz Contri, drive chairman. publication.

For more information about, and applications for, these positions, contact Kathy in the ASUN office.

Old times

Manzanita Hall will sponsor an open house April 22 for dorm alumni to see how the hall has changed since they lived there.

Hall president Elaine Bell said women who moved out last semester or 50 years ago can tour the hall, bring mementoes and old yearbooks and spend the afternoon reminiscing.

Bell said the idea for the social originated from a letter the dorm government received from Martha Huber Plumley of Sparks, who lived in Manzanita 50 years ago. She said she would like a chance to get together with other former Manzanita residents.

Those who wish to attend are asked to respond in writing by April 16. The address is Manzanita Hall, P.O. Box 13284, 89507. Refreshments will be served.

Rush out

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity will hold a Little Sister rush party at the Phi Delt house tonight at 8. Any interested persons are invited to attend to meet the fraternity members and Little Sisters.

Hear ye!

The local chapter of the National Student Speech and Hearing Association will sponsor a bake sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, March 19, in front of the bookstore.

Cookies, cupcakes, brownies and other goodies will be sold for 25 cents.



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Publisher blasts Reno papers

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Defending again his position on holding publication of the Gov. Robert List "comp" story, Bob Brown, publisher of the Valley Times of North Las Vegas, Tuesday dealt a sharp series of pokes at the Nevada State Journal and Reno Evening Gazette.

Admitting instances where he'd been involved in journalistic tricks as overseas correspondent with UPI, Brown was guest speaker at a meeting of the UNR student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.

Brown spoke to nearly 100 journalism students, professors and professional journalists — including reporters from the two Reno newspapers — as well as members of the public.

Following anecdotes about his experiences as an overseas correspondent, Brown's talk emphasized what he feels has been unfair coverage of his newspaper by the Reno press.

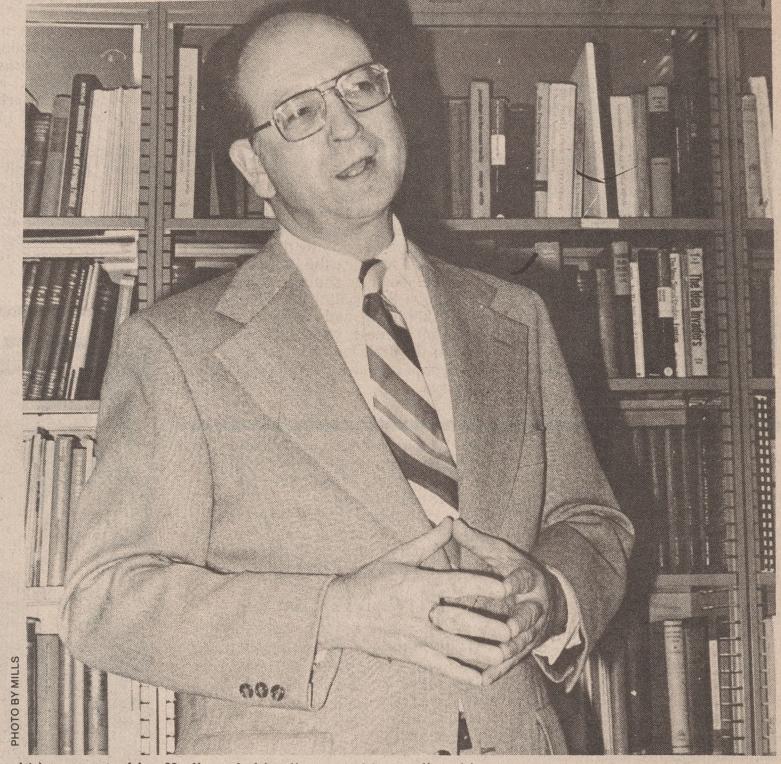
Brown was accused recently of "selling out to the Argent Corp. of Las Vegas and controversial gambler Frank 'Lefty' Rosenthal," by the Reno Evening Gazette and Nevada State Journal. The newspapers also said, "the Valley Times editorial policy changed from one of criticism of Rosenthal to a position of support after it received a large prepaid contract from Argent."

He also talked about the hard-to-define ethics involved in the day-to-day operation of a newspaper, and his fear the List "comp" story would have been labled a "political smear" if it had been published when it was ready — the week prior to last November's election.

The Valley Times printed a story after the elections revealing List had recieved complimentary services (comps) from the Argent Corp., which he later received compensation from the state for as expenses

Admitting it was a "big ethical consideration" whether the *Valley Times* had an obligation to run the story before the elections, Brown said "by the time we got down to putting it together all and having all the elements, it was about one week before the election.

"Now, had we run it I think that forever after in this state we would have been accused of smearing Mr. List. Not only that, we also felt that everybody



would have washed it off, discarded it, discounted it as politics," he said.

"If we had run that story fairly a month before the election, it would have been a different thing," he said later during questioning from the audience ad-

ding his newspaper "made no bargain with him (List), asked him for no favors."

Brown said List had accused him of offering at a meeting between them two weeks before the election not to run the "comp" story if List would "help" Rosenthal. Rosenthal, at one time a columnist for the

Snow Drifts

Chinook

It's that casual time of the year--Spring

By the looks of many students around campus, one would be inclined to think most of them had enrolled in a class on cloud formations. Many, in fact, have decided to view the warm March skies from the tops of local mountains. But, knowing Reno, we'll probably get at least six feet of snow over the Easter break.

Spring skiing is probably the most casual aspect of this sport — or any sport for that matter. Visions of snow-chilled wine and sunwarmed lunches often blur chalkboards and decompress weary minds from classroom pressures. Especially after Wednesdays, and irresistibly on Fridays.

Recently, the abundance of young ladies on the slopes at Ski Incline prompted the ski partolmen there to create new radio alert code numbers; the 1056JR and the 1014. The first informs any patrolman in the area an "inebriated teen-age female is on the mountain." A 1014 is similar, but well let's just say it has to do with eating lunch on the rocks. At any rate, a 1014 alert reputedly has been known to follow soon after a 1056JR has been issued. Right gals, that's Ski Incline, Just ask at the

patrol hut for JR.

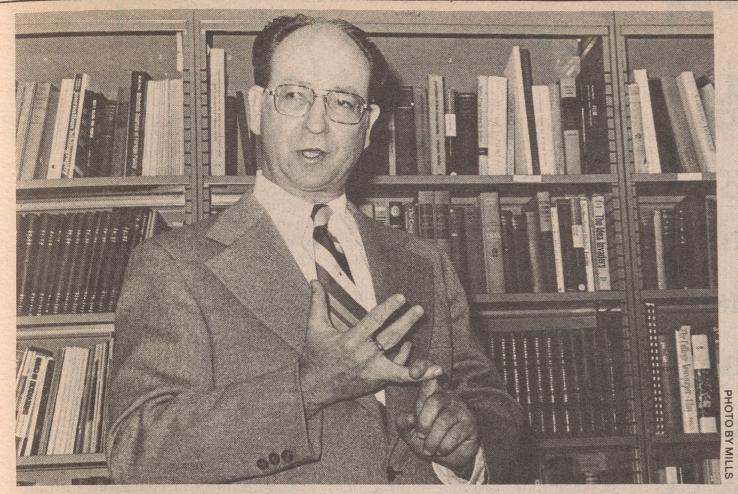
By far the best mountain for spring skiing in the Sierras is Mammoth. The Los Angeles crowds have packed their condos in mothballs and headed for the southland's beaches. They are pleasantly absent from the lodges, the lift lines, and the Hot Creek. Mammoth has plenty of northern exposure and altitude to keep the snow from turning into the familiar Tahoe goulash we've all fallen in and sworn at.

A Mammoth spring day starts with the opening of the mountain. Everyone gets off early costumed in various springtime attire, from cut-offs to topless suits. (Be sure to bring plenty of sun lotion.) By about 2, everyone heads for the lodge sun-deck. If shorts and swimsuits aren't already worn, they're quickly changed into. Food-laden packs are unloaded, and the partying begins. Surrounded by the snowy mountains, this beach scene is anachronistic indeed. Except for the wobbly ski to the bottom, the day's skiing is over.

Which reminds me of a naked escapade one spring day in Steamboat Springs, Colo. with my friend Tom

Heeck, and two young ladies who shall remain nameless. The day actually began quite innocently, with the theft of three half gallon jugs of red mountain wine. As the time of the year was late, the snow conditions were getting sloppy — so, according to the theory that man must adapt to his changing environment — we decided to match the prevailing conditions...the wine went down, the clothes came off, and the ski patrol moved in

Remember THE RUNS contest. ALL entries are due by April Fools' Day. There already have been some reports of wild runs occurring in the area; two occurring under a full moon and another while exhibiting one. Winning entries need not contain any references to actual happenings, and outrageous creativity is encouraged. The winning entry will be published in the Snow Drifts column, and the winner will also receive two free tickets to the cocktail show "Hello Hollywood Hello!" at the MGM. Drop off your letter addressed to THE RUNS at the Sagebrush office, 2nd floor, Mechanical Arts Building or send to: Sagebrush, P.O. Box 8037, Reno, Nev. 89507.



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Valley Times, is currently locked in a legal battle with Nevada gaming officials, who have denied him a gaming license to work at the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas.

"That, of course, is an outright lie, and he (List) has no proof of it," Brown said of the governonr's accusation.

What actually happened at the meeting, which according to Brown was arranged at List's request, was he and List went over the details of the story, Brown said.

"I said to Bob (List) that you know I can't sit here in an ostensibly friendly conversation and not level with you about a story were looking into," "Brown said.

He said List then went to the FBI and the state gaming authorities and told them Brown had made a bargain with him (concerning List helping Rosenthal). Brown said he then went before the agencies and testified under oath before them. To the contrary List has not given sworn testimony.

"I think that tells you the extent of the truth of his

statements," Brown said.

When asked what influence Rosenthal had on him and his paper and if this was a factor in keeping him from running the story before the election, Brown answered, "Yeah, probably to the extent that I got calls from Rosenthal telling me that (then) Gov. O'Callahan didn't want the story in the paper; that he had representations from O'Callahan; that he had representations from the List people; and Rosenthal had written a column for us.'

But, he added, the Valley Times has carried more ritical comment editorially of Rosenthal and Argent

Corp. than all Nevada papers combined.

"It was the Valley Times that uncovered the contract that showed that Rosenthal was earning \$250,000 a year. Nobody else in the state had it or printed it. It was a story neither Argent nor Rosenthal wanted out in the public," Brown added.

Brown also said the Valley Times uncovered and printed a story about a \$7 to \$20 million slot machine scam in the Stardust and Argent hotels in Las Vegas. The rest of the press in Nevada ignored the story until the Los Angeles Times "came in and made a big thing of it," he said.

In answer to another question, Brown said unless there is a full scale investigation, the people of Nevada will never know the full extent of the "comps" taken by List. Any such investigation though would be "pushed away" he said, because other

people have received comps too.

Brown, who had earlier warned journalists about not being manipulated by politicians, said the source for the List "comp" story was not planted by a political enemy, but some one who wasn't sure if the Valley Times could use it. The source, he added, was not a politician, a political source, or a public relations person.

Brown wasn't questioned by the Gazette Journal at the request of Bob Ritter, executive editor, according to one of Ritter's reporters. At one point a Gazette/Journal reporter refused to allow Brown to make statements "off the record" in what Brown said would have been a discussion about news judgment behind the scenes in a Las Vegas kidnap case.

Ritter will be guest speaker at the next SDX meeting March 27. He is expected to comment on Brown's statements. The meeting is open to the public and will be at noon in the journalism reading room, Room 10 of Mack Social Science. Lunch is free for journalism students.



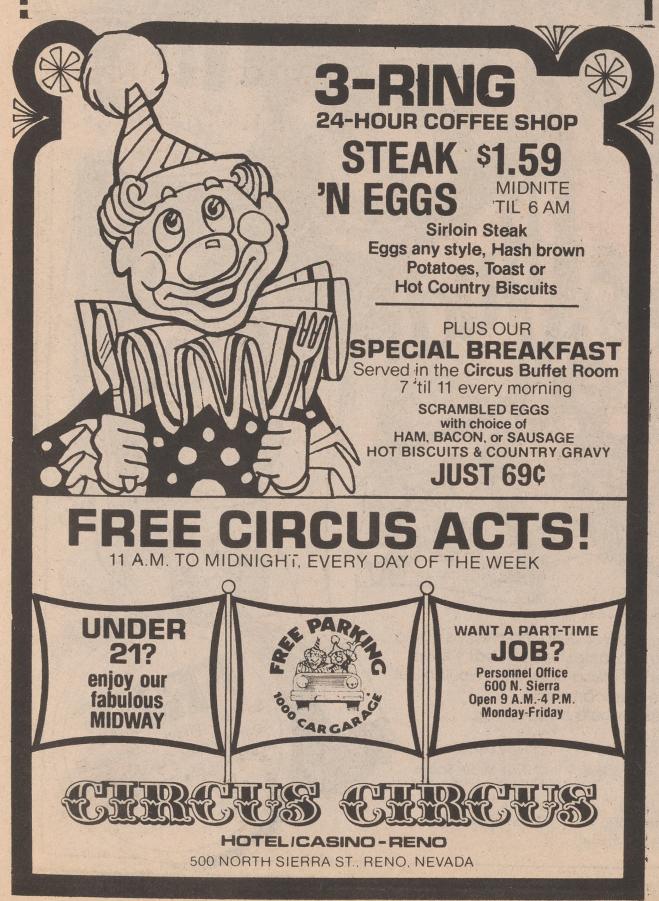
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Competency tested

The four panel members ready to discuss the issues are directly involved in the concept of testing or the actual competency testing being conducted in Nevada.

Attorney General Richard Bryan chaired the legislative committee that recommended the tests.

Dr. Hal Mather of the Division of Technical Services of the Nevada State Department of Education administers the competency tests.

Mel Kirchner is director of testing and guidance for the Washoe County School District.

Dr. Frank Meyers is a professor in UNR's department of counseling and personnel services where research is conducted on effective testing.

Each panel member will make a short presentation on some aspect of competency testing. A question and answer period will follow.

"Competency Testing — Real or Imagined?" is the third in a series of discussions in the education college's "Forum on Critical Issues in Education."

The College of Education at UNR will offer a panel discussion on the competency testing of Nevada school children Thursday, March 22, 7-9 p.m., in the college's auditorium, Room 103. The program is open to the public.

Competency testing began in Nevada when legislators were concerned whether students were really learning what they were supposed to learn.

Dr. Sam Basta, education professor who will moderate the panel discussion, explained the tests are supposed to determine a student's weakness or strength in areas such as reading, writing or arithmetic. But, he pointed out, ever since the tests were initiated, they have been the subject of much controversy.

One question that has arisen is whether the tests really evaluate what they're supposed to.

Another facet of controversy is that the legislature which passed the revised statute two years ago, making testing mandatory, did not allocate funding to implement the program.

Article on Med students

Ron Ellis

The attitude of medical students toward continuing education after graduation was the subject of a recent article by two persons from the UNR School of Medical Sciences (UNSMS) in a nationwide medical journal.

The article was written by Michael Krowka, third-year student at UN-SMS and Dr. Owen G. Peck, associate dean of continuing education there. It appeared in the January 1979 issue of the Journal of Medical Sciences.

According to the authors, the study of medical students' attitudes is important because they feel medical education is a process that begins with premedical studies and matures into continuing education. So, if a physician is to be most effective, the concept of continuing education must be instilled and cultivated during his undergraduate school years.

"This assumption follows logically from the belief that modification of attitudes and behaviors toward continuing medical education occurs at this early point in a physician's training," said Krowka.

"These assumptions have farreaching implications with regard to motivating physicians to participate in continuing education programs," he explained.

An essay-type questionnaire was sent to 123 students attending UNSMS, and 95 responded (77 percent). Students were asked to give their views on what is meant by continuing medical education; whether it's desirable and necessary; whether it can directly improve patient care; and whether physicians should be evaluated on their patient care techniques.

The study revealed 85 percent of the students felt continuing medical education meant "new advances" in the medical field and 35 percent viewed it as a "review" process.

More importantly, Krowka said only 27 percent indicated students gain knowledge through continuing for the specific purpose of improving patient care.

"This suggests that it is viewed as a perfunctory task, or just part of the job," Krowka said. "This is disappointing, in that many proponents of continuing education believe such

motivation is harmful to the program."

But, Krowka added, more than three fourths of the students agreed continuing medical education was necessary and desirable.

Also, 90 percent of the students indicated physicians would welcome evaluation of their patient care techniques. But, Krowka stressed, this figure was discouraging because the students felt 10 percent of the physicians in Nevada wouldn't want to be evaluated and this would translate to about 80 doctors who offer their services to nearly 800,000 individuals.

"The conclusion of the study suggests definite patterns of attitudes toward continuing medical education exist in a student's medical education," Krowka said. "Unfortunately, some of these patterns regarding motivation to participate in such a process are discouraging."

Krowka, Peck and Dr. Jerry May, UNR's associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and director of student admissions, also coauthored another article. "Feedback from Admission Committee to Applicant Interviewers" appeared in the August 1978 issue of the Journal of Medical Education.

Good will

Tom Loranger

An ASUN Senate committee has decided to donate \$600 to the Steve Malvey Benefit Fund.

Malvey, a 21-year-old UNR student, was shot in the neck Jan. 22 and has been partially paralyzed since.

The Programs and Budget Committee decided to buy 24 tickets at \$25 apiece to a benefit party for Malvey. They will be bought by ASUN pending approval by the entire senate Wednesday. According to several senators the proposal will definitely pass.

Jeffersonian Postscript

Strickland

Reno City Council defies common sense

Evasive Chamber of Commerce officials employ lame logic to support Circus Circus tower.

Monday afternoon at 5, the Reno City Council approved, by a vote of 4-0 and one abstention, a 28-story, 802-room addition to the Circus Circus hotelcasino, a project which upon completion will produce 76,000 gallons of sewage per day. In so doing, it overturned without explanation the regional Planning Commission's recommendation that the project be denied. This proposed tower will likely block the university's view of Mt. Rose. To be located at Sixth and Sierra streets, it will bring systematized crime, noise and the most concentrated clouds of air pollution one step closer to the university

UNR students Bill Hammond, John Warren and this columnist spoke against the proposed project, citing problems of unacceptable increases in air pollution, worse traffic tie-ups, soaring property taxes or rents for local residents, a worse housing shortage and the probability of overtaxing the Reno-Sparks Joint Sewage Treatment Plant. In these contentions they were supported by RPC staff reports.

All were ignored by the City Council.

Knowing that the Circus Circus project would come before the City Council, Jud Allen of the Chamber of Commerce wrote a column for the Sunday Gazette-Jounal entitled "Reno and Sparks at a Crossroads: 'Growing Better' through an orderly concept of planning." The whole article reflected a propagandist's skill in manipulating words to suggest that the Chamber of Commerce honestly wants organized planning when it really supports irresponsible growth. But its most important passsages brought up the old bugaboo that the Chamber has so successfully used in the past to stampede too many Reno voters into panicky rejection of limited-growth candidates and policies: unemployment. Give us more hotel rooms now, Mr. Allen writes, or you'll get unemployment:

The truth is that our tourism economy is in trouble. In the rush of hotel and casino expansion during the past 24 months, we created an imbalance between room and casino area that will eventually evoke unemployment and possible bankruptcy for some establishments unless corrective action is taken.... The most fundamental ingredient for quality of life is employment opportunities for all citizens who want to work. There is no quality of life the the unemployed.

Craftily violating the rules of logic and creating a false dilemma between genuinely useful work and a decent environment, Mr. Allen's article neglects to mention that there is also no quality of life for those overworked employed people who spend one-third, one-half or even almost all of their low Nevada wages on rent in a housing-short community. At least the unemployed have the leisure to think, write or look for more dignified, useful and better-paying work.

At Monday afternoon's council meeting — and during the public hearing time for those in favor of the Circus Circus expansion, Mr. Allen read most of what he wrote in his Sunday column for the benefit of the councilmen as part of a Chamber of Commerce "position paper." It is very interesting that Chamber of Commerce officials always show up at

City Council meetings to read what they call general position papers during public hearing times for proponents of major hotel-casino projects.

Last fall some Chamber of Commerce officials objected to this columnist's assertion that a Mr. Kottinger had spoken in favor of the proposed Harrah's downtown expansion at the October 23 City Council meeting. Mr. Kottinger had read a Chamber of Commerce position paper that called for simplifying and watering down Major Project Review during the public hearing time for those speaking in favor of the Harrah's casino addition, and this columnist naturally assumed that Kottinger wanted his remarks to be construed by the councilmen as being in favor of the Harrah's expansion project.

Mr. Alessandrelli of the Chamber of Commerce called this columnist and the Sagebrush editor down to the Chamber's headquarters to denounce as inaccurate the October 27 "Jeffersonian Postscript" resulting from the City Council meeting, which asserted that Mr. Kottinger had spoken in favor of the Harrah's expansion. He said that the Chamber of Commerce does not favor any particular project, that it merely supports orderly growth on general principle, and that it was only a coincidence — perhaps an error of timing — that Mr. Kottinger had spoken during the public hearing time for those

speaking in behalf of Harrah's project. It was not

realized that Mr. Kottinger had spoken during such a strategic moment for Harrah's, he said.

This columnist replied that for every City Council meeting there is always a separate time and item listing on the particular meeting's agenda pamphlet for "Citizens To Be Heard." People who wish to speak before the City Council about general planning principles without referring to any particular project may apply to be heard by the councilmen at that special time. People as involved in the workings of city government as officers and employees of the Chamber of Commerce should know this fact.

Isn't is strange, then, that at Monday's council meeting Mr. Allen himself should appear to read his position paper during the public hearing time for those speaking in favor of Circus Circus? And Monday's meeting wasn't the only occasion during which a major Chamber of Commerce official was involved in such a "coincidence." According to reporter Bob Lewis, writing in Monday's Journal,

Fred Davis of the chamber of commerce read the same position paper during the Planning Commission public hearing on the Circus Circus in February. At that time, Davis said it was only coincidence that the chamber was issuing the statement at the same time as the Circus Circus hearing.

When asked about the double "coincidence" Allen said the chamber was concerned about the economic base of Reno — not the Circus Circus project per se. If it was another hotel project, Allen said, the chamber would probably have issued the same position paper.

Allen added that no one at Circus Circus had anything to do with his presentation before the City Council and that the position paper was actually first sent to the City Council in October, 1978 (p. 5).

When will the astute men in the Chamber of Commerce learn to avoid such unseemly coincidences? Still this is all beside the point. The most important part of Mr. Allen's Sunday column and Monday address is the contention that fostering endless continuing growth is the only way to avoid serious unemployment.

But Mr. Allen is certainly not the only one to refer to the threat of unemployment if the insatiable demands of economic and urban growth are not met. Mobil Oil Corporation propagandists, Harper's magazine editors and Washington economists also say the first aim of our country and its economy is to provide more and more jobs and so-called "opportunites," whether or not these jobs are really useful to the worker or the community in which he lives. Such people never mention the ultimate ends of the society within which such endlessly proliferating jobs are to be performed. To combat successfully the arguments of Mr. Allen and his counterparts in the national economy, one needs to attack the evil of Work-for-Work's-Sake and the lame logic behind it.

In an advanced industrial society, progress and the introduction of more and more labor-saving machinery should mean that the burden of toil upon the population should be lightened and the workday shortened while no one loses a job or a genuine creative opportunity. Proper regulation of industry and the proper use of labor-saving machinery should lead to a better natural environment. Then how is it that labor-saving machinery and devices have led to the necessity of increasing toil for everyone, the need to have more and more people to take jobs, and environmental degradation? Who or what is spoiling the American industrial miracle?

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Budget fine

Brad Massey

State budget cutting may have less effect on the division of biochemistry than on other parts of UNR, the division's chairman said recently.

Ron Pardini pointed out the loss of a faculty position would hurt. However, much of the division's work is funded by federal and corporate money which will be unaffected by state government decisions.

"We decided a couple of years ago to write for extra support," Pardini said. Now most research is funded by the National Institutes of Health, pharmaceutical companies and certain federal agencies.

"At first it is like Catch-22," he observed. A beginning researcher must have proof of productivity to obtain grants, but he needs money in order to produce, Pardini, a cancer researcher. said.

Some major research institutions have an advantage because they already have the equipment and a reputation when they look for money.

Pardini said his department has momentum. The division is able to bring in nine speakers a year, which is a benefit in many ways.

Associating with important visiting scientists increases the enthusiasm of faculty and researchers, according to Pardini. If the speakers are impressed with the work at UNR, the word spreads through the scientific community and increases the stature of the division, he said.

The Biochemistry Division is a part of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Agriculture and the Medical School. The recent expansion of the Medical School has enhanced the role of the division.

"Excellent clinicians are coming and bringing with them research programs, some of which interface with biochemistry," Pardini said.

Gomes honored

Former Nevada Assemblywoman and UNR alumna Nancy Gomes will receive the Distinguished Nevadan Award at a reception March 22 in tha Jot Travis Student Union.

The award is in recognition of "significant achievements contributing to the social, economic and cultural advancement of the state and nation and exceptional service to the wellbeing of mankind." It was approved by the Board of Regents at their February meeting.

Mrs. Gomes was recommended for the honor by UNR President Joseph Crowley who called her "a dedicated, effective and courageous public servant with a lengthy and distinguished record of contributions to education in Nevada."

Involved in public service most of her adult life, Mrs. Gomes began her career in the 1940s in the State Welfare Division. She successfully pushed for the adoption of a new state foster-child care program.

She held the post of deputy director of the Washoe County Community Action Association, and later served as a member of the Washoe County School Board from 1972-76.

Mrs. Gomes was also elected to the Nevada State Assembly in 1977, serving one term. There she was a strong advocate of social welfare, particularly the development of public parks.

The reception, co-sponsored by UNR's President's Office and the Board of Regents, will be held in the Pine Auditorium 5-7 p.m. and is open to the public.

Sports

Was loss a rip-off?

Chris Healy

Did the Wolf Pack lose last Monday's game to Texas A&M because of an official's error?

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball rule book is not clear when it comes to the specific situation that the Wolf Pack and the Aggies encountered.

A quick review of the controversial situation is as follows: With 13 seconds left Texas A&M was called for a traveling violation. At that moment the score was 67-64. The player guilty of the violation was injured so a time-out was called. What kind of time-out?

Referee Tom Harrington said it was a Texas Aggie time-out and he told the official scorer. At the same time, referee Charlie Range told the Texas A&M coach that it was an injury time-out.

If it was a charged time-out then it was the Aggies fifth and final one without penalty (technical foul). If it is an injury time-out then the Aggies still would have one remaining.

UNR had the ball with 13 seconds remaining. At the 11 second mark Edgar Jones was fouled. He missed the foul shot and Texas A&M rebounded the ball and started upcourt. An Aggie player then called time out.

Was it the fifth or sixth time-out? According to the official book it was the sixth. According to the rule book a technical foul should be called. If it is called then UNR would have gotten a foul shot and possession of the ball. Trailing by three points, UNR could see the possibilities of a tie.

The argument that ensued was not a pretty sight.
UNR Head Coach Jim Carey became distraught
when he found out that the foul had not been called.

According to a member of the NCAA Basketball Rules Committee, who wished to remain anonymous, said the officials made a mistake "when they changed the official book after the game had resumed." He said that the officials have the power to change the book but it must be done befor the ball becomes live the second time.

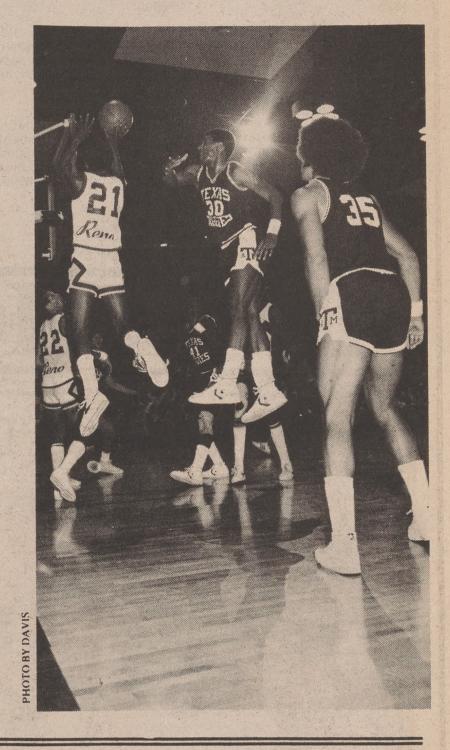
The officials first mistake was one of communications. One said the 13 second time-out was an injury time-out and the other said it was a charged time-out. Official Harrington made the mistake when he thought it was a charged time-out because it was obvious that the Aggie player was injured. Official Range was wrong when he overruled the book at the 7 second mark because at that time it was too late to do it.

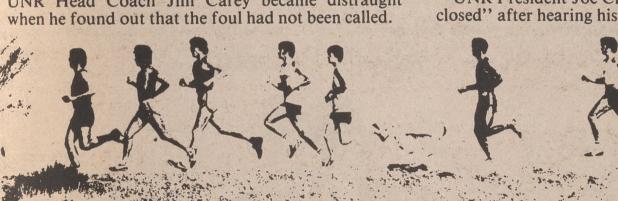
The real fault lies in the rule book. It is vague enough to allow different interpretations of the situation. At one point there seems to be enough power for the officials to do what they did, but then it seems to go in the opposite direction.

It would be nice for UNR to still be playing in the NIT but one officials's call did not cause their demise. It was just the final straw on a frustrated camel's back.

Congratulations are in order for Jim Carey. He showed a lot of class by quickly apologizing for his conduct at Monday's game. He is very intense man and it is fortunate that it wasn't worse.

UNR President Joe Crowley "considers the matter closed" after hearing his apology.





Tracksters successful

The UNR track team successfully opened its outdoor season by crushing visiting Southern Oregon College 110-43 Saturday.

Lars Welander set a meet record of 52.4 in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles to turn in the meet's outstanding performance. Welander was also a member of UNR's victorious 440 and mile relay teams.

Sophomore Lane Maestretti won the high jump with a leap of 6-6, the long jump in 22-4 and the discuss with a toss of 135-11. His height in the high jump

equaled the Mackay Stadium record.

UNR was also paced by double-

winners Dave Corthell and Lynn Mentzer. Corthell took first in the 120 high hurdles in 14.9 and won the pole vault at 14-0. He also ran on both winning relay teams.

Mentzer won both the mile and three mile runs. His time for the mile was 4:26.5 Mentzer actually finished second to UNR Track Club runner Joaquin Leano in the three mile, but Leano wasn't officially scored in the meet.

Freshman Robert Feemster won the triple jump at 43-6½ and was second in the high jump at 6-6.

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Tennis team shifts gears

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The Pack shut out visiting Claremont College 9-0 Friday behind the play of Bryan McQuown, Trebor Allen, Barry Joannides and John Shaw. They were all victorious in singles matched and combined with other Pack players to win in doubles.

Saturday the Pack traveled to Fresno and after nine hours of grueling play came away with two more wins to up its season record to 9-2.

UNR defeated Fresno State 6-3 in the morning. After a short 10-minute break they came back to beat Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 6-3.

McQuown, Allen, Joannides and Chris Long provided the fire power for UNR against Fresno.

Against Cal Poly, UNR used singles wins from McQuown, Long, Shaw and Scott Stevenson, and doubles victories from McQuown-Allen and Stevenson-Shaw to get the win.

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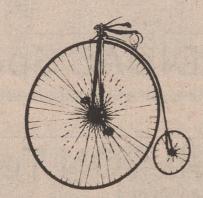
It should be about one hour until Mel has his characteristic amount of sensitivity and self control back again. But his courage is up and he tries this beer and tequila number one more

time; now remember, a drink is a drink, and this is two more so now he must wait a grand total of 3 hours before making intelligent and impressive conversa-

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tion. Good luck, Mel, but once it's down the hatch, it'll take its jolly one-drink-per-hour time before leaving your sensitive, responsive body with the qualities you call your own.

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