

# Yet another tale in a mercilessly long series

Dear Ma and Pa,

Howdy y'all!!

Just got back a few days ago from Odessa, Texas—home of the world's largest jackrabbit and a collegiate press convention.

Sorry I didn't write sooner but I don't really trust the mail service out there. Way out in the oil fields, there's always the chance that Dusty's Pony Express could get lost.

By the way, Carmen, Ron, Steven and Karen say Hi.

Well, we got to the hotel and we were pretty shocked to find such a vacation paradise in middle America.

After just a few hours there, we knew that entertainment would be abundant in this desert oasis!

"Buses will beam conventioners to Odessa College for a lecture by Leonard Nimoy, Mr. Spock of Star Trek" read the program. "I must

be dreaming!" squealed Steve, "Somebody pinch me!"

The next day we got into the swing of things, Ma.

The convention was for the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Press Association, in abbreviation that's RMCPA. For some reason, I keep getting those letters mixed up with PMRC - you know, those folks who rate the records?

"Are you the guys from UNLV?" someone asked. "As a matter of fact, we are" we answered. "We're from Wyoming!" they said.

Well, why not, I thought. There's BYU, Texas Christian this and Abilene Christian that. Maybe Wyoming wanted the straight story on Sin City.

Actually, we were invited to watch Wyoming play UNLV on a giant TV screen in a big ballroom. [This is Texas, remember?]

Well, Carmen and I

went down and were ready to rock-n-roll.

But I noticed something was wrong, Ma. "Carmen," I said, "I count 20 for Wyoming, and there's about two of us."

I counted again just to be sure. Yep — that's two for UNLV.

But hey, man, we made enough noise for more than 20 people.

I did get a bit nervous when some jerk kept yelling "sheep" to this roomful of Wyoming cowboys. It was coming from around us somewhere, but I couldn't spot the culprit.

Anyway we trounced 'em 98-72 and we made Vicki, the editor for Western Wyoming College, get on the table and say how cool UNLV is. Of course, the Wyoming kids had already left in a huff and it fell on deaf ears.

Oh — did I tell you we didn't exactly sweep the awards? Well, gosh, Pa, we struck out and the

boss took it kinda hard. Yeah, right, kiddo — like the RMCPA really represents the pinnacle of one's work.

I just hope she realizes that to believe in yourself and know that you did your best is all you need.

There was even some education here. We had workshops on different aspects of journalism and learned that our sports editor [I'm not naming names here] puts french fries in her hamburgers.

But, alas, all good things must pass, and before we knew it it was time to leave. We said goodbye to Vickie, Angie and the WWC gang. They're real good folk, ma.

We saddled up and strode out for the ride to the airport. I noticed Ron took with a souvenir from Odessa. He had to scrape it off the bottom of his shoe.

Gary Beaudry

## The Small Picture

by kurt hildebrand

It is about time. After nearly 15 years of federal tyranny, the burden of the 55 mile per hour speed limit has finally been lifted off the shoulders of the western states.

It is true that a law is a law, but what is a law that no one pays any attention to? I call it a joke.

Our legislators, spearheaded by the Nevada delegation have finally come to the realization that the 55 mile per hour speed limit was just that, a joke.

Sure, they only raised it on rural Interstates, and only to 65, but it is a step towards restoring some of the dignity to the American open road. I for one cannot wait until it is vacation time so that I can zoom from one place to the next, laughing at the Highway Patrol.

It is also the first step towards opening up many of the desolate stretches of highway which wind from one place to another in the Nevadan outback.

There will be some backlash from this editorial, or should be. People will say, "But, 55 saves lives," or "When they instituted the 55 mile per hour speed limit, gasoline consumption and pollution went down."

Nonsense, the people who instituted the speed limit in the first place confused cause and effect. The main reason auto deaths went down after the passage of the 55 mile an hour speed limit was that no one could afford the gas to go anywhere. The same explanation applies to the decrease in gas consumption and pollution.

So all I can say is, "it is about time, praise the lord and pass the clunker in front of you."

## Chancellor's background should help in battle to retain money for UNLV

by karen splawn  
staff writer

The University of Nevada System's new Chancellor, Mark Dawson, has established many new priorities for the UNS schools.

Appointed to his post at the beginning of the

year, Dawson said, "The primary goals I have right now are to get enough funds from the legislature and to keep the regents informed."

According to Dawson, he has definite future plans for the UNS.

"We are going to be a much bigger system of

education in the future. At the same time, quality is our uppermost goal in all of this expansion," he said.

Dawson is also prepared to encounter some difficulty with his priorities.

"I think there are problems with every job, but things are going better than I would have hoped," he said.

Dawson has extensive experience working within the university system. After receiving a B.A. from the University of Utah, and a masters from UNR, he worked in UNR's Controller's office for four years.

Dawson then went on to work for the Desert Research Institute for 10 years, and was later appointed to Deputy Chancellor.

Dawson is the only person promoted to a Chancellorship without having a Ph.D. According to Dawson this will not hinder his effectiveness because of his experience.

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budget process. we cannot count on unrealized income or run the risk of attempting to fund ongoing costs with unpredictable revenues. Our plan allows the Board of Regents to determine priorities based upon actual dollars collected during the prior year.

And it will address many one-shot needs found in our "enhancement budget request." Our enhancement request list is expected to grow even larger than its current \$88.3 million level as more and more needs are unaddressed each

biennium. This fund could alleviate some of the backlog of demands.

And finally, this approach would allow more flexibility and responsiveness in the decision-making process because decisions could be made annually rather than biennially by a forum representative of all interested parties.

I hope you will give serious consideration to endorsing this proposal.

Sincerely,  
Mark H. Dawson  
Chancellor

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