



CSUN'S LAST SUPPER? -- Regents are upset with recent student government action, according to Regent John McBride. McBride is seated eighth from the left in this January meeting of the board at UNLV. photo by John Guczinski

Describing a negative public perception of CSUN politics and criticizing the body's constitution, Regent John McBride Tuesday told the student senate it had "a serious problem."

"I've talked with all but two regents, and one has remarked to me that maybe we should stop collecting fees for CSUN. That would be the end of student government," McBride said. He made his remarks almost immediately after the senate struck its resolution condemning CSUN President Dirk Ravenholt from last week's minutes.

"I'm going to ask the University's general council to rewrite the CSUN constitution," the regent said. "It

looks like they were written by a club for its own benefit," he continued, calling the document "unfair, illegal and wrong" in many cases.

"That's what it looks like from the outside," the regent went on. "Essentially the senate turns out to be its own clique."

McBride told the senate it had broken the Nevada Open Meeting law in voting on the resolution without its being on the agenda and had acted improperly in voting themselves basketball tickets. "I know of no provision that gives you the right to vote yourselves basketball tickets," the regent said.

"Every year senates have taken action to suspend or rebuke their

presidents," McBride said. "There are serious issues and we don't have time for petty squabbles."

While the regent criticized the senate's resolution, he said he was not taking sides on the issue. "Censure doesn't do anything; impeach him if he's incompetent."

McBride said there had been "enough bad publicity" surrounding CSUN, and said the controversy had only hurt CSUN's credibility.

"The regents ask how many people voted in the last election. How many people do you really represent?" he asked.

McBride suggested the controversy surrounding Ravenholt should have been handled "individually" or

"privately."

"I implore you to get your act together," the regent went on. "I'm sure that if not, the board can and will revoke your charter."

McBride's remarks were met by a seemingly hostile senate. "It seems to me you are more worried about 'PR,'" Sen. Jimmy Hill remarked to the regent. "You're telling us to do things in a concealed fashion." Hill also challenged McBride to "come around" more if he was concerned about student politics.

Sen. Ginger Clayton's statement that "I am totally appalled" by "compromising for the sake of appearance" drew applause from the Senate floor.

Pleading for student support of CSUN, Sen. Tony Castenon claimed, "Our existence as a government is at stake." The senator made his remarks at the end of the meeting, noting he was sorry McBride had not heard what he had to say.

The regent left shortly after he made his remarks due to a previously scheduled meeting, he told the UNLV Yell.

"Before we talk about closing up shop, let's see who owns the tools in this place," Castenon said.

As he left the meeting McBride said the senate was "not happy with what I had to say."

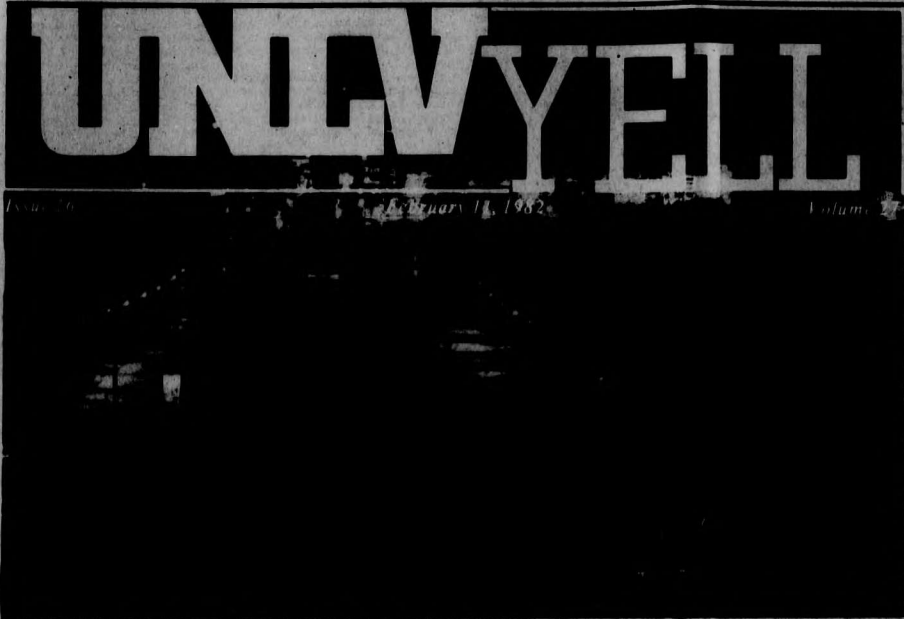
"I'm not telling them to hide their differences," he continued. "They

are trying to turn around what I said."

"It's the end result that's important. If they want to have impact, they're doing a hell of a poor job," he said.

At least one university official predicted CSUN and the regents could resolve the issue. "I'm impressed with the consistently high level with which this body has handled itself," commented academic affairs vice president Dale Nitzschke shortly after McBride's comments.

Nothing he felt the same way about McBride, Nitzschke predicted "everything would turn out A-OK."



NIGHT WATCH--The poorly lit UNLV campus allows for a beautiful view of Las Vegas and Downtown. photo by John Guczinski

# Students bittered by budget cuts

Washington, D.C. (CPS)--In what one of them termed a "historic" gathering, representatives of the largest and most important college groups in the land last week to preview with alarm--and to politically surprise--President Ronald Reagan and the 1983 education budget he wants Congress to pass.

Representatives of state schools, private universities, community and junior colleges, students and faculty members bitterly predicted that as many as two million college students will be hurt by the cuts. Thousands of them may be driven from campus altogether.

"Deep cuts have already been made in appropriations for student financial aid," summarized Ed Hanley, lobbyist for the U.S. Student Association (USSA). "Further cuts are going to keep thousands of students from returning to college this fall, and others will never get to attend college at all."

The spokespeople, solemnly facing an audience of reporters and association staffers in a House committee hearing room, said the Reagan education budget would affect all federal aid programs:

**Pell Grants**  
According to numbers leaked to

the press the administration wants Congress to cut funding for Pell Grants by 40 percent. Only students from families earning less than \$14,000 a year could get the grants, compared to a limit of \$27,000 this year. The maximum grant, moreover, would be \$1,400, down from \$1,670 this year.

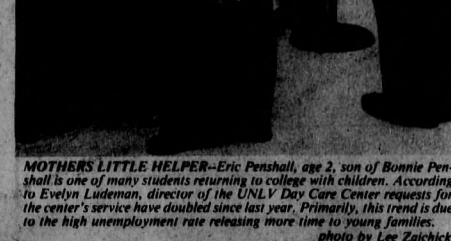
**Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants**  
SEOGs, which currently serve some 615,000 college students, would be eliminated.

**National Direct Student Loans**  
Under the NDSL program, created during the Eisenhower administra-

tion, 250,000 students now get low-cost loans to pay for school. The administration will ask Congress to end all funding for NDSLs.

**College Work-Study Program**  
The Reagan budget calls for a 27 percent funding cut for this program, under which the federal government helps colleges pay students working their way through school. Observers estimate some 250,000 students will lose their jobs as a result of the cut.

**State Student Incentive Grants**  
The SSIG fund matches grants made to students by the states. The



MOTHERS LITTLE HELPER--Eric Penschall, age 2, son of Bonnie Penschall is one of many students returning to college with children. According to Evelyn Ludeman, director of the UNLV Day Care Center requests for the center's service have doubled since last year. Primarily, this trend is due to the high unemployment rate releasing more time to young families. photo by Lee Zaichik

# 'We should fear the worst,' warns trusty Walt

by William Nixon

Walter Cronkite, "the most trusted man in America," told a crowd of over 1800 in Artemus Ham Hall that the Soviet-American arms race is on with such intensity that "we should all fear the worst."

The former CBS News anchorman speaking in Las Vegas, Monday Feb. 8, said, "War is imperative with the rapid increase in nuclear arms." He explained that Russia is not going to slow up its production of nuclear weapons.

Quoting a Soviet leader with whom he met while investigating Russia's international affairs and armament build-up, Cronkite said, "The rhetoric out of Washington has grown so strong with the Reagan Administration, that the Soviets are consistently wondering what Reagan's up to."

Cronkite quoted the leader as saying, "Not any time in the history of international affairs has a leader of an opposing country levied such heinous claims as Reagan has against President Leonid Brezhnev."

The Soviet leader also told Cronkite that Russia is trying to reach a nuclear arms parity with America. "It's the very same reasoning that President Reagan is trying to use with the American public to condone our arms increase," Cronkite said.

"We have got to be careful," he told the crowd. "We must find a solution. We have to take our time,

sit with Russia, and negotiate fairly. We can not be decreasing while the Russians continue to build."

The honored journalist spoke of the 1.5 trillion dollar defense budget, proposed by the current administration, for the next five years. He said that in the history of the Pentagon, the expenditure has never been less than 50 percent over the projected figure.

"I foresee a defense budget of two and a quarter trillion dollars," he predicted. "And there is no way that our standard of living is not going to be affected. One third of our national budget is going to arms."

"If we think that we can build up without any effect to our country's well being, just look at the Soviet food lines," he continued. "They are still suffering from their efforts to catch up with us."

Cronkite touched upon the crisis in Poland, explaining that America has to back off in its accusations of Soviet intervention. "Russia is terrified of entering Poland," he said. They want nothing to do with the country.

"The Russians are afraid of having to care for, feed, clothe, and support it economically. They can hardly care for themselves," he said. "The Soviets look upon the Poles and their demand for a 40 hour work as lazy."

"They miss Solidarity's point completely. To the Soviets, the issue is not one of human rights. It's an issue of business, of demands which the



WALTER CRONKITE--"The most trusted man in America." photo by John Guczinski

Soviets can't understand."

Cronkite pointed out that the Europeans look upon the United States as being naive in believing that Russia is behind Poland's martial law regime. "I too feel that all our propagandas about Russia being behind Poland's martial law is a bit naive."

"A moderate Lech Walesa was simply overridden by militants and we rose foolishly to charge the Soviet Union. We should have considered each factor."

Aside from international politics, a warm and friendly Cronkite, who opened his 90 minute lecture by calling Las Vegas one of his favorite cities, spoke of lighter, even humorous subjects.

He explained that his retirement from anchorman at CBS News, after 18 years, was not really a retirement. "Within 36 hours after my last news broadcast I was on my way to Houston to report on the progress of the Space Shuttle. I still had the

hangover from my retirement party."

His television show *Walter Cronkite's Universe* also received time as he told of the numerous experiences in anchoring the CBS News science magazine.

From his investigations which have taken him from the Amazon to China, he concluded that the four greatest dangers facing mankind are, over-population, the depletion of natural resources, pollution and the perils of atomic energy.

"As Americans," he said, "we have got to use all the great resources we have in this wonderful world to better our conditions, and the conditions of our neighbors."

"We are in the perfect position to light the beacon of hope. But unfortunately we are not doing our part."

Earlier in the day Cronkite held a press conference at the Desert Inn. Opening the event to immediate

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# update

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CSUN MOVIE--"The Jerk," 7 and 9 p.m., MSU Ballroom, free.

CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) CLASSES--successful completion results in certification by the American Heart Association. One-time, three hour class with written and practical tests. Feb. 11, 22 and 24, March 4, 9, 18, 22 and 24. 6 to 9 p.m. MSU Lounge 203, free. Reservations necessary; enrollment limited. Call Student Health Service, 739-3370.

PREPROFESSIONAL CLUB--first organizational-orientation meeting of the semester. 7 p.m., White Hall 105. Call 739-3732 for more information.

## Saturday, February 13

PAR EXCELLANCE VALENTINE'S DANCE--9 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., MSU Ballroom, \$2.50 students with ID, \$3.50 general public.

## Wednesday, February 17

CSUN MOVIE--"Life of Brian," 7 and 9 p.m., MSU Ballroom, free.

CSUN BLOOD DRIVE--9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., MSU lounges.

## Thursday, February 18

CSUN MOVIE--"Life of Brian," 7 and 9 p.m., MSU Ballroom, free.

CSUN BLOOD DRIVE--9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., MSU Lounges.

PHILOSOPHY COLLOQUIUM--In the first colloquium sponsored by the philosophy department for this spring, Dr. Maurice Finocchiaro will discuss parts of his paper, "Hegel's Concept of the Dialectic," about which Dr. Cyril Pasterk will then comment. Begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room, WRI 112. All interested faculty, students and local citizens are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

## Ongoing and Future Events

Feb. 27--WINTER WINE TASTING EXTRAVAGANZA--4 to 7 p.m. at Caesar's Palace. Sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada. The tax deductible tickets are \$15 each and can be obtained by calling Dr. Warren McNab at ext. 3837.

Feb. 28--WINE COUNTRY SAFARI--third annual sponsored by the Maitre D's and Captains Association, to benefit local charities. Sahara Space Center, 3 to 7 p.m. Ticket donation \$7.50. Call 876-4000.

PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT GROUPS sponsored and conducted by the Psychological Counseling and Evaluation Center.

### MONDAYS

RETURNING STUDENTS (for those who have been out of school five or more years)--12 p.m.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP (the over-30 crowd)--2 p.m.

PARENTING (for parents and step-parents)--2 p.m.

### TUESDAYS

HANDICAPPED STUDENTS (students with special physical problems)--2 p.m.

STOP SMOKING (now's the time to quit)--5 p.m.

PASSAGES: COPING WITH ADULT TRANSFORMATIONS (the art of growing up)--5 p.m.

### WEDNESDAYS

A GROUP FOR MEN (share your concerns)--2 p.m.

GAY AWARENESS (for men and women)--4 p.m.

### THURSDAYS

SELF-ESTEEM FOR BEGINNERS (it's never too late)--11 a.m.

ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING FOR WOMEN (learn to say "no")--1:30 p.m.

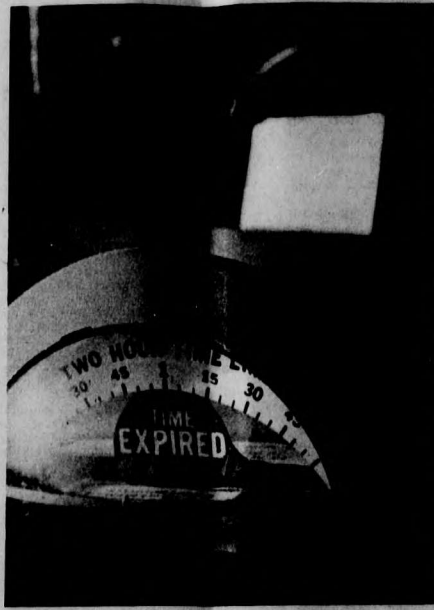
UNDERSTANDING YOUR DREAMS (know yourself)--2 p.m.

WEIGHT LOSS (the ups and downs)--4 p.m.

### FRIDAYS

DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS (for men and women)--1:30 p.m.

Call the Center at 739-3627 for further information and scheduling.



**EXPIRED?**--As you can tell by the above photograph, Campus police are now ticketing cars with student, dorm and faculty-staff stickers when parked in designated visitor parking spaces. During the past few weeks, 60 parking meters were installed throughout campus. "The Parking and Traffic committee set up the installation of the meters to insure parking places for visitors," according to Ken Worsham, parking enforcement officer for the University Police. "We have received favorable comments from visitors to campus," said Worsham about the \$10,000 worth of meters. These spaces are for visitors only, regardless if time is bought on the meter. So, therefore, if you have a UNLV parking sticker on your car and you park in one of these spaces--you can expect to receive a fine of \$3, Worsham stated.

photo by Lee Zaichick

## Cronkite

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questions, his answers covered subjects from Reagan's relationship with the media to the education of future journalists.

Although he said it was too early to comment on the Reagan-Media relationship, he was sure that it would never become as damaged as when "the Nixon administration conspired against the press. We have never recovered from that administration."

Each president has had their own manner with the media," he said. "Johnson openly tried to manipulate the press. Following the evening broadcast he would call the network, wait on hold for a few minutes, and then try to set me straight."

He told the small group of reporters that the greatest enemy to credible journalism has been the abuse of the unidentified source. "It has led to sloppy journalism," he said. "Not enough reporters search the story thorough enough. Instead of digging up sources they can quote, they settle with the unidentified."

He cited the Janice Cooke incident and her fraudulent receipt of the Pulitzer Prize as a case in point. "I'm sorry it had to happen to such a great newspaper. The fault was with the editorial desk. The story should have been looked into more deeply."

Cronkite said that despite the mounting problems in print journalism, and the declining interest due to television, broadcast news will never replace print. "There's not enough time in 24 minutes to broadcast all the newsworthy events."

"The newspaper is extremely important," he continued. "Our democracy is in a state of crisis due to

an uninformed electorate. It is our responsibility to educate our young to read the paper, learn how to sort through the facts and opinions, and arrive at a constructive conclusion."

Other than an uninformed electorate, Cronkite said that another personal fear was the increasing monopolies of the nation's newspapers. He said individual newspapers need a monitoring source. "One paper can print information without question. There has to be another means by which that information can be checked."

## Aid cuts

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administration wants to end the program entirely, which this year serves 300,000 students.

**Guaranteed Student Loans**  
About 3.5 million students took out GSLs this year, but the administration wants to cut drastically the number of students eligible for them in the future. Reagan proposes to eliminate all graduate and professional school students from the program, double the loan origination fee to 10 percent of the loan value, make borrowers pay market interest rates (up from the current nine percent) starting two years after leaving school, and limit GSLs to students with unmet needs."

But Dr. Ed Fox of the Student Loan Marketing Association, which helps arrange GSL's among banks around the country, says those charges might effectively mean the end of the GSL program.

"Any change in the (GSL) legislation is the forerunner of an incredible amount of expensive paperwork for the banks (who actually make loans)," says Fox, who was not at the Washington press conference. "Banks could certainly be dropping out in the future."

That's just one consequence of the cuts if Congress approves them, according to the press conference participants.

More than 300,000 independent college students would probably be forced out of school, predicted John Phillips of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

"Assuming only half of those who drop out of independent colleges" go

on to public colleges, Phillips estimated, "states would have to increase their subsidies by more than \$500 million."

Allan Ostar of the American of State Colleges and Universities then pointed out that many states themselves have been badly hurt by the recession, and were unable to make up the differences.

He pointed out that most states' allocations to their public colleges haven't increased as fast as inflation. Still others worried about the ability of the \$39,000 public college students who now get aid to hold on.

A Southern Illinois University survey found that 61 percent of its students doubt they'll be able to continue in school full time next fall, when the first round of Reagan education cuts take effect. Those worries are echoed around the country.

Dr. William Pikens of the California Post-Secondary Education Commission frets about a "step-ladder effect" in which private college students will have to transfer to public colleges, where they will displace the poorest students on the public campuses. Those students, in turn, would be bumped down the ladder to two-year institutions. The less-well-endowed students in community colleges will then be displaced, he fears.

Shirly Ort of the Washington state higher education commission similarly worries about a "displacement" of students "on down the line."

Ort estimates some 50,000 Washington students would be affected by the aid cut.

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# Las Vegas prime rock climbing area

by Mike Prunchar

Stranded 21,000 feet up in the mountains of Bolivia, 44-year-old George Urioste and his wife were contemplating the worst.

Urioste, associate professor of anthropology at UNLV, and his wife were on a climbing expedition in Bolivia in 1976. They situated on an ice face when a storm erupted.

"We were stranded for three days in a horrible storm," he said. "We didn't even have water to drink."

"We couldn't talk because of the howling wind. The tent was ballooning. We thought we had hit it."

There was no rescue party. They didn't expect one. After three days in freezing temperatures, the storm subsided. They came down from the mountain, much relieved.

Based on 30 years of experience climbing in Europe, South America and the United States, Urioste judges Las Vegas one of the prime rock climbing areas in the country, if not the world, as far as sandstone climbing is concerned.

"In Las Vegas, you can climb year-round because of the weather," he said. "The is what makes it good."

Urioste said that he has spent thousands of dollars over the years on climbing equipment. Most of this money, he said, has gone to replace lost items and items that are perishable, such as ropes. The ropes need to be replaced from time to time to maintain optimum performance.

There are different types of rope for climbing and for rappelling, which is movement downward on a vertical or near-vertical wall with the aid of a rope.

Each type of rope has its own characteristics.

"Because of the stretch factor, rock climbing ropes are usually more expensive than rappelling ropes," the climber said. "You could get away with using ropes with a lot of stretch factor in rappelling."

In rock climbing, you need a rope that will stretch enough on impact that you won't snap in two during a fall," he said, but not so much that the climber is in danger of hitting a protrusion.

According to the climber, many rappellers use rock climbing ropes unnecessarily. "There's really no reason for this. The stress from a rappeller on the rope is controlled and very static. It's not the same

type of stress as in the case of the long fall."

Urioste has had some close calls. "Once, I took an 80 foot fall. I didn't hit anything because it was a very vertical wall, but I remember tumbling many, many times."

This happened at "the Geunks" in upstate New York. He had climbed 40 feet past his last piece of protection and he slipped. But he regained his composure and continued the climb.

Urioste said that very few people in Las Vegas rock climb.

"It's a minority sport here," the mountaineer said, which is surprising "given the fact that we have some of the best climbing available in the country."

He cited other demands on one's time, the requirements of the sport and the difficulty of finding prime climbing areas relatively close to the city as reasons for the lack of local participation.

Good areas around the city are hard to find because there isn't a guidebook for climbers in this region, he said.

Urioste's wife, Joanne, whom he met rock climbing, is currently working on a comprehensive guidebook of the Las Vegas and southern Nevada areas. She hopes to have it published within the next two years.

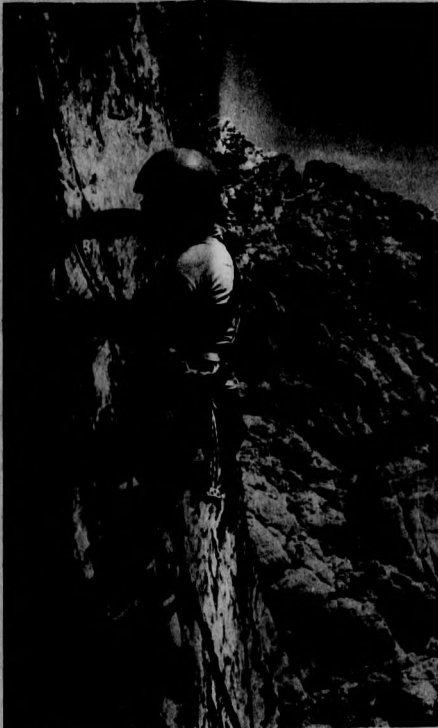
An avid hunter, as well as climber, Urioste said that climbing takes a backseat during hunting season.

"I climb about once every two months because hunting takes up most of my time," he said. "I never buy meat."

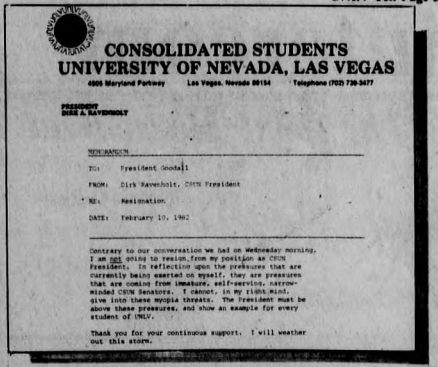
The Uriostes climbed the Codiero Blanco in Peru in 1973, and in Bolivia in 1976, 1979 and 1980. Considered an expert in Andean studies, the anthropologist recently completed the translation of a manuscript on the Quechua tribe of South America.

The project was started in 1968 by Prof. John V. Murra of Cornell University. Urioste was contacted by Murra in 1978 to assist him with the translation.

Since Urioste was born and raised in an area where Quechua was spoken, plus his expertise in the field of Andean studies, he was a natural for collaboration on the manuscript. Born in Santiago, Chile, Urioste has lived in Bolivia and Spain, as well as the United States. He has been at UNLV since 1974.



**LONELY AT THE TOP** -- Anthropologist George Urioste, seen here scaling Velve Canyon's Epinephrine in Red Rock, believes the area offers the world's best rock climbing.



**HELL NO, I WON'T GO** -- CSUN President Dirk Ravenholt has vowed not to resign after some apparent indecision, according to this facsimile of a memo addressed to UNLV President Leonard Goodall.

## Impeachment

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vowed she would "not tolerate incompetence. That's what hurts our credibility and our image."

"This has nothing to do with basketball tickets," Clayton told the UNLV Yell after the meeting.

Accusing Ravenholt of "undermining senate objectives," Clayton said Ravenholt told athletic officials both he and a majority of the students supported a mandatory athletic fee (MAF) increase despite a senate resolution condemning the fee raise.

"He's talking out of one side of his mouth to us and out of the other side with athletics," Wild commented during the meeting. "It was time to take an open stand."

Clayton also pointed to the president's signing of a rock concert contract prior to senate approval and his alleged disregard of a senate resolution concerning summer office hours

as further grounds for impeachment. "I believe the facts are there; that's the reason for the impeachment committee," added Sen. Robin Starlin.

Responding that the charges had "no basis in fact," Ravenholt challenged the senate to find him in violation of some law, which he said would be necessary to impeach him.

"This violates conscience and legal due process," Ravenholt continued, referring to the senate's action as "political public slandering."

"I do not serve at the pleasure of the senate," Ravenholt said, continuing to blame his conflicts on his efforts to "clarify the issue of the basketball tickets."

Ravenholt noted he had made several efforts at reconciliation with individual senators, but if the conflict was to continue, the president said he was glad the senate "finally went all the way."

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## The Dead Horse Beat

by Marc Charisse



During the bruhaha over Regent John McBride's dressing down of the CSUN Senate Tuesday, only lame duck president Dirk Ravenholt thought to ask the southern Nevada regent the questions that really concern the students of this campus. Ravenholt wanted to know about fee restructuring, increased tuition and the mandatory athletic fee. McBride's answers were not encouraging. "We're in deep trouble," the regent told Ravenholt. "There are going to have to be additional fees."

McBride puts the problem simply -- "We've got a lot of demands for money and it just isn't there." The regent talks about raising the tuition enough to cover the university's needs for some time, so you can bet that means more than keeping the "temporary" \$1 fee hike we got stuck with at the beginning of last semester.

Another thing the regents are going to be examining soon is a complete restructuring of student fees which would give the board more discretion on how your money is spent, instead of a set \$2 athletic fee and a \$2.40 CSUN fee as well as library fees, gardening fees, etc. So maybe there won't be a mandatory athletic fee. Instead, the regents will just budget athletics twice as much of your money.

There's a lot of talk around CSUN that it's all just a smokescreen to divert your dollars to athletics while McBride talks about the decision being up to the community as well as the faculty, staff and students of the university.

The regent says our only choice is to come up with more money or settle for a second rate athletic department. The second suggestion "wouldn't fly," McBride says, "not in a town that doesn't like to be second best at anything."

Second place, by the way, is a rather optimistic analysis of our programs, at least the academic ones. Unless, of course, you want to limit our discussion to Nevada universities.

In addition to athletics, the student union, in the form of director Burt Teh, also has its hand out. The union is planning expansion and "may have to ask for additional funds." Sound familiar?

Of course, the regents can only raise fees so much before they price themselves out of the market. Can you imagine anyone with enough money to go to a first rate school wanting to attend UNLV? That's where this fee restructuring comes in. If there is not enough money to go around it is going to have to come from an existing source.

This concept has been considered a dead horse ever since George Chanos won a postnomination on the issue. But it's a favorite issue of McBride's and even when he promises "not to push it personally," I would bet the issue comes up very soon, no matter who pushes it.

Given McBride's comments at Tuesday's CSUN Senate meeting you don't have to be Nostradamus to figure this one out, especially when you consider the taste the senate's response must have left in McBride's mouth.

"I'm going to expect the worst," says Senate President Rick Oshinski. "I'm not saying the senate was wrong on this one. As a newsmen I love it when officials bring their skeletons out of the closet. I also believe it's an essential part of arriving at the truth."

But I think they have a lot to learn about politics, even for students. When the regents talk, if at least pay lip service. CSUN can't fight the regents anymore than their president can fight the senate. The other guy wrote the rules and you just can't win.

So CSUN had better start thinking about how it spends its money. \$100,000 for "entertainment and programming" (read: beer parties) will look very tempting when its time to shear the sheep again.

There is talk, among regents about the "frivolous" use of students' money by student government and the "good time Charlie" atmosphere CSUN exudes.

CSUN had better start acting like there is someone looking over its shoulder at all times; it's pretty clear someone is.

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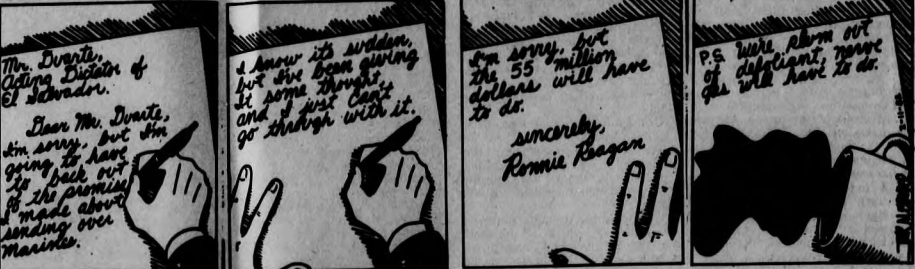
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## HOSE



In response to Regent McBride

# Unanswered questions on CSUN

by Karen Cohen

Chalk one up to experience in university politics. I guess you could call it naive, but I prefer to blame it on my basic trust in people. I usually find trust makes my world a lot nicer, but it sure can lead to a lot of disappointments. I had been under the impression that Regent John McBride addressed the CSUN Senate at its meeting Tuesday with the intention of straightening out a few matters. No such luck. I left the meeting with more unanswered questions than I started out with, and it looks like it will take a lot of digging to find the answers.

The problem really wasn't in the basic message McBride was delivering. That much was clear. He repeatedly stressed the word "perception." According to McBride, perceptions of CSUN are more important than all of its accomplishments put together. He said perceptions of CSUN are unfavorable because the press only reports the unfavorable actions of CSUN. Question: Whose perception of CSUN was he discussing? His? The Board of Regents'? The UNLV administration's? The students'? The public's? All of the above? Question: Mightn't the perceptions of others, such as students and administrators who deal with CSUN on a daily basis, differ from that of McBride?

McBride said his information came from "the paper and other students." Question: "How many students is 'other students'?" A handful, or a number large enough to justify credibility to their claims? Question: If McBride was concerned about CSUN, why didn't he get the information firsthand?

McBride said of the regents, "face of the board" has been changed. According to him, some board members have been replaced since he joined the board and some of the problems that existed previously no longer exist. Question: Does that mean the board resolved problems through personnel changes? Question: When McBride said, "I would hope that you would do the same," was he referring to solving problems or to simply eliminating them through changes in CSUN staff? Question: Was that what he referred to when he said of CSUN President Dirk Ravenholt, "Impeach him if he's not doing his job"? Question: What happens to perception of CSUN when it begins impeachment proceedings?

It gets worse. McBride had quite a bit to say about UNR's student government, ASUN (Associated Students of the University of Nevada). He criticized ASUN and

voiced concern over an article in UNR's newspaper, Sagebrush, titled "Students' Question Value of \$UN."

McBride said he had reviewed the constitutions and bylaws of both CSUN and ASUN and will "request our general counsel to have them rewritten." He explained, "I think there are many cases in there where they're unfair--I think many cases where it's illegal, it's wrong." Later he added, "It looks like they're written for a club with their own purpose and not for anybody except them," and "They look like a grade school kid wrote them."

Question: If the CSUN constitution is the shoddy piece of work McBride claims it is, why didn't he do something about it before now? For instance, why didn't he speak against it when it was approved by the Board of Regents?

McBride said that every spring since he's served as a regent (he joined the board in 1978), the Senates at both UNLV and UNR have taken actions to "suspend, rebuke or impeach" the president. When Senator Jeff Wild pointed out that such action has occurred only once at UNLV, McBride responded by saying it's happened twice at UNR. Several senators immediately replied "We're not UNR." McBride said that because UNLV and UNR are both part of the University of Nevada System, they would be treated alike.

It seems to me that differences between UNLV and UNR should be taken into account when policy is made, but that's not what bothered me the most. McBride pointed out that the CSUN constitution prohibits students who have not earned 25 credit hours at UNLV from running for elected office (The requirement is waived for those who run for Academic Advancement Center Senate seats.). McBride said there is a possibility of an increase in transfer students returning to Nevada because of cuts in student loan programs and that he doesn't think those students should be excluded from CSUN. What nobody pointed out is that there are no minimum credit hour requirements for membership on CSUN boards and committees.

McBride said there is no such

restriction in the ASUN constitution and that CSUN should delete it. Senators defended the requirement, saying it insured candidates for office had sufficient time to become familiar with UNLV and the university system. McBride claimed it was unfair.

McBride suggested in several instances that CSUN follow ASUN's example. When asked why the ASUN way was the better way, McBride said "they've been in the business" longer than CSUN, so CSUN might be able to learn a lesson from them. You've probably guessed the next question by now. Question: What kind of a lesson can CSUN learn from ASUN? Question: Where is the logic in criticizing an organization and the procedures by which it runs and then recommending that organization as an example to another organization? Question: If both CSUN and ASUN are in trouble, why should CSUN adopt ASUN policies?

While speaking about perception, the regent referred to the lack of confidence resolution recently passed by the Senate and said he thinks there are other ways for CSUN to work out its problems. He suggested that problems be discussed "privately, individually or over a drink of some kind." He told the Senate, "Don't let it all hang out in the press." Question: What do you do when privately and individually don't work? Question: Don't the regents think the CSUN students have a right to know what's going on? Question: Could it be that although some of us like to call the senators politicians, they really do care about the organization and its members? And could it be that their concern was the cause for their public statements about the president?

McBride said "if the situation continues on both campuses, the board can and I expect will, revoke your charter and put you in receivership with the president and let him run it for a while." Question: What would revoking the CSUN charter do for perceptions?

McBride advocated handling problems in private. But when President Ravenholt questioned him about making necessary changes in the

CSUN constitution internally, McBride insisted upon going straight to the general counsel. There's a quieter way. If the counsel would recommend changes to CSUN, CSUN could submit those changes to the students for approval. They would then be submitted to the Regents for approval. If the changes were advised by legal counsel, there's little doubt the students would approve them. That seems to me a much smoother method.

McBride said "all the regents think the student government is very essential to us on the board in order to get the single voice, in order to support the student body." But, he said, when CSUN goes to the regents, they consider the low CSUN voter turnout and wonder just how much of the student body CSUN represents. If CSUN and ASUN couldn't increase "clout" would be strengthened. The next question isn't mine. It was asked by Jeff Wild. Question: "If Regent McBride is so interested in students voting, why isn't he actively supporting student housing, which would help achieve that goal?" This one's mine--Question: Is it because he'd rather see the money that could go to the Athletic Department?

McBride said he anticipates a request to the Board of Regents for additional athletic fees. Referring to the Athletic Department, he said, "We're running in a hole, and that's no secret. State law does not permit you to run in a hole, so there aren't any more running in a hole." Question: Did he mean the Athletic Department is operating in the red? Question: If it is, why is it being permitted to do so? Question: Did the regent mean by this statement that the athletic budget is in trouble and that it will receive help from a fee increase or restructuring? Question: Does that mean CSUN funds will be cut for athletics?

Just a couple more questions. The first is from Senator Wild. Question: "Why do we only see the regents when we're in trouble or when they want to be elected?" But what I really want to know is this. Question: Which group includes more active voters--UNLV students, or UNLV athletic boosters?

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## To Gail

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# Murray

# Letters to the Editor

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## Greeks Dominate CSUN

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Lisa Griffith's article in the Yell January twenty-eighth, a four column advertisement for U.N.L.V.'s Greeks. Why all this free space to Greeks? The article contained social niceties and personal back-scratching, not to mention the overwhelming revelation that the Greek organizations on campus are not comprised of "Trojan Warriors" or even "Greek Philosophers," a statement which is an insult to the university student. Members of Greek organizations dominate CSUN and many are on the Yell staff, not because of any personal merit, but because the majority of the students at U.N.L.V. are apathetic. Perhaps it is hopeless to criticize the Greek organizations by submitting a letter to the Yell, but people feel the Greek organizations of beer-guzzling aspiring socialites. When an individual challenges the existence of these organizations on

campus, they respond with immature personal attacks and fruitless attempts to justify their existence. For example, while it is common knowledge that their main pastime is partying, they feebly cite their paltry contributions to some heart-rending philanthropy as their raison d'etre. Of course, by their very nature fraternities and sororities are sexist organizations. The two major sororities on campus, Delta Zeta and Alpha Delta Pi, have no black members. Is this a mere coincidence-- or is it a time warp? Maybe for Ms. Griffith the "nonconformist" attitude of the 1960's is archaic and easily substituted by neo-conservatism. Underneath the saccharine exterior of these social clubs is the rampant bigotry and racism that blossomed in the South years ago, and still thrives on college campuses in the form of "Greek Sisterhood."

Maire Mullins

## End of The World?

Dear Editor:

So many people are concerned about the future of the world. Some say the world is headed for another world war which will end in destruction. Others assert that the world will always continue just as it has for so long. Many, even you, may doubt or worry about what the future will bring.

Jeanne Dixon and others have predicted events of the future, but their prophecies can not be relied upon, and most have failed to be fulfilled. One man, Jesus Christ, had the most to say about the future of the world. Jesus said, and it will come true! Look at the Bible's record

and you will see that it will stand up to any test you put it to.

Christ also tells of a peace of mind we can have even in the midst of oppression. Even though we see millions of things each day, world events point to war. The future of our country does not look well economically and the power of the United States seems to dwindle abroad, but we can have a hope which overcomes all.

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## CSUN Factionism

Dear Editor:

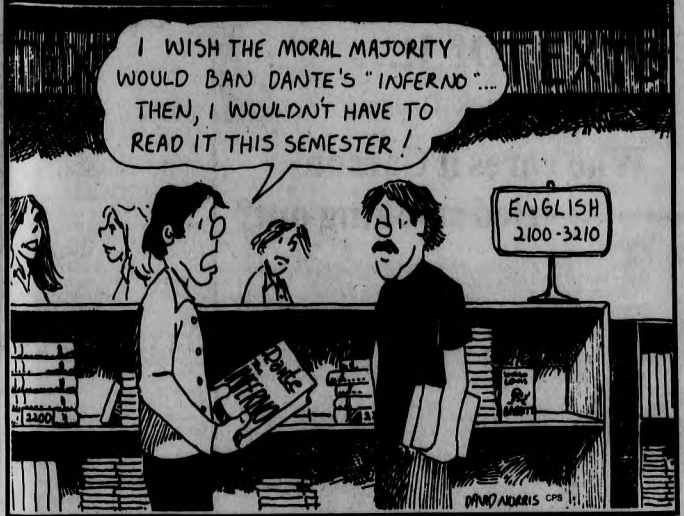
The public humiliation of the president. Unlike many of the departments on this campus, the Consolidated Students is democratically operated and open to public view. If there is any reservation about the abilities of its representatives, it should be aired. I would rather be subjected to public humiliation and be allowed to respond than to be "non-retained" for my inabilities or my controversial views in the "privacy" of departmental meetings.

Bloodletting and infighting. Certainly there is factionism in the Consolidated Students. It is truly a wonder that anyone can get together in this "society" of mercenaries called America (sic); when they do, it is in the form of oppositional factions. These lines in CSUN form along those of the social organizations-- professional organizations--academic societies--and just plain CSUN members. The social organizations, as the first organized student involvement in student government, possess their own ideology that grates against the newcomers. In the instance of Dirk Ravenholt, I am of the understanding that he has managed to alienate even those of his own fraternity, Sigma Nu (for the dearth of Sigma Nu appointments to CSUN departments). It is no wonder that an isolated and unannounced motion for a vote of no-confidence should result in a significant majority by all factions. Once again, I see no distinction between this kind of factionism and that in the many of the departments on any campus, except that it is democratic and public.

State of the Campus Address. If Ravenholt has contributed to the list of achievements in his State of the Campus Address, I wish he had stated them. The "list of accomplishments" are those of long and short term fruition, all of which were generated by the Senate and departments, for which the Ravenholt administration should not receive full credit. What this list of accomplishments shows is the institutional integrity and continuity of the Consolidated Students.

It was Ginger Clayton who, after considerable consultation of her personal ethic, decided her compromise motion was preferable to impeachment, which would have dissolved any kind of cohesion the student government possesses. Jimmy Hill voted in favor of the motion. One would not think these people had been at odds with each other, but were simply good friends and acquaintances doing something they enjoyed: promoting the social welfare of the students they represent. Watching this interaction, and that of the sociability of CSUN

## David Norris



Further notes on integrity. I was making the usual rounds through the CSUN office, checking the mailbox for the Anthropological Society (I am its representative to the Organizations Board), and to see the various kindred folk in the maze of offices.

I wandered to Dirk Ravenholt's office to see Dirk, Jimmy Hill, and Ginger Clayton engaging in a lively discussion concerning programming of all kinds, including CSUN's lonely bid to signify Black History Week on the UNLV campus by bringing black poet Langston Hughes to speak (Dirk's idea).

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representatives in different factions at their private parties reminded me of what Senate President Pro Tempore and my friend Jef Wild and I concluded: that these are students capable of separating their institutional roles from their social life, and desire unity of agreement over factionism. These students I consider to be the finest the student body has to offer. Some of these students excel in academic achievement. Many are eager to try some of their newly found ability in the outlet of student government. These people care about matters beyond acquiring a sheepskin requisite to the shearing of lambs in the land of Reaganomics. Many feel it is their duty to engage in the affairs of social welfare that they may be better citizens in our beleaguered society, and world, that we live. This is true education: self-discovery. It is not their actions that disturb me. I have heard that Regent McBride would be in support of a move by Brad Beck to revoke the ASUN and CSUN constitutions because of what Rothermel feels to be "legal fallacies." This, accompanied by a shift in the fee structure of the Consolidated Students tuition allocation, the loss of guaranteed funding to

CSUN, and the hiking of the Mandatory Athletic Fee, makes a sham of the concern for student democratic responsibility espoused by the Regents.

It is your responsibility as a social critic, Mr. Charisse, to make sure no one puts a wet horse blanket on student life by showing the wool pulled over our eyes. If you want to "make up," show these wild horses to the bad water they don't want to drink.

Sincerely yours,

Kirk Voelker  
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## The Yell Answer Man

Q: Is it true the Yell has been contacted by Greg Goussak's attorney?

A: Sources say Greg made an appointment with his attorney but the man didn't show. Rumor has it the lawyer's secretary explained to Goussak he'd left the office to entertain himself with a certain video game, which will remain unnamed.

Q: Is it true several CSUN senators have been nominated for the National Hypocrite of the Year award?

A: Yes, but several other university figures appear to have the top honors already wrapped up.

Q: Is it true the Yell staff is overrun with Greeks?

A: When we received your question, we planned to inquire about this matter at the Yell. But when we arrived at the office, the sight of the managing editor running around in a GDI t-shirt changed our minds (and warmed our hearts).

Q: Is it true the BudMan was recently arrested for committing unnatural acts against nature?

A: Several times, no less, but not with a Clydesdale.

Q: How does Dean Daniels feel about being asked by Regent McBride to sit in at every CSUN Senate meeting to advise the senators?

A: We can't tell you how the dean feels, but we were told that several senators feel so much sympathy for the dean that they're discussing pitching in to buy him a Sony Walkman, to help ease the pain.

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## Come To Think Of It...

By Dominick Brascia

### Who cares if Carson tried smoking pot?



Drug use seems to be becoming talked about more and more these days. Maybe that's a good thing; maybe it isn't.

Covering the Entertainment scene I've heard all the stories about the drug use of the big stars. You know the stories about the headliner who went on so stoned on drugs and booze that he/she couldn't finish his/her act. Of course most of the stories are just that: stories.

However, sometimes there is some truth in these tall tales and the general public doesn't find out about it until a tragic death. A few years ago if you would have told me that Elvis Presley used drugs I wouldn't have believed it; now I don't doubt it.

I was raised to think people who use drugs are bad. Over the years I guess I've grown up a little; I mean I do know people who occasionally smoke dope and they are not evil people. I have been backstage at some major hotels and seen stars smoke pot and toot coke. Of course, most of these stars don't want it made public that they occasionally get high. They're afraid it might hurt their image.

How do you think it would affect the general public if they learned that CBS anchorman Dan Rather once tried LSD?

Some would say there is nothing wrong with people in the public eye admitting they have done drugs. In fact those people might say there is nothing wrong with experimenting with drugs and that is just a normal part of growing up.

Others would say that entertainers, rock stars and journalists are role models. Admitting drug use might encourage others to try drugs. Actors are heroes to some people.

Well, Dan Rather has done LSD and he even admitted it in an interview. I don't know how many young people ran out to try LSD after they read that Walter Cronkite's successor tried it, but I can't honestly say some didn't.

Critic's might say if someone is stupid enough to do LSD, they would do it anyway... and whether someone on television admits to taking it or not is really not that big a deal.

A few weeks ago, I was watching the *Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*. The king of late-night television was asking a young actress if she had ever smoked pot. The actress was laughing and trying not to answer the question. Carson pushed for an answer and then admitted that he had tried pot once and said it was no big deal.

It may not be a big deal in Hollywood but here in Las Vegas pot smoking is a felony. According to Metro, one marijuana seed is enough to put you behind bars.

Right after the Carson show, *Tomorrow with Tom Snyder* came on. Snyder's special guest was actor Sterling Hayden. Hayden and Snyder openly joked about pot smoking. Hayden talked about the wonderful feelings he got from being high. Snyder, who at one time was considered to replace John Chancellor as NBC anchorman, seemed to agree. And while he didn't actually admit "on the air" to smoking dope--you got the impression that he has.

I don't claim to speak for everyone (even though some say I try to), but it does make a difference to me when someone I admire says on network television that he/she has smoked dope.

I don't believe in censorship, but what is happening to network television when its entertainment and news stars can openly joke about taking drugs and no one seems to mind.

Robby is a 24 year old who has never smoked pot, that is until last week. Some of his pot smoking friends couldn't understand why he wouldn't try it. Robby told me he truly believed that he didn't need to try it. Robby doesn't drink or smoke cigarettes. He says he gets high just being with his friends.

Robby and I have been at parties in New York and Las Vegas where pot was smoked, and no matter how tempted we were we never touched a "P".

Something happened last week. Robby decided that the whole world was doing it and he was being left out. If Johnny Carson, Tom Snyder, and Dan Rather tried drugs...why shouldn't he?

I was shocked to learn how easy it was for Robby to buy the drug. Within a few hours he had a joint. Sitting on campus my good friend lit his first "P". Robby was doing something he promised his father in New York he would never do.

The pot was Hawaiian (which I am told is pretty good), and after a few minutes Robby said he was high.

What did he mean by "high"? He said he felt light-headed and seemed to be in a fog. Once or twice Robby forgot what he was saying in the middle of a sentence and kept laughing at things he normally wouldn't have laughed at.

My stoned buddy said it was no big thing. Yet it was a very big thing for me, because my friend broke the law.

Would Robby have broken the law if his heroes didn't admit on national television that they also broke the law... I truly don't think so.

Am I trying to make excuses for what he did...maybe?

What I'm trying to point out by telling you this true story is the laws of the land say that using pot and coke is wrong. Maybe the television and entertainment industries should make a better effort not to seemingly condone the breaking of those laws.

Robby says he probably won't make a habit of smoking pot but he might use it occasionally.

Carson's and Snyder's supporters might say who cares if Carson and Snyder smoked dope once. The entertainers aren't condoning it. But the fact that they admitted it, and it even joked about it made it seem alright for Robby.

Now I will probably never smoke pot--unless it's made legal. But I am worried about all the other people who might have tried pot and gone on to harder drugs because they've seen media personalities who admitted they smoked pot and joked about it.

Robby was dumb for breaking his word to his father. I find it hard to understand why someone would claim that the only reason they smoked pot was because they heard Johnny Carson say he did. But I've also known Robby for 20 years and until now we both managed to keep away from drugs. So when Robby honestly tells me that seeing people openly joke about pot smoking on television influenced him to try it...I don't doubt it.

## Joan Rivers: 'Bitchin' for women'

by Steve McDonald

"Bitchin' for women, that's what my whole act is about," comedienne Joan Rivers told a UNLV hotel entertainment class Tuesday. She complains for all the women who "couldn't complain for all those years," she said.

"Men find my material dirty," she said, explaining she feels uncomfortable in front of all-male audiences.

"I talk about childbirth and having your period, about how the only one that loves it is Cathy Rigby."

But the familiar Vegas entertainer, a longtime UNLV supporter, did more than draw laughter from the class of more than 40 students. Rivers was there to share her personal insights into the local entertainment industry.

"You never meet with the entertainment director," she said. "The hotels in Vegas are now a corporate structure. There's no personal relationship."

"You lose any feeling for the hotel and it becomes just another job."

Rivers was critical of current entertainment policies of some major hotels which stress revues rather than headliner entertainment.

"The town is changing radically, entertainment-wise," she said. "They think people come 3,000 miles to see revues--revues which nobody cares about. That's a terrible mistake."

The comedienne noted the main purpose of entertainment locally was to draw people to the casinos. She told of an incident with former Riviera Hotel boss Ed Torres when her performance had run overtime by seven minutes.



FAMILIAR VEGAS ENTERTAINER--Comedienne Joan Rivers talks to a UNLV class.

"He asked me if I thought it was worth \$10,000 per minute," she said, referring to the casino's estimate of \$10,000 profit per minute.

Rivers said she had originally wanted to become an actress, but had started telling jokes "to make the agents laugh so they would remember you."

Before long she was writing comedy, working for Candid Camera, 2nd City, and funnyhouse Topo Gigo.

Rivers told the class being a woman was not a handicap in the entertainment business. "As a comedian it doesn't matter what you are."

somebody ever touches me at night, I know it's a burglar" as an example--don't seem funny to the performer at first.

Responding to questions from the audience, Rivers said she never worried about law suits arising over her often outrageous comedy. "Who's going to sue me? I only tell the truth," she quipped. "Everybody knows Bo Derek is an idiot."

But Rivers was quick to note she only pokes fun at the rich and famous and would never seek laughs at the expense of her audience.

The popular entertainer was also adamant about not censoring her material, though she admits she has deleted a reference to homosexuality and President Ronald Reagan's son.

"Why ask for an investigation by the IRS?" she laughed.

Local columnist Joe Delany, who has taught the class since it was first offered nine years ago, said the purpose was to "teach the nuts and bolts of entertainment."

The class covers "everything to do with the entertainment business," Delany said, explaining that in addition to hearing popular entertainers, students hear from managers, agents, and entertainment directors.

Other celebrities who have spoken for Rivers' class include Rich Little, Bill Cosby, Jerry Lewis and Sammy Davis, Jr.

If Hitler came back and he had 20 good minutes, he'd be on the *Tonight Show*. There is no set secret to writing successful comedy, she continued. Often lines which seem funny to the performer flop with the audience, while other lines -- she gives "If

## Karen Lynne Whyte, A double jock

by Gerard Armstrong

You say the name Karen Whyte sounds familiar, could be. In fact the name is becoming more and more popular, because Karen Whyte is expanding her horizons.

She used to be known around campus as the blonde with the purple streak in her hair, now she's known around town as Karen Lynn Whyte--dis jockey.

Whyte, who was born in Detroit, and moved to Vegas when she was 14, says she has always had the pipe dream to be a DJ. When asked if it was what she thought it would be, she replied, "to an extent."

A Communications Major, she tells how she was first influenced by radio here in Detroit.

"I listened to radio station KCLW and was brought up on the Motown sound, early Beatles and Stones. I've always listened to radio and prefer it over television. I think it's the alternative media," she explained.

Whyte, who has been with KUNV from its early days when they broadcasted from a bathroom on the second floor of the student union, is currently Associate Rock Producer for the station and DJ at FM92 on weekends.

When asked, how she came upon her job at FM92 she replied, "George Grecco told me that there was an opening at the station so I made a sample tape, submitted it, was offered the job, and the rest is history."

Being a Communications Major has helped tremendously in her career. As she states, "everything is communication, no matter what. Whether it be between two people or two countries, it is still communication. And that is what Whyte does weekends from 12-6a.m., communicates with her listeners. She says she receives an average of 200 to 300 calls a night, "Which is a great rush. There are three lines in the station and they are always ringing. The listeners do listen, and put a lot of input into it, and are very positive."

Since she started working at FM92, she feels she has learned a great deal and has since become the head partner, declaring, "I love the exposure."

Although many felt she was being a traitor by moving from KUNV to FM92, they now realize she cares

deeply for KUNV.

"My roots are in KUNV. I love KUNV. I took the job for a variety of reasons, one being I needed the money. Another being the practical on-the-air commercial experience."

Whyte explained: "Originally there was a lot of dissension, people wouldn't even talk to me, but I now think they know I want to be deeply involved in the station. We have a lot of good air talent, and a lot of potential," she added.

Asked what differences she found between the two stations she replied, "Organization. FM92 is very organized."



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# Crossing is adventurous

by Carolyn Brooks

Night Crossing, the latest offering from Walt Disney, represents the studio's return to quality family fare in a picture that is not animated. The film is neither juvenile nor silly and succeeds in creating an interesting and exciting story based on real events.

The movie opens in East Germany with an attempted escape by a young boy that fails and has tragic consequences for the members of his family. His effort inspires two other families to try to reach the west by using a hot air balloon. In a relatively short period of time, a simplified vision of life in the eastern communist block emerges, explaining how people could be desperate enough to try anything to reach freedom, no matter how absurd it may seem.

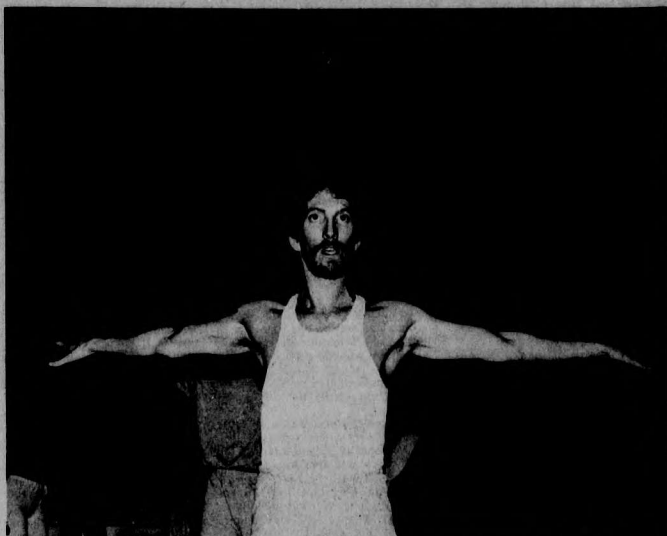
The uncomplicated plot details the construction of the balloon and the frustrations and fears accompanying

such an enterprise. A level of intensity develops through the fine performances of all the actors.

John Hurt (*Elephant Man, Alien*) is excellent as usual and well supported by Jane Alexander, Beau Bridges, and Doug McKeon (*On Golden Pond*). Together they create the necessary empathy and concern about the fate of their characters.

Night Crossing is neither a challenging nor brilliant film, and the outcome will probably not be a sur-

prise. Unlike last fall's *Condorman*, the movie can be shared by both parents and children without embarrassment. Under the guidance of director Delbert Mann (*Marty, Kidnapped*), the film is well constructed with good cinematography and impressive balloon sequences. Ironically, this film about freedom has been banned from a West Berlin film festival for fear of offending the East Germans.



A HARD WORKOUT--Jesus Christ Superstar director Jim Semmelman shows actors auditioning for the rock opera a dance step.

## Jesus Christ Superstar Auditions completed

by Lisa Griffith

"This is living hell," said one actor as he waited for his turn to audition for *Jesus Christ Superstar*. "I don't think my ulcer can take this any longer."

During the week of February 1, actors and actresses sat nervously in Judy Bailey Theatre waiting for their turn to audition. Their hearts in their throats, talented amateurs performed for Jim Semmelman, the director of *Superstar*, and Robert Burgan, the Theatre Arts Department chairman.

In most auditions, performers are not even allowed to do half their routines, but Semmelman said he believes that if people have waited for hours and found the courage to perform, the least he could do is

listen.

"I've seen directors cut people off after the second bar," he said.

Because of the special combination of Broadway and rock'n'roll, Semmelman said he had trouble casting men for *Superstar*.

"I usually have an image of what kind of person will fill a character before auditions," commented Semmelman, "but not for this show."

"Before you go on, you feel like you're going to die," explained another actor. "When you finish, you feel like you're high." Even camaraderie developed.

When James Bennett who played Christ in the *Superstar* production three years ago auditioned for the

part of Judas, his friends and former cast members sang a few lines from the song *The Way We Were*.

Another performer received help from the audience when she sang the song *Fame*.

After hours, and days, of auditions, the *Jesus Christ Superstar* cast was chosen. Among the main characters are Scott Whisler as Jesus, James Bennett as Judas, Dana Worden as Mary, James Hansen as Pilate, Marty Moore as Caiaphas, Dominick Brasica as King Herod, and Brian Bywaters as Annas.

The rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar* will be performed in April at the Judy Bailey Theatre.

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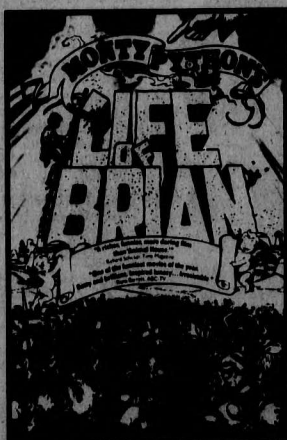
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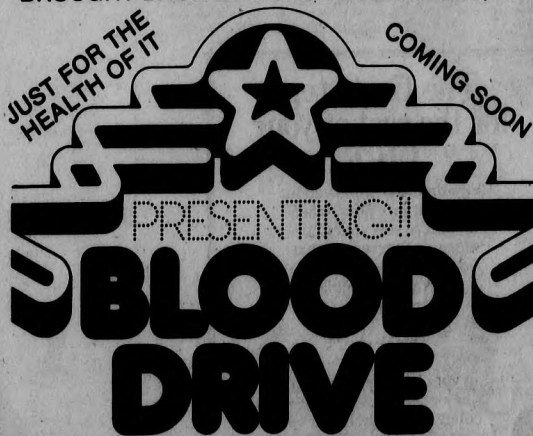
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# UNLV gets new weight coach

by Brian Liebenstein

Though it can't presently compare to the facilities he was used to working with at the University of Nebraska, UNLV's football team someday will have a weight room all its own if new UNLV football conditioning and lifting coach Tim Wilson gets what he would like. Meanwhile, Wilson is developing a year-round weight and endurance program for the Rebels.

Starting Feb. 8 Wilson has had the 1982 Rebel football squad on a program to prepare it for spring practice that begins March 22. Later Wilson wants to develop different programs for the variety of athletes on the team.

"With only one weight room instead of seven (as at Nebraska) every sport is limited to available time but I still think a good schedule of training can be developed," said Wilson.

"We're going to have to pack conditioning into five weeks when I'd prefer six but considering there were no formal workouts in past springs this is a good start," Wilson added. "As the program progresses backs and ends will work on endurance by going through the eight station conditioning circuit I have set up before they lift. Linemen will be lifting before their conditioning."

Wilson feels UNLV's backs and ends should get faster since "conditioning will help the cardio-vascular system of our players."

Each of the eight stations Wilson has set up will be used for two minutes at a time until Feb. 22 when players will have to go through three minutes of each exercise.

With the shortened time for training Wilson will have send UNLV's football candidates through six days of conditioning and lifting each week. Three of those days will also see the Rebels running.

"On Monday, Wednesday and Fri-

day we'll work muscles in the shoulders, chest and arms while Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday we'll work on the legs and back so that the different muscles will be getting a day of rest between workouts," Wilson explained.

Once he gets the players indoctrinated to his program Wilson says

the only rest will come during the season itself when he will use a maintenance program to help keep the players at strength and endurance levels most conducive to their best performances.

"The only time that we might not lift would be during fall camp two-a-days when the players will be work-

ing hard enough to not need lifting," said Wilson.

If the healthy do indeed win the race, UNLV should finish first in its first PCAA race toward the California Bowl, thanks largely to one Tim Wilson.



Weight Coach Tim Wilson anticipates an extensive Rebel building program.

## Lady swimmers prepare

Coach Jim Reitz' women's swimming squad was winding its practices down in preparing for the upcoming West Coast Independent Women's Championships at UNLV while the men were continuing to work hard to do their best at averaging a one point loss suffered earlier this season in San Diego when the San Diego State

men come to UNLV Feb. 14.

"We're paying attention to style a lot more and cutting down our distance some in practice at this point in the year," said Reitz.

The men will still be training hard through the San Diego State meet and beyond but the women have cut their morning workouts as of Feb. 10

as they attempt to hit a peak of performance for the independent meet between Feb. 25 and 27.

"We beat Explorer Aquatics last weekend despite having Tim Dobias out sick and swimming a lot of tired young men so I'm hoping to do well this weekend," Reitz said of the meet against SDSU.

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# Tony's Picks

The college hoop season is boiling down to conference battles this week. There are plenty of slots still open for post-season play. The good teams with depth, good coaching and bench strength will prevail.

### Thursday February 11

North Carolina 86-Maryland 64...Chapel Hill turns Terps into heels! North Carolina will start playing the floor-games they're used to. Look for James Worthy to power home at least 25 points. Give up to 14 points to dogs.

Creighton 56-Wichita St. 49...Confrence battle pits Willis Reed's troops against the one-time awesome shockers. First meetings went to State but Creighton covered healthy spread. If game is low scoring, Creighton will come out on top in upset choice.

Arkansas 71-Baylor 62...Razorbacks came off blow-out of Texas. Terry Teague of Baylor will keep SWC battle close.

### Friday February 12

Columbia 47-Yale 41...typical Ivy League scoring output. Columbia's at home tonight and should take it to the Eli's.

De Paul 78-Loyola(chi)69...Loyola will cover big (14 point) spread but Demons get angry in closing minutes. Meyer says his team is not the best in the country— don't tell Cummings, Dillard and the boys!

### Saturday February 13

Indiana 57- Iowa 53...Hoosiers are "knighted" at home. Look for Bloomington to explode and Hawks to become extinct. Indiana pulled upset over Gophers last week and will take air out of ball today.

Clemson 76-Virgina 70...Tigers will knock off number one today in ACC game. It's been the "Year of the Tiger" in South Carolina.

Florida State 75-Memphis State 68... In the wake of Boze-man's departure the Sunshine State became cloudy. Tonight look for Memphis State to be favored but go with Florida State in Metro Clash.

Missouri 87-Oklahoma State 64...Cowboys won't be able to sustain what may be the best team in the country. Mizzou will be fired up!

### Sunday February 14

North Carolina 92-Georgia 77...At Greensboro, North Carolina. North Carolina will be out to prove that Georgia is a lot of "Bull"—Only Dominique Wilkins will score over 20. In North Carolina they're already coining this "The Valentine's Day Massacre."

### Monday February 15

Texas A&M 74-Arkansas 71...Aggies must slow down Razorbacks in Fayetteville—strength will pay dividends. Texas aggression and muscle over home court fans—take points, wife, please!

### Tuesday February 16

Texas 80-Baylor 67...Longhorns came back after fast start...look for Austin to be the cause for the Bears exhaustion.

**Editor's note:** The Rebellion is proud to have Tony Cordasco back once again with his picks for upcoming sporting events. Cordasco is Sports Director for KUNV radio, and extensively covers the athletic scene both local as well as national.

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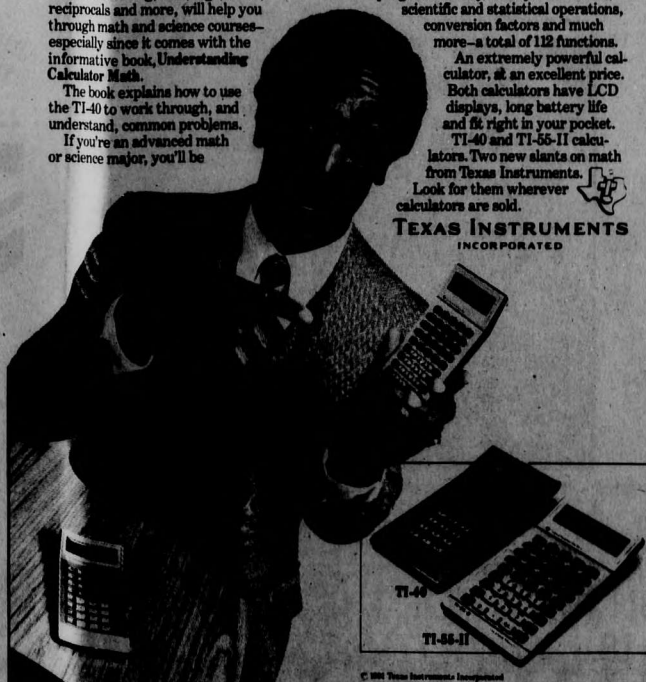
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# Intercollegiate Athletic Council axes soccer team

by Bill Nixon

Pending the final blow from President Leonard Goodall's budgetary ax, UNLV's soccer team will be no more. As of Tuesday Feb. 9, the Intercollegiate Athletic Council voted unanimously, with one abstention, to cut the Rebel program.

"What we did," Council Chairman Thomas Schaffter said, "was simply pass a recommendation that the intercollegiate program be changed to a club level status. The final decision will rest with President Goodall."

Schaffter explained that the move

was not out of budgetary consideration only. "The proportion of the men's programs to the women's is unbalanced," he said. "A Title Nine review team that recently visited the campus urged us to promote the female program. With the athletic department finances in the state they are at present, it would be impossible to expand the women's program without cutting the men's."

According to soccer Coach Vince Hart, who was not informed when the decision was made, rather informed later by the UNLV Yell, the action comes as a surprise. "I feel terrible," he said. "We've put in a lot of work for nothing. Last

year we raised \$14,000 for the program, but that didn't seem to make a difference.

"People always want to know why our program continues to lose players to other schools. It's that we don't know from day to day whether we have a program or not."

Concerning the cut to make room for more women's programs, Hart said, "That's ridiculous. I personally went to the community and found funds to support a women's soccer team, which I offered to coach at no extra cost. The entire female program would run at no charge to the university."

Schaffter explained the other

reasons for the soccer cut lay with the athletic department's obligation to continue payment of the former football coach's salaries. "Those coaches released must be paid through next year. In a sense, we'll be paying dual salaries for the football team."

He also said a number of athletic department personnel are receiving "soft money," (money which is not funded by the state, rather by the athletic department) and when the faculty salaries increase eight percent next year, we are going to have to find internal money for those "soft money" recipients.

The cut appears to be permanent, "unless the gate receipts improve

next year," he said. "We are hoping that the new arena will generate the needed funds."

For those players who decide to leave UNLV, Schaffter said, "The athletic department will do



# Lady Rebs' record 12-12

by Randy Hockfield

UNLV's Lady Rebel basketball team fell to its 6th and 7th consecutive losses this past weekend, in the Desert Classic, at UNLV's south gym.

The Ladies are now 12-12 on the season, after jumping out to a 12-5 record early in the year. Coach Sheila Strike is still looking for her 13th win, her most ever as a coach.

The Washington Huskies Lady basketball team beat Southern Methodist University in the finals of the Classic, 89-56 to win the four team championship.

In the consolation game, UNLV was beaten 75-68 by the University of San Francisco. USF jumped out to an early lead, taking advantage of Vegas' poor shooting percentage.

The Rebels hit only 30 percent of their field goal attempts, while USF hit 50 percent and took 21 less shots than their cold opponents. Although UNLV received 22 turnovers, they converted on only 10.

USF was leading 42-31 at halftime, and despite the usual Lady Rebel comeback effort in the second half, the point margin didn't see the Rebels any closer than three throughout the game.

The Ladies pulled the score to

61-58 and then 63-60, before six straight points by USF put the game on ice, locking up third place and knocking the Rebels into the cellar of their own tournament.

Before the SMU game Friday night, Rebel assistant coach Jim Bolla said that the Rebels and Coach Strike planned on giving up some size

and defense for more flexibility in the scoring department.

In moving Penny Welsh inside to the post and baseline, Judy Thomas to the wing and Sherri Jennum to the other wing, Coach Strike will be trying to add a little punch to the lackluster punch of the past few games.

"We've been rushing much to often due to lack of being able to hold the opposing offense," said Coach Bolla. "This in turn has led to poor shot selection and follow through on the shooting. We hardly have enough offensive rebounds."

"Once this occurs," Bolla continued. "We were giving up too many points, and not setting ourselves up for anything worthwhile."

In the SMU game, Welsh hit 22 points, while Sonia Lykes had 19 for UNLV. Lykes looked quick and played well throughout the evening. Kathy Calloway, UNLV's all-American candidate, fell short of her usual performance. She appeared to be lacking in aggressive play.

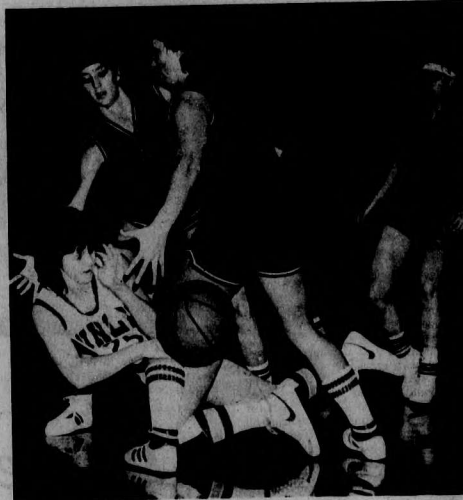
In the finals, Washington used a balanced scoring attack, led inside by center Liz Chicane, who contributed 24 points. Washington's Karen Murray, the tournament's most valuable player, had 20 points.

For now the program is dying. Hart will be without a job. Those players which are receiving financial waivers will lose them following this season, and those wishing to stay around will be forced to compete on a club level, funded by CSUN.

"There won't be anyone left to play," Hart said. "There just aren't enough good club teams around to provide competition."

everything it can to help them receive transfers without losing eligibility."

"With the mood I'm in tonight," Hart summed up the situation, "I'm not going to say too much. But frankly, with the super soccer community we live in I think it's a shame this is happening. Wrestling has no support nor program in this community, but it's never taken into consideration to be cut. Something just doesn't smell right."



Paula Clear goes to floor against SMU. The Lady Rebs dropped to 12-11 with SMU loss.

## Intramural information

by Paul Seifer

Intramural basketball begins Saturday, Feb. 20. Sign-ups will be now until Feb. 16.

There will be a men's and a women's league. There will be a \$35 sign-up fee, \$20 of which is refundable.

All games are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Game schedules can be picked up in the Intramural office after 12 noon on Feb. 17. Players must be enrolled in seven or more credits to be eligible for play.

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# Rebels lose to San Diego State 81-68

by Ken Wilson

Warning: All excuses will be immediately rejected. A loss is a loss and d-e-f-e-a-t spells defeat anyway you look at it.

That, in a nutshell sums up UNLV's seventh loss of the season, an 81-68 spanking administered by San Diego State University Saturday night at the San Diego Sports Arena. "We just ran into a real buzzsaw," UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian said of the Aztecs who put an end to the Rebels' seven-game win streak. "They were really up. We knew it was going to be a tough game, but it was tougher than we anticipated. San Diego was so intense," added Tarkanian.

Before a fired-up crowd of 8,867 San Diego State collected its 14th straight home win along with its sixth in a row while raising its season record to 16-5.

By virtue of the loss UNLV fell to 15-7, thus putting the Rebels in a must-win situation for the final six

game of the regular season to enhance their chances of receiving an NCAA post-season bid.

According to San Diego State coach Smokey Gaines the Rebels were a marked team after defeating the Aztecs 77-71 in Las Vegas last month.

"Thursday, we overlooked Air Force to get to Vegas because Vegas is looking towards a tournament bid and so are we," said the former Harlem Globetrotter. "The crowd really helped us out tonight because Vegas has a good ball club."

SDSU gained the upper hand on UNLV midway through the initial 20 minutes and lead by 10 at halftime. The Rebels challenged in the second half, closing to within six points several times and to within five once, but with every Reb surge the Aztecs would counter to reestablish control.

During the Rebel run UNLV held San Diego State to just two points through the first five minutes after intermission yet could only manage six points themselves during that

period to pull to 47-41.

From there Rebel miscues over the next two minutes, two turnovers by Richie Adams along with one by Sidney Green, put an end to UNLV's run.

Later, the Rebels closed to 53-48 on a Larry Anderson bomb but SDSU reserve Don Plummer connected on a jumper from the corner and sophomore forward Michael Cage slam dunked to enable the Aztecs to push their advantage to 11, 60-49.

The Rebel's last serious threat came while trailing by eight with 4:46 left when Danny Tarkanian failed to connect on two free throws after stealing the ball from Aztec Keith Smith and driving to the hoop with Smith fouling to send Tarkanian to the line.

"We were mentally up for this one, we were just physically out of it," Tarkanian explained. "We played extremely flat-footed."

"Sid has carried us all season and tonight he just physically couldn't get up," Tarkanian said, "his legs were

tired and he got burned defensively." Tarkanian added that the entire team suffered from the long trip from Hawaii the day before, took a lot out of his squad.

"They ran a lot and we didn't get back because we were a very tired ballclub," he said. "We're the first team this season to get a split out of the Hawaii-San Diego trip, although Wyoming may have a chance to do it. Nobody comes in here after playing at Hawaii and wins."

Aztec coach Smokey Gaines also felt that fatigue would be an ally of his club.

"That's a tough trip and I figured if we could stay in the ballgame until the last five minutes, we'd really get with it (the press)," he said. "We mostly just played a token press through most of the game."

Gaines also added that his squad had used the full-court pressure for 40 minutes after losing by 13 at Wyoming last month.

"We made an adjustment after we played Wyoming," he said. "We had been just pressing the second half of

games but we realized we were coming back on teams in our five losses in the second half. So, starting with the Colorado State game, we started pressing the full game."

Apparently the Aztec press wasn't the entire problem for the Rebels who only hit 46 percent of their floor attempts while committing 13 turnovers. San Diego State connected on 51 percent of its shots and grabbed five more boards, 40-35, than the Rebels.

Reserve guard John Garwood scored a game-high 20 points while the 6-10 Game muscled inside for 17

with Zack Jones adding 12, Don Plummer 11 and junior Eddy Gordon 10 for San Diego.

Once again, Anderson led the Rebels with 17 points. Michael Johnson came off the bench to collect 13 points in 18 minutes of action while Dwayne Poles had 11 and Green got 10 before fouling out with 1:37 to play.

The Rebels are back in action Friday night at the Convention Center against Brigham Young. Saturday night they host Pan American University with both tip-offs set at 8:05.

## UNLV REBELLION

### DeSantis, a pitcher's nightmare

by David Renzi

If the UNLV baseball team ever chooses its hardest hitter, it's a good bet that Frank DeSantis would knock the title out of the ball park.

It was three years ago that a tough young catcher from the streets of Philadelphia, Pa., with a reputation for swinging a mean bat first stepped onto the UNLV campus and into Fred Dallimore's baseball program. Thus, the odyssey of Frank Conrad DeSantis was sprung to life.

Since that time, DeSantis has done nothing to damage that reputation, with his inspiring play behind the plate and leadership abilities. But if anything has contributed in making DeSantis an All-American candidate, it's that ever imposing bat. In short, DeSantis is a pitcher's nightmare at the plate.

The numbers have been steady, if not spectacular. There was a .345 batting average and seven home runs in 1979, DeSantis' first year as a Rebel. In 1980, there were four home runs to accompany a .272 batting clip, and last year, perhaps his finest ever, there was a .369 average at the plate. What does the future hold for DeSantis? Ten home runs and 33 RBIs?

If his performance in the Rebels' first two games of the season against Chico State are any indication, it should be another banner year for the 5 foot 11, 200 pound senior. Frank was five for 10 at the plate in the two game series against the Wildcats. As always, he displayed the usual amount of fire and determination that has become his trademark. "He's just a competitor," Dallimore said before last Friday's

season opener against the Wildcats. "He'll do anything to win. He's

made himself into a great offensive and defensive player. He's a leader,"

Dallimore continued. "He leads through example, and he totally controls our pitching staff."

Dallimore isn't the only one with enthusiastic remarks about DeSantis. Jack Ayers, a member of the pitching staff and a player who has worked with DeSantis on a steady basis for the last two seasons, said, "Due to all the graduations that affected the team, a lot of extra pressure was put on Frank, and I think he's handled it exceptionally well. He calls the game extremely well, and he knows the hitters. He's patient and handles the pitchers skillfully. But most importantly, he plays 110 percent all the time, and that really influences the team."

Even before he displayed his abilities in the Scarlet and Gray of the Rebels, DeSantis showed he had a knack for all sports, not just baseball, while in high school. At William Penn Charter High School in Philadelphia, he lettered four times in football as well as baseball, and twice in ice hockey and wrestling.

DeSantis' all-out intensity reflects in his own attitude towards the game, which is direct and to the point. "There's only one way to do things, and that's all out. If you're only going to do things at half speed, why do it at all?" he reasoned.

A team ball player, DeSantis' main goal this year is to win a national championship. Personally, he said he wants to be an All-American, hit over .400, and later on have a shot at the major leagues.

Perhaps no higher compliment could be paid DeSantis than was the one paid to him by Dallimore. "If we were to lose one player due to injury," Dallimore said, "the loss of Frank DeSantis would hurt us the most."



A Pitcher's Nightmare Frank DeSantis is looking for a 1982 Championship and .400 batting average.

### Rebels wash Warriors 83-72

by Ken Wilson

Seventh heaven, or at the least a moment of bountiful joy and happiness for Jerry Tarkanian and company.

"I was really worried on the way to the arena, I thought we were down for the game," contended UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian after watching his visiting Rebels score a 83-72 upset win over the University of Hawaii in Neal Blaisdell Center

Arena.

"But then we came out and played so well early in the game, it was great," added Tarkanian of UNLV's seventh straight win.

The win upped UNLV's season mark to 15-6 while Hawaii fell for only the fourth time in 19 contests.

Opening the game in a tough man-to-man defense, UNLV took early control of the game, but later dropped back in a 1-2-2 zone to successfully control the tempo for the re-

mainder of the game.

"The press worked so well early," Tarkanian said, "but our kids were really sweating over here and I felt fatigue would set in if we stayed in the man-to-man."

The Rebels were led by Larry Anderson's 24 points. Sidney Green had 19 while freshman Dwayne Poles added a career-best 14.

Initially UNLV surprised Hawaii with a hard-nosed defense which produced four steals that enabled the Rebs to gain an early 12-4 advantage.

Two of those steals, one apiece by Tarkanian and Green, produced buckets by each and with an eight-point lead coach Tarkanian held the ball briefly in an attempt to bring the Rainbows out of a token man, but Hawaii fell back in the zone moments later.

From there, the Rainbows knotted the score at 12-all with eight unanswered points sparked by two fast-break baskets by forward David Hopkins.

But UNLV responded with a three-point play by Green and a steal and a jumper by Richie Adams that gave the Rebels a 17-12 lead. Again the Bows came back to within a point on jumpers from the corner by Dickerson and Seifer.

The Rebels, in a 1-2-2 zone, took turns scoring two baskets apiece with Hawaii before Rodney Jones completed a three-point play to give the Rainbows their first lead of the same

at 23-21 at the 9:39 mark.

With six straight points as Poles connected on two free-throws, plus a layup on a fast-break in addition to an Adam's slam dunk off a lob pass from Danny Tarkanian, the Rebels jumped back in front 23-21 to close out the half.

In the second 20 minutes Hawaii battled UNLV down to the wire before being overcome for good.

The Rebels, in a delay game during the last five minutes of the game, increased a two-point lead to 11.

From the spread-court, Danny Tarkanian, Dwayne Poles, Larry Anderson, and again Poles all got free for easy baskets for the final margin of victory.

### Tennis info-

UNLV will be opening its men's season by playing in the First Annual Intercollegiate Championships at the UNLV tennis courts. The tournament will be held Friday and Saturday.

Also competing in the tournament will be Weber State, Northern Arizona, and United States International. The format will be a round-robin, with the first match scheduled to begin at 2:30



Jerry Tarkanian: With clipboard in hand, the fearless leader leads his Running Rebels into action.

### Off The Bench

with Bill Nixon

#### Recruiting Las Vegas Style

Perhaps the greatest mystery of intercollegiate athletics, the most complicated ritual for the NCAA to follow, and therefore, the greatest reason for any athletic team to receive conference probation, is the simple practice of athletic recruitment.

Each year the determined coaches leave the comfort of home and family behind, brave the hostilities of complimentary wines, delayed flights, defective rent-a-cars, and cheap motel rooms in search of America's top young athletes. When the athlete is found, a courting process, which would make Tracy and Hepburn's pale by comparison, begins between the potential superstar and institution.

Letters begin to flow from one to the other, telephone bills are run into four and five digit numbers, boosters get in contact with the athlete's parents and then, the coup de grace, the young high school prospect receives his opportunity to visit the courting college.

#### My recruiting trip...

My recruiting era took place in 1977. Of the universities I visited, it's apparent that of each, I was most impressed with UNLV. The other campus visits have faded into a forgotten abyss within my mind, but the 30 hours I spent in Las Vegas are bound to remain vivid through time.

Western Airline flight 218 landed at McCarran International at 8:45 p.m. With a nervous stomach I searched the awaiting crowd for the face of a coach I had never met. Expecting a large man, I was surprised when a smiling, short, balding man, calling himself Ron Smetzer approached and shook my hand.

By 9:15 we had checked into the Dunes Hotel. And I couldn't keep my mind off the slot machines! I was so excited to pull those metal arms, that had I been left to play for the whole trip, I would have still signed at UNLV. But as fate would have, at 10:00 I had to meet with Coach Tony Knap.

Fear set in as I waited nervously outside his office. With everything I had heard of this man, volumes could be filled. Once I met him, I was impressed with his calm, humble manner. He had done his homework well; he knew everything about me.

Coach Knap explained that as a student-athlete here in Las Vegas I would receive exactly what the NCAA allowed. "Nothing more, nothing less." And seeing that I was a bit naive about the city, he said, "You know Bill, Las Vegas is just like any other city. In fact, off the strip, you'll find it a simple little western town."

Reassured by the easy-going nature of the first few hours in Las Vegas, I was totally unprepared for what lay ahead.

#### The evening begins...

Following the interview with coach Knap, I was taken to another part of campus to view a slide presentation of UNLV. As I sat with one of the coaches in the darkness, three fine looking girls entered and took their seats. As the pictures were flashing on the screen, and Neil Diamond's voice was sounding in the background, the coach leaned and whispered to me. "Hey Nix, if you see one you like, just let me know and I'll see that she takes you out tonight."

Being the naive high schooler I was, and thinking it a joke, I simply laughed—a laugh which brought a strange look to his face. A strange feeling sank to the pit of my stomach when the lights came on, but I shook my head in a negative gesture, to the girls awaiting his reply.

Feeling like a heel, I returned with the coach to my hotel at 2:30 p.m. "I'll pick you up at 6:00," he said. "You had better get some rest. You're in for a long night." But in the back of my mind, I could only concentrate of the call of the slots.

The minute the coach hit the front door, I was rushing for nickle change, but I was rushing where in the world an 18-year old was going to find gambling change.

Six o'clock came quickly, and coach returned with two freshmen ball players. We were introduced. The four of us ate dinner. The night I will never forget was about to begin. If you're interested, wait until next week.

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