



For prize winning wit, the buck stops here

by Rick Nielsen

From the moment Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Art Buchwald took the stage Thursday, his good-natured humor and delightful wit transformed the Marjorie Barrick Lecture Series into a stand-up comedy act.

The 40 year veteran of journalistic humor touched on all the likely victims with his political potshots, such as former presidents, the economy, and even President Robert Maxson.

"Several months ago, President Maxson called me up and asked me to come to UNLV. I said I can't godfather. I told him I had to be in New Orleans that day. The next morning I found a dead horse at the end of my bed. I immediately called back Dr. Maxson and said screw New Orleans."

Buchwald received praise from Maxson for his concern for the students here, and education in general. He spent a good amount of his time talking with them on campus, and even took a group of student

government members out to dinner.

Buchwald's history reads somewhat like the university of hard-knocks. Raised in an orphanage in Queens, New York, he dropped out of high school to join the Marines during World War II. After he left the Marines he enrolled at the University of Southern California, until they found out he didn't have a diploma.

"What do you want me to do now?," asked Buchwald. The counselor replied, "You can't work for your degree."

"I don't care about that, I don't have a high school diploma. There's no sense in having a college degree," replied Buchwald.

However, he did mention that it was three years of fun and although the rumors that he played football for the team were false, he took the English test for the team.

He left USC in 1948 and went to France. He began writing a column, "Paris After Dark", and in 1952 the New York Herald Tribune brought the column to American readers under the title "Europe's Lighter Side."



photo by Rick Nielsen

Buchwald's good humor brings lecture series to life.

His current syndicated column appears in 550 newspapers worldwide.

He is also the author of several books, which are mostly humorous collections of his columns. His latest effort, *Lighten Up, George*, has just been released.

He listed Richard Nixon as his favorite

president, stating, "When he said I am not a crook, that made me a very rich man. Watergate was my Camelot."

During the the press conference earlier in the day he showed a more serious side of

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Engineering's Wells honored at roast

by Morgan Fisher

It was a night of fine food and good natured ribbing for Herbert C. Wells, professor of civil and environmental engineering, Saturday when he was honored and roasted as one of only four remaining active professors at UNLV her since 1957.

Wells was described by one of the roasters, Bill Terry, alumnus and past student body president, as a man that was unique and talkative.

"Herb should have been a lawyer. The longer you know Herb the more you find out that you have to cut off the conversation kind of quickly as possible or you'll be there for three hours or more," Terry said.

Terry described Wells as a professor who always took an immense interest in the students. He would always participate in their activities.

"Herb wasn't satisfied with just being the faculty advisor for Chi Sigma Chi, now a national chapter of Sigma Chi. He actually pledged the fraternity and went through hell week," Terry said.

Robert Skaggs, professor of mechanical engineering, described Wells as a decent human being under all the nonsense.

"I was sharing an office with Herb, Melody our secretary, and Herb's dog," Skaggs said. "There were times when I was in the office by myself and I could feel someone watching me. I would turn around and see the striking blue eyes of Herb's malamute staring at me," said Skaggs.

Skaggs also described a time when he and Wells had a falling out and wanted to squelch any rumors that he had thrown a phone at Wells.



photo by Morgan Fisher

Herbert C. Wells, professor of civil and environmental engineering was roasted by colleagues Saturday.

"The conversation got more and more heated until Herb decided that he needed the aid of legal council. But, he didn't know how I felt about lawyers and I handed him the phone rather forcefully," said Skaggs.

The roasters entertained the audience with anecdotes about Wells. How he started the engineering school how he was able to recruit faculty members in his own unique way. And how much they appreciated and honored a man that they have known for so long.

Student health measure passes by more than 2 to 1

by Gary Puckett

Kershaw said.

Although turnout was poor at the ballot box last week on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Student Health Center measure passed overwhelmingly.

"I think it's wonderful," said Director of Student Health Services Lori Winchell. "I am proud of the UNLV students' commitment to the college community."

"Everything ran very smoothly," said Elections Board Chair Kim Kershaw. "We did everything in-house and made absolutely sure the wording was correct. This also saved students' money."

The results were stacked heavily in favor of the measure. The final tally was 1,031 in favor of the measure and 550 against,

The new fee will not be implemented immediately. The results will have to be certified by the Elections Board first. Then they will go to the Board of Regents who will pass their recommendation on to President Maxson for approval. If approved, students will probably be charged the added \$20 fee next fall.

Student Health Vote

The question:

Should all students, undergraduate and graduate, full- and part-time, pay a \$20 per semester fee for expansion of student health services?

Results:

Yes	1,031	65.2%
No	550	34.8%

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