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## Anti-nuke group hopes to make change

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For the past several months, the proposed nuclear repository at Yucca Mountain has received a lot of media attention. A group at the forefront of preventing a dump in Nevada, Citizen Alert, has been fighting against nuclear waste since 1975.

The non-profit citizen action organization will sponsor a 10-kilometer walkathon on Oct. 28 in order to spread the word against toxic waste and keep the dump from coming to Nevada.

The group was on campus on Oct. 2, hoping to spread its message. Chris Brown, Southern Nevada coordinator of Citizen Alert, said the proceeds will be used for educational messages about Yucca Mountain. The money will also be used to hire independent scientists to read and discern the 1,000 plus pages of information on Yucca Mountain that is buried in "gobbledygook," Brown added.

Besides relying on literature and videos concerning Yucca Mountain, an educational message that will prove to be a sure-fire eye opener is the transportation tour.

The tour will consist of a life-size nuclear cask on the back of a trailer and driven to major communities to educate them about the threat of

nuclear waste being transported through their towns, Brown said. "The [real] cask hasn't been licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission." Brown added that Citizen Alert hopes to have the tour on the road by March.

Brown said Nevada doesn't consume nuclear power, yet California and the East Coast want to dump their waste here. "Our position is the waste should remain where it is created. We don't want it dumped in our backyard," he said.

In addition to trying to prevent nuclear waste from being dumped in Nevada, the walkathon will shed light on the toxic waste problem.

Although Governor Bob Miller vetoed a bill which would have allowed two toxic waste incinerators to be built in Clark and Lincoln Counties, Brown said he feels the bill will come back again. "Until we can outlaw all toxic waste from the state, we're going to have to be constantly looking over our shoulders. As long as we're vigilant, they won't get away with [dumping toxic waste in Nevada]."

Brown said California companies hired the highest priced and most influential Nevada lobbyist, James Joyce. Brown said the companies might be willing to put out the money and try again.

According to Brown the whole selection process for the dump is flawed. "The Department of En-

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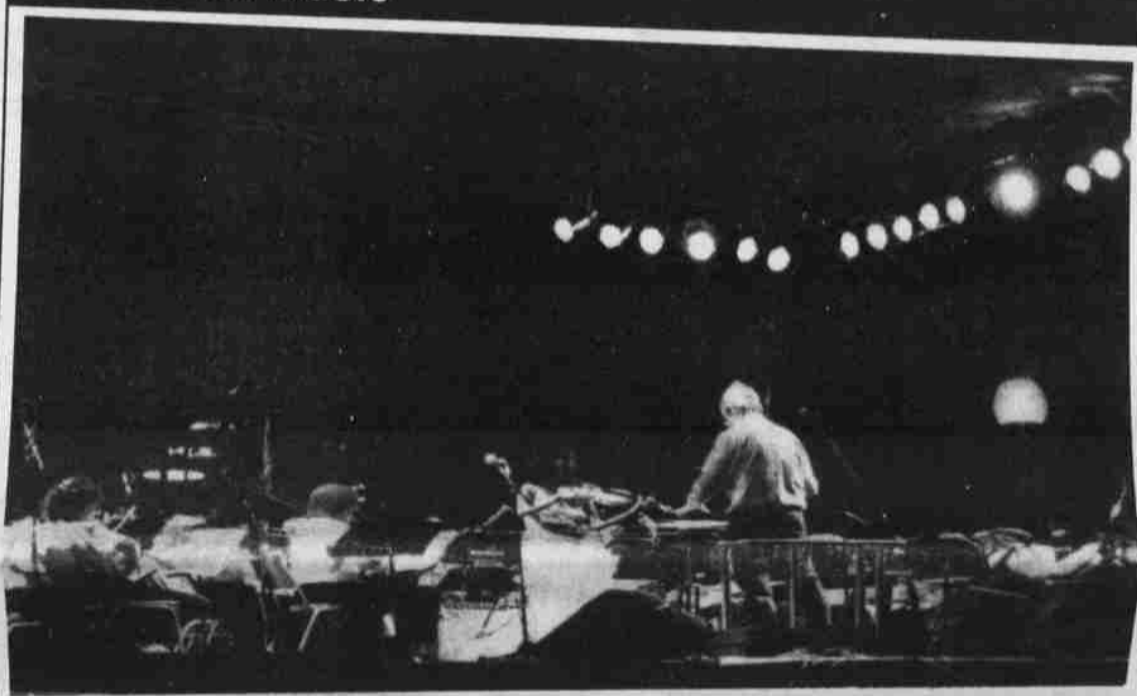


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THE MUSIC OF THE NIGHT- A conductor leads the orchestra during a Picnic at Pops Concert held October 1st near the James L. Dickinson Library.

ergy (DOE) is going about it backwards." The question of land ownership hasn't been resolved, Brown said. As stated in the Treaty of Ruby Valley, the Shoshone Indian Tribe technically owns the land. Brown said, "The DOE is putting more emphasis on site characteriza-

tion and they should be putting most of the effort on the land issue."

Further complicating matters is the transportation route for the nuclear waste. Brown said the DOE has stated the safest way to transport the waste is rail. But there are

no tracks to Yucca Mountain and they would have to get the land rights from private individuals and that could take years, Brown added. "The next process is by driving and that is the least safe way they can go—their own studies show that," he said.

## President says Ocktoberfest will do well

By Tara Pike  
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Ocktoberfest and other CSUN entertainment activities should draw bigger UNLV crowds that ever said Joe Bunin, CSUN president.

The Entertainment and Programming Board is attempting to book several big name acts like comedian Sinbad and Tommy Rocker for the upcoming festivities.

Details of the free concerts will be announced as soon as plans are finalized.

The traditional Ocktoberfest tent will be set up in the courtyard behind the Donald C. Moyer Student Union on Oct. 25.

CSUN will kick off the festivities with a traditional German band, the Dummkopfs. Also performing will be the Oscar Hein comedians and local bands.

Bunin said CSUN has a budget of \$64,000 for entertainment for the 1989-90 year.

About \$20,000 will be spent on Ocktoberfest.

CSUN will provide free food and soft drinks, as well as free enter-

tainment. Games will include an egg toss, tug of war and other competitive events.

Bunin said the idea for booking file big name entertainment acts this year stemmed from the success of comedian Barry Sobel last spring at UNLV.

"I don't want to set up a concert in the Artemus Ham Concert Hall and charge for a concert," he said.

"I want it there for everyone like a free picnic concert.

"The goal is to give really good entertainment to the students because the indirectly pay for it."

## Alumni to do their part for Homecoming

UNLV's Alumni Association awards ceremony immediately following the tournament.

Homecoming Celebration with activities scheduled for Oct. 5-7, including the annual golf tournament, tailgate party, and awards dinner and class reunion.

Homecoming festivities begin with the fifth annual alumni golf tournament Oct. 5 at the Showboat Country Club. Golfers will tee off in a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The \$75 entry fee includes refreshments, golf cart, golf merchandise, and a buffet dinner and

On Oct. 6, the association will sponsor a ladies round-robin tennis tournament at the Desert Inn Country Club. Registration and warm-ups are at 9:30 a.m. and the tournament begins at 10 a.m. The \$10 entry fee covers court fees, first and second place prizes, and a light lunch.

A special Mexican fiesta dinner will honor returning alumni from the classes of 1964, 1969, and 1979 on Oct. 6. At the dinner, the 1989

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