

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Journalism's roots revisited



Dr. Gerald Baldasty, from the University of Washington, will discuss "The Nineteenth-Century Origins of Modern American Journalism" in a Greenspun School colloquium at 2:30 p.m. Friday, in Room 112 of John S. Wright Hall.

Baldasty's book, *The Commercialization of News in the Nineteenth Century*, was published by the University of Wisconsin Press. He was a featured speaker at the American Antiquarian Society's 1990 seminar commemorating 300 Years of the American Newspaper.

## Author Robert Fulghum to speak

Robert Fulghum, author of the best-selling book, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," will speak on Feb. 25

Fulghum's talk is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall. His appearance is being sponsored by the Moyer Student Union Program Council and by Barnes and Nobel Bookstores.

Tickets for the speech will go on sale Tuesday at the Performing Arts Center box office and at the information booth in the Moyer Student Union. Tickets are \$5; discounts are available for UNLV students and staff. For additional information on ticket sales, call the box office at 739-3801 or the Student Union at 739-3667.

Also on Feb. 25, Fulghum will participate in a book-signing session at the bookstore in the Student Union. The book-signing will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Fulghum shot to the top of the best-seller list in 1988, with the publication of

his first book, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." The essays and anecdotes in that book were taken in large part from newsletters Fulghum sent to his congregation while serving as a Unitarian pastor in suburban Seattle and from journals he had kept over the years.

Fulghum said that for years before his first book was published, his writings were passed around the country from friend to friend. His career as a published author began when an agent in New York found one of his writings in her son's school knapsack. She tracked Fulghum down and asked to see more of his work.

Since publishing his first book, Fulghum has written two others, "It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It," and "Uh-oh!" His books have been published in 20 languages and distributed in 92 countries.

Fulghum, who was born in 1937 and grew up in Waco, Texas, has held a wide range of jobs including those of ditch digger, singing cowboy, ranch hand, rodeo rider, IBM salesman, folk music

teacher and minister. For 20 years he taught drawing and painting at the Lakeside School in Seattle.

An accomplished painter and sculptor, he has exhibited work in several galleries.

## National speed skating to be held in Vegas



Crystal Palace Skating Centers will host the First Annual Las Vegas Invitational High Rollers Speed Meet Feb. 14, 15 and 16 at 4740 S. Decatur.

Some of the nation's fastest skaters will be in Las Vegas, competing to earn points toward The United States Amateur Confederation and Junior Olympic National Championship titles.

In addition to more than 200 local competitors, there will be approximately 600 speed skaters from throughout the United States competing in the three-day event.

According to Alana Morgan, one of the owners of The Crystal Palace Skating Centers in Las Vegas, "Our goal at Crystal Palace is to provide kids with something to 'just say yes' to. These kids take this very seriously. They train all year long and some will travel thousands of miles to be here for this event."

There will be race brackets for all age groups, beginning with children as young as three years old. Also on hand will be past and present National Champions to meet the kids and provide support for the event. Actual racing will begin at 6 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m. Spectators are welcome to attend. For more information, call 369-6665 or 732-0466.

## How fans and friends can find Frank

The many friends and fans of author Frank Waters can attend a free seminar about the writer's work during the Far West Popular Culture Association meeting at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, in the San Remo Hotel.

The seminar, chaired by Carolyn Light Cameron, also of UNLV's English department, will feature talks by five published Waters scholars: Gary W. Rogers of Texas Christian University will speak on "Studying Frank Waters: The Doctoral Student's Perspective."

Charles Adams will discuss "Teaching Frank Waters in the Undergraduate Classroom."

Quay Grigg of Hamline University will speak about "Midwestern Interest in Frank Water's Southwest."

Georgianne McVay of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science will speak on "Frank Waters East of the Mississippi."

H. Lee Barnes of Arizona State University will discuss "Frank Water's Worldview and Environmental Concerns."

Although there is a registration fee for the entire conference, the Frank Waters seminar is free and open to the public, according to Charles Adams, who teaches courses about Water's work in the English department. Those who only wish to attend the seminar need not register.

For more information, call Adams at 739-3533.



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