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# The Nevada Southern University REBELYELL

Marshall McLuhan:

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Uncle Wiggly

## Uncle Wiggly Comes to Town

By Sal Gugino

You'll never guess who's coming to Las Vegas. Let me give you a couple of hints: he's not Santa Claus and he hasn't given us a gift since he got into office.

You want more? He gets phone calls from Howard Hughes. His son runs into motorscooters with his car. His mansion is always on fire. Hank Thornley called him the governor of California and half of Las Vegas went wild hoping it was true. Ronald Reagan, Bonzo the Monkey and he are good friends. He was unbiased commentator on the recent presidential election TV coverage.

He's a "nice guy." He gets booed at NSU basketball games. When he visits the town he brings the National Guard with him. By now you must have guessed. He's that ever-popular, ever-faithful man, Paul Laxalt.

The only trouble is that he is ever-popular and ever-faithful in the north.

Compared to the north he treats us like Mohicans. You might say that he is related to both sides like cousins. The south is his lost cousin and the north is his kissing cousin, and I'll give you just one guess as to which part of cous' he kisses.

You might be interested to know that he will be at the University Friday to tell us how much money he is going to give us. Don't be surprised if he reaches into his pocket for change.

### To Lecture on Civics

# Laxalt to Speak Here on Friday

NSU Vice President Donald Baepler told students last Wednesday that Governor Paul Laxalt would come to the campus this Friday "to give students a lecture in civics." Baepler said that the Governor also "would explain his administration's plans for Nevada Southern and the measures which are presently being considered for improving NSU's present plight."

The Governor will spend several hours on the campus highlighted by an open meeting with Baepler and CSNS President Bill Terry and the 2 p.m. "lecture" in the Union Ballroom. His visit will coincide with a meeting of the University of Nevada Board of Regents, which convenes at 10:30 a.m. on Friday and adjourns the following afternoon. The Regents' meeting will be in recess during Laxalt's speech.

Members of Operation Lazarus who have been attempting for some time to stage a face-to-face confrontation between Laxalt and NSU students, explain that the the governor's appearance here is for the express purpose of announcing his support of a building authority for the state.

Such an agency would issue revenue bonds for state construction thus bypassing the need for an increases bonded indebtedness which applies to a different type of bond. It is expected that Lax-

alt will pledge a significant portion of the revenue from the proposed agency to higher education, specifically for buildings at Nevada Southern.

Gary Allmen, Chairman of the Lazarus Committee, said Friday that "Lazarus understands and supports this program. But we do not want the Governor to grab the spotlight with a statement that would make all Lazarus' claims appear baseless. We want answers in the fee increase. We want to know what his plans are for the future of NSU. We are proponents of the entire University and advocate anything that benefits the University. Why should we stop just because Laxalt might provide some new buildings? When will he provide the operating budget necessary to hire new faculty to man them?"

In a statement issued Friday, Sid Goldstein, Lazarus information chairman said, "Operation Lazarus has already stated its support

of the Regents' budget. We CANNOT, however, support the tuition increase that the Board has passed behind our backs." Goldstein called for vast numbers of students to join in a protest of the hike. "We want to show these Regents nad Governor Laxalt that we will not stand for the fee raise."

Questioned about rumors of radical and even violent student action to be taken at the two meetings, Allmen said, "There is a group, definitely not a part of Operation Lazarus, that wants to blindly invoke all the traditional devices of student unrest: the hanging or burning effigy, the sit-in, the walk-out, the strike, etc., etc. We have even heard rumors of a group locking the Governor in a room and subjecting him to a third-degree-type interrogation in the presence of the press.

"Lazarus palns no such activities. We realize that we are dealing with a group of conservative people

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## Editors Challenge Old Campus Housing Rule

REBELYELL Editor Jim Christ announced yesterday that he, R-Y Assistant Editor Joanne Donahue and other interested parties are preparing a proposal to change an old NSU housing rule requiring students under 21 years of age to live either their parents or in the dormitory. Christ said that NSU Vice President Donald Baepler had agreed to submit the proposal to the Regents at their January meeting.

"This policy," said Christ, "is just one more of the petty and archaic encumbrances that NSU students and progressive administrators are gradually eliminating. Educational history has proven that liberalization has not only enhanced the quality of the learning process, but has served to attract some superior talent that would otherwise have shunned universities."

The proposal would bring the age limit down to 18 for both men and women. A 21-year-old limit would be imposed, however, in cases of academic probation.

"Dr. Baepler has agreed to submit any responsible student proposal to the Board fo Regents," Christ said, "and he has agreed to actively support a proposal similar to ours, but stating simply that parental permission would be required for students under 21 to live outside the dorm.

"Our proposal, on the other hand, would allow a student, if he is competent to do so, to be self-reliant if he is not living with his parents and is unwilling to live at the dormitory. Dr. Baepler's proposal would require parental permission, whereas, under our proposal he could learn the responsibilities of independence if he wished to take the chance.

As of press time, Baepler was not available for comment. "We are striving," said Christ, "to prepare and document a proposal which is both feasible and mature. We are confident that, when the work is finished next week, it will merit the support of progressive and student-oriented administrators such as Dr. Baepler and Dean Jack McCauslin."

## Radicals Speak Out at Forum

By Dave Katzman

What do a "lay-in," a "bail-out," a "bandage-up," tact, the draft, a hike in student tuition fees and a formal candle ceremony on Friday the thirteenth all have in common?

Wednesday's Students for Political Action Open Forum provided the answer to this baffling riddle for some two-hundred on-lookers and speakers airing their grievances and differences of opinion.

With Bruce Adams leading the way, the SPA-sponsored weekly event invaded the downstairs lounge of the Student Union. Adams, president of SPA, "passed the hat" for contributions to be sent to "battle-plaged" San Francisco State College, a scene

of recent student unrest. Adams' plea for funds to bail demonstrators out of jail and supply medical aid to the injured victims of club-wielding police was met with isolated opposition.

Herman Van Betten and Daniel Larson, instructors in English, advocated the use of "cunning" and "tact" as the more effective devices for mediating student-administration disputes. Adams, supported by Sid Goldstein, argued that, although the methods used by the students at SFS may have been overly aggressive, the ends sought (a stronger student voice in university policy-making) justified their actions.

It was at this point that John Wright recommended that student demands be met immediately on

our own campus Wrights' forcefulness startled the audience as he bitterly condemned the draft, bureaucracy, police-brutality and the administration. Wright advocated a sit-in demonstration and a higher degree of activism (militancy) as a solution to student-administration differences.

The forum continued with Randy Frew expressing his disapproval of the raise in student tuition fees. Frew said the hike in tuition cost was "incongruous" in relation to the academic opportunity afforded to students at NSU.

The forum concluded with SPA members urging students to turn out in mass at the Board of Regents meeting Friday to participate in a candle studded funeral procession.

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**Shafted Again**

## Oh, Those Sneaky Regents

By Sid Goldstein

At a time when cooperation between student and regent is of the utmost importance for the very maintenance of the University system, it must be noted with despair that the regents are not holding up their half of the bargain.

Just released by the press, we find that NSU student fees have been raised. The problem here is not so much that it will cost in-state students \$227 to come back, or that it will cost out of state students \$1100 to go to NSU next year. The problem is that this legislative goodie was slipped by us in AUGUST.

So it seems that the good regents have done it to us again. Not ONE student was asked his opinion of the fee raise-not one CSNS officer knew the first thing about it. What are we to think?

The first, obvious, thought is that the NSU student body is once more left holding the bag. Remember, this is a STATE University. The state has an obligation to pay the burden, and, at the same time, so reserves the right to make the rules. However, with the students paying for the Union (as they are) and now another \$6,000,000 (as they will) we find that NSU students are being taxed in the manner of a private school and we are still subject to antiquated state law.

What we are faced with is a two-sided sword. We are not receiving the kind of facilities that private schools do receive, and we are paying proportionate costs. Students in the dorms (who'll be paying the \$1100) are subject to semi-tribal conditions (no mixing of sexes in the dorm) and, when students demand their rights, they are often rebutted.

There is no doubt that NSU needs funds. We can use the six million. The regents, of course, realize that it is easier to stick the students with the cost than for them to do their job and demand it from the state. Until the regents start to do their job-(and this does not mean trying to snow the press by telling that this was the solution to NSU budget problems thus students were happy about the raise)-then NSU faces a dire crisis from within its own system.

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in a conservative state, and our activities must be geared to that set of values."

Outlining Lazarus' strategy for the Friday confrontation, Allmen mentioned the distribution of handouts during the week prior to the meeting, "in order to at-

tract student interest and incite involvement." These handouts would include a set of questions, dealing specifically with the fee raise. The questions, Allmen said, "would then be understood by all of the students, who will then be able to analyze more completely the answers given by the Regents."

"The only interaction between the floor and the podium," according to Allmen, "will be the questions of students eager to learn the truth and the answers of a man who, when he first uttered the phrase, 'Lighthouse of education,' seems to have forgotten what the truth was."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

November 24, 1968

Dear Governor Laxalt:

We are writing you about a matter which we feel is of the utmost importance to our state. It concerns the future of higher education in the State of Nevada.

When we were delegates to the 1966 session of Nevada Boys' State, we were fortunate enough to have you teaching the Law School program. You were Lt. Governor at that time. In talking with you out of class, you felt that it was too bad that most of Nevada's "cream of the crop" had to go out of state to receive a higher education. At that time you said if there was ever anything you could do to help us, and if you were in the position to help us, you would be more than happy to.

We need your help now! We are calling upon you to fulfill your promise of help. We are asking you to publicly and favorably endorse the Nevada Southern University budget as presented to the University Board of Regents and the Nevada State Legislature.

We will appreciate your reply to our request. We know that you will fulfill the promise that you made to us when we were Boys' Staters.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Gangwer  
Tom Shition  
James Ness  
Salvatore C. Gugino  
Bruce W. Cecil  
Bob Anderson  
Steve Augspurger  
Steve Forst

December 4, 1968

Dear Editor:

As I write this letter, I gaze out my office window to see the construction of the University of Nevada's Physical Sciences Building continuing without a change. At the same time, I have before me a clipping from a Las Vegas newspaper with a photograph headlined "Education City" taken sometime within the last few weeks near the Dickinson Library. The two images seem very incongruous and impossible to justify, much less rationalize; as you probably know, I will not attempt to do either.

The matter at hand here is not the imbalance in space or number of faculty or number of library books or the further imbalance

that will exist between the two campuses because of the fate of Question No. 2, but the attitude of a people which allows such imbalances and wrongs to exist at all. I remember my years at NSU were interrupted by effigy hangings, signs directed at regents meeting at the campus located in strategic places, demonstrations, a sit-in, a walk-around, and a burn-up, but during that time I believe the students and faculty only wanted NSU to have its fair share-no one, to my knowledge, wished to deprive U of N of its lifeblood.

On the other hand, I have been exposed at this campus to an unhealthy, antagonistic frame of mind by the students, some of the faculty, and even the residents of the city; I live in an environment of hate and scathing, bitter cliches leveled at NSU. Some people (I might add: the most "uneducated") have been propagandized over the years and open their offensives by downgrading Nevada Southern then proceed to further unknowledgeable assaults. One guy in particular who lives two doors from me and dates the daughter of one of the most important regents said to me yesterday (in all earnest), "What I'd like to see is for California to take everything south of Tonopah and get that God-damn mess off our hands," and today, "I wish they'd wipe that f---ing place off the map"-in reference to NSU. Most "conversations" with others usually end in the opinion that Nevada Southern University should be either:

- (1) made a junior college,
- (2) forgotten about,
- (3) closed,
- (4) razed.

I came to Reno with a sense of loss something fine and I live here with that sense growing daily in a geometric proportion.

Hal Whipple, Graduate Asst.  
Dept. of Mathematics

University of Nevada, Reno  
November 27, 1968

Dear Editor:

Our faculty Senate will soon be asked to approve a change in the faculty salary base from \$5,900 to \$6,800 a year for 69-70 and \$7,200 in 70-71. This is a generous \$400 better than Mr. Humphrey's original proposal to raise the base to \$6,400. With this great increase our faculty can then make an annual salary corresponding to graduates of our two-year degree programs. The justification by the Salary Committee for not proposing raising the base to the \$8,000 requested by AAUP, is that then some full professors in Reno might earn more than the governor. They were afraid that the governor may be jealous of our pay scale and though this fear may be justified, I believe the governor realizes income from other sources, also he has a mansion and expense account which we don't.

When we talk about a salary increase we should consider also our lack of fringe benefits compared with what is typical in industry or elsewhere. Industry salaries and wages have gained 13 or 14 percent in the past two years. Industry contracts for the next 2 years are also in that range. Our increase would be too, but our

scale was about 20% lower than it should be compared to national gains just in the past 6 years and 25% low compared to gains in 10 years.

Also most pension plans are built so that vesting takes no more than 10 years, yet ours still takes 15. In other words, all the money that a professor contributes to his retirement fund does not even earn simple interest for the first 15 years. If he leaves before 15 years he gets nothing but his money back without interest. Many pension plans are vested from the first month of employment while many others are wholly paid by the employer and still accrue to the employee.

Typically in 1969, hospitalization benefits are free to personnel for self and family. A few are free too with an extra charge for the family. Ours is mostly an out-of-pocket cost with little employer participation. Many employers pay all costs of life insurance. At NSU there is nothing of that nature, and although life insurance is available, it is certainly not a part of the included benefits. If we're lucky we get parking privileges. That is our major benefit.

Supposedly professors are the cream-of-the-crop of any years graduates. However anyone can wonder about our economic maturity. It's a good thing for the school that all faculty are not dollar motivated or none would come here. Only the promises of a future university keeps faculty here year after year, optimism is the word for it. Can we continue this way much longer? I'm afraid if we don't improve at least the Salary Scale, that in the face of the other shortcomings at NSU, not only will we experience a mass exodus of faculty but difficulty in recruiting any replacement for the ones who go.

H.C. Wells  
December 5, 1968

Governor Laxalt:

As you are undoubtedly aware of, Nevada Southern University is desperately in need of a commitment for fiscal priority within the State budgeting system. And, relevant to your 1966 campaign promise to make "Nevada the Lighthouse of Education," I feel that it is incumbent upon you to show that your word was not only made in good faith, but kept in good faith as well. As a suggestion, I think that a public commitment from yourself to higher education, with state-wide press releases to all news media, would be an effective manner in which to start.

At the present time, there is not a prevailing public attitude that education be given the number one priority ranking, concerning fiscal matters. It is you, sir, who can change that attitude. You owe at least that much to every citizen of this state. For one day it will come to pass that our present young people will be deciding the fate of not only our state, but our nation as well.

Nevada Southern was once an institution of great promise. Today, because of the failure of Question 2, and a lukewarm attitude on higher education constantly being perpetuated by a number of State elected officials, our future at NSU is dismal. Freshman are being turned away from required classes, department operating budgets are not adequate enough to finance the costs of printing as basic an

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item as final examinations (e.g. Biology), promising, young faculty members are leaving for want of a working conditions' (A garbage collector earns more than an NSU professor; last year's head of the Department of Philosophy, Dr. Kaplan, is now driving a taxi cab and making more money than he did as an NSU prof!) and finally, student morale is decaying and contributing to adverse social conditions on campus (witness accounts of dormitory friction and racial unrest—the first in NSU's history.) All of these factors, I feel, can be attributed—at least partially—to a neglect of higher education by local and State officials.

If we are to survive, we must have every penny of our requested budget for the University system not only in Las Vegas, but Reno as well. And that can come only with 100% support from the governor

You may recognize my name as being among those who 'hung' you in effigy in 1967. The act may have been rash, for I can see that little was accomplished by the deed. My approach this year, as you can see, is different. I'm writing this letter to you in the hope that action will be taken. I will also write as many legislators as possible. I walked house to house campaigning for the passage of Question 2 during the November election. What more can I do? The

"democratic" process seems to be rejecting youth who attempt to work through or with the "system". If this fails, I will be forced to explore yet another avenue of change—one in which I am certain that many of my fellow students will follow. Desperate people do desperate things.

A starving man will cheat, steal, lie, and sometimes even kill in order to preserve his life processes. Nevada Southern University is a starving institution who's life processes are being threatened. My last wish would be to see NSU as a grounds of violent protest, i.e., Berkely, Columbia, San Francisco State. However, if that is what it takes for the people, and the legislators, and the administrators of Nevada to open their eyes and ears to educational atrocity which is being committed, the only thing that we, as students, can say is that the stage has been set by you, not us

It is not a pleasant thing for a person to be reduced to the point of begging. It is a tremendous concession of pride. I concede that pride, and beg of you to meaningfully—not tokenly—display to the public of Nevada your commitment to make our State the "Lighthouse of Education".

Sincerely, Terry Lindberg  
Chairman, Moyer Student Union Board  
Nevada Southern University

Dear Editor:

December 4, 1968

Once again I am deeply dismayed that the REBEL YELL has chosen to omit a notice of an important cultural event on the campus in its December 3rd issue. I am referring to the Christmas Vesper program consisting of Bach's "Magnificat" and Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb" prepared by the University Chorus, soloists and organist under the direction of Prof. Douglas Peterson, scheduled for performance December 8 in the Student Union Ballroom. Copy for this event was submitted to a REBEL YELL reporter, Terry Blocker, on November 25, two days before deadline for the December 3rd issue.

These students have worked hard and long, including extra rehearsals and much time spent making posters, sending invitations to off-campus people at their own expense, and calling upon local

merchants for supplies and other kinds of assistance. The Creel Printing Company contributed the printing of beautiful posters carrying a design contributed by Pam Young; Mrs. Margaret Hannah, one of our fine local professional musicians contributed her time as organist which involved many weeks of rehearsals and many additional hours of hard practice devoted to learning the difficult scores; the Nevada Southern Music Company donated the use of an expensive organ at considerable risk in leaving it in the Student Union where vandalism is not an unknown event.

I am sure that you can understand the great disappointment and discouragement sustained by these students, many of whom find it a burden to pay the mandatory CSNS fee, and by all of the others who have participated in and contributed to this concert, when

the editors of the RY do not care enough to announce an event to the student body that is worthy of gracing any concert hall in the country.

I am also sure that most people outside of the performing field so not realize the amount of time energy and expense necessary for the production of a successful concert; they take these things as a matter of course or apparently choose to ignore them. The campus press should be one of the first to give encouragement, acclaim and support to the sponsorship and production of fine cultural events. If we did not have them, it would be one of the first to cry, "Why not?"

What do we have to do to get adequate exposure of these events on the campus?

Sincerely,  
Howard R. Chase  
Chairman, Dept. of Music

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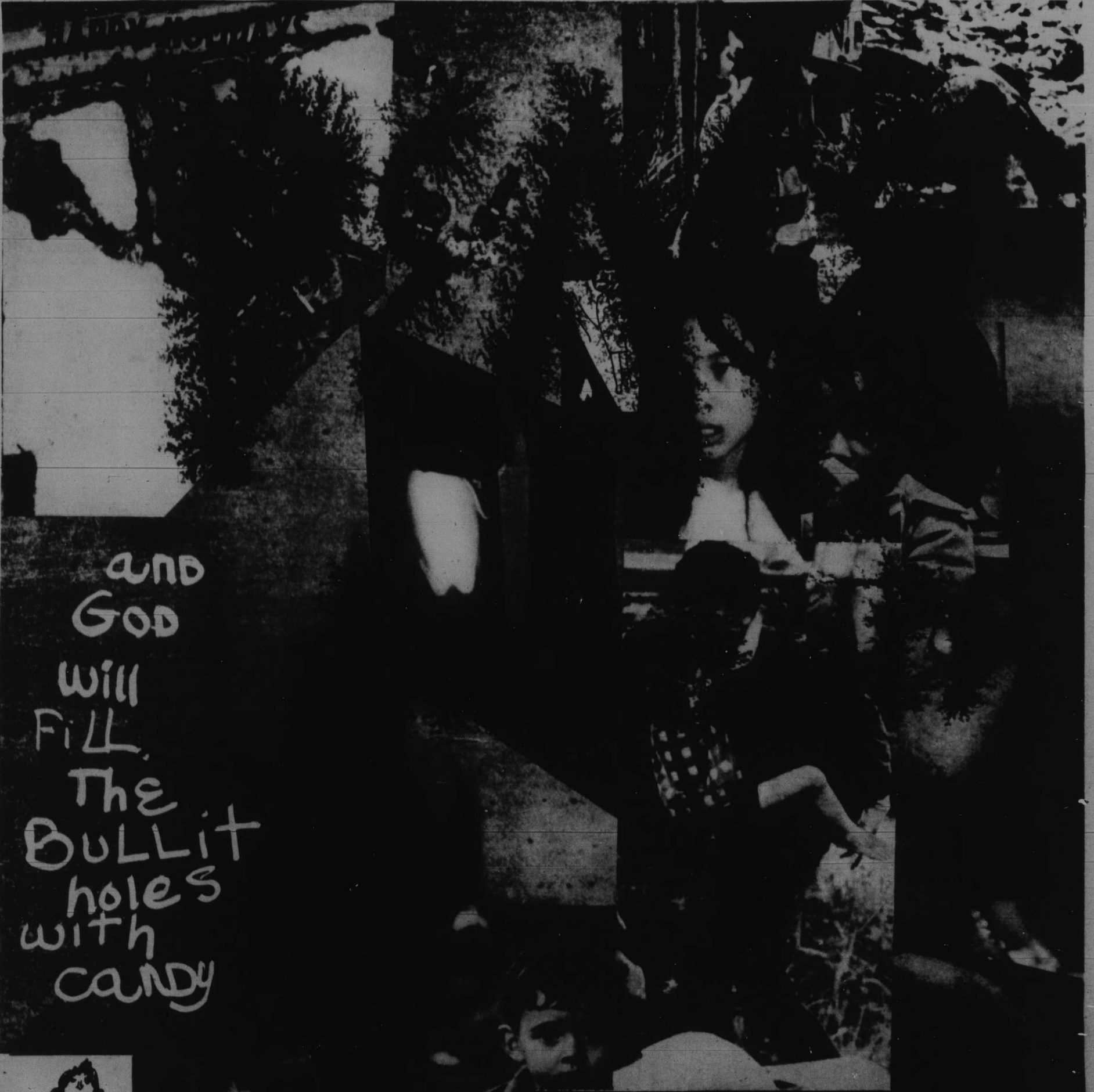
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