

# Geological society finds Nevada great for studies

by liz sinatra

staff writer

If you are interested in a symposium on the geological suitability of Yucca Mountain as a depository for nuclear waste, you'll want to know that the Cordilleran Section of the one hundred year old Geological Society of America will hold its 84th annual meeting at the Hilton Hotel and Convention Center on March 29 thru March 31, 1988.

According to Dr. David

L. Weide, Assoc. Prof., Geoscience at UNLV, The GSA is considered the major academic Scientific Society for Geology in the United States. Some might say even in the world; although the British may well give argument to this claim. Dr. Weide will be serving as the Field Trip Chairman.

It has a membership of 12,000 and is divided into Geological Regions. The Cordilleran (which comes from the word "Cordillera" meaning mountain range)

section represents the geological region of Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California and Arizona.

Nevada is considered one of the major geological structures and most beautifully "exposed." There is a minimum of vegetation to detract from the beauty of the centuries old formations. Consequently geologists and related scientist will attend from every area of the land.

The purpose of the convention is to provide a scientific exchange of ideas, theories and observations. And this will be achieved in the following areas:

1. Geological field trips- there are 15.
2. Presentation of scientific papers- there are 440.
3. Meeting sessions organized by topic.

The Yucca Flat Symposium will be available for the general public for a registration fee of \$40 and will be held in

Ballroom C of the Hilton Hotel, Wed. Mar. 30 from 8am-11:30am. Maxwell B. Blanchard, U.S. Department of Energy, Las Vegas, will preside.

Another event of interest to Nevadans may be the short course on Monday, March 28 on Waste Disposal Geology, 9am to 4:30pm.

The GSA will celebrate its' century mark in 1988 at the Denver, Colorado headquarters on October 31 thru Nov. 2 and they are anticipating at least

7,000 to 8,000 to attend.

Scientists of special note expected to attend will be Edwin H. McKee, John C. Dohrenwend, Chester B. Beaty, Bennie W. Troxel, Brian Wernicke, and B.C. "Clark" Burchfill.

Any questions should be directed to Dr. Weider, Room 213. Lily Fong Geological Bldg., or 739-3262 or 739-3118. The March 28 short course on Waste Disposal does require pre-registration.

# Faculty encourages top H.S. grads to attend UNLV

by nellie bly

guest writer

Some 300 of Nevada's top high school seniors received telephone calls from UNLV professors earlier this month as part of the Scholars Calling Scholars program.

Organized by the Office of Admissions, the three nights of telephoning were a follow-up to a similar effort by Student Ambassadors last fall.

Larry Mason, Director of Admissions, said 20 faculty members, together with representatives from Ad-

missions and Academic Advising, took part in the effort.

Faculty members were given lists of names and phone numbers, primarily of students who had indicated an interest in majoring in the professor's college; some lists were

more general.

Most telephoning was done from the administrative offices on the seventh floor of the Humanities Building, although some volunteers took their lists home.

Callers asked for the student by name but

sometimes spoke to parents, offering to answer any questions they might have about UNLV.

Mason said the most common question concerned financial aid. Because these are outstanding students, most of them hope to

receive scholarships and were interested in what UNLV had to offer.

He said overall response to the program was favorable and that he senses an increasing willingness among high caliber students to consider UNLV.

# Berkley says women have a long way to go in politics

by beth bower

guest writer

Women who want to go into politics "just don't have the money behind them," former State Assemblyman Shelley Berkley said Wednesday.

Berkley, a UNLV alumna, spoke to students in a newswriting class as part of the UNLV Alumni Association's Career Days.

Berkley, who is currently running for Democratic National Committeewoman from Nevada, said, "Strength comes from power" and the "people with money have power."

Who has the money? Berkley says the men do. They also have the means

and the experience to raise the enormous amounts of money needed to fund a campaign for political office, she said.

Often women who run for office win because they are non-threatening, "non-aggressive, grandmotherly types" who encourage men to support their campaigns.

Berkley said these types are on the way out, that there is a legitimate place for the highly aggressive, talented young woman.

But, she said, there are still not enough women behind the scenes who "hold the purse-strings."

The women who are involved in politics are mainly the ones who lick stamps, cook chicken and

walk precincts.

"They are treated like second-class citizens, not accorded the respect they deserve" and therefore don't get elected.

Berkley, who said "she was born to do this," has always wanted to be in politics. In 1971-72 she was President of the Student Council at UNLV and worked as an "O'Callahan Girl" during former Gov. Michael O'Callahan's campaign.

Berkley, an unsuccessful candidate for the State Senate in 1984, said she originally believed that power lay with the office holders, but her experience has taught her that the "people behind the scenes pull the strings".

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