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Report shows UNR library deficient

By Steve Mashni
Staff

A strong correlation exists between the quality of a library and the quality of a university, according to Harold Morehouse, UNR's director of libraries.

Harvard, for example, has more than 11 million books and periodicals in its library. Yale has more than eight million.

UNR, with 790,000 volumes, has about 500,000 fewer books than it needs to meet Association of Research Libraries (ARL) standards.

"We are adequate for undergrad pro-

grams but not sufficient for grad and research programs," Morehouse said.

Because UNR has 18 doctoral programs and because research, according to history Professor Jim Hulse, makes up about 30 percent of a professor's job, the limited resources have handicapped students and faculty alike.

For this reason, Hulse said it is a matter of routine for faculty to go elsewhere for research.

Several factors contribute to the book shortage. A report written by Hulse says additional library books and periodicals are a low priority on UNR's budget

request to the Legislature.

UNR's base budget increase for the past several years has been 5 percent per biennium. Library resources inflation has far outstripped this limit, Hulse says. The report says this has caused the library to continually fall behind for the past 10 years.

UNR President Joe Crowley said the administration, being aware of the problem, tried in the last biennium to get a budget approved that would allocate funding for the library according to the number of master's and doctoral programs the university has rather than the number of students.

He said, however, that the funding formula would give UNR an advantage over UNLV because UNR has more doctoral programs than UNLV does, so for the next budget request the two university libraries will be treated as one entity with funding divided between the two, Crowley said.

"The library is one part of a large part of packages, salaries being first," Crowley said, speaking of priorities. "It's always easy to single out one area we need help in but we need help across the board."

Media/education librarian Michael Simons says essential periodicals, especially scientific publications from Europe, have increased in price as much as 20 to 25 percent a year. He said that while support for the library has risen from \$700,000 in 1979 to \$1.2 million this year, this support hasn't kept up with the rapid inflation.

Morehouse said the library needs double its present finances just to meet ARL standards.

In terms of books and periodicals, the dollar is worth only 43 cents compared with 10 years ago. In general, the dollar is now worth 57.4 percent what it was worth in 1978. A budget of \$700,000 in 1978 was able to buy more than 30,000 volumes. The present \$1.2 million is only able to buy about 23,000.

"Prices are ridiculous," Morehouse said. "Publishers in Europe have learned that they can get away with heavy price increases so they're taking advantage."

UNR isn't the only school to feel the effects of the price increases.

"Some of the biggest libraries (in-

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Nevada: birthplace of disease

By Janne Hanrahan
Staff Writer

According to the early reports, it was what you got right after you finally acquired the BMW, the renovated condo and the six-figure income.

But the "yuppie flu" isn't just for yuppies anymore.

Hundreds of people in the Truckee Meadows from all walks of life now suffer from the disease in what some doctors say is a local epidemic.

"We see more people for it all the time," Dr. Trudy Larson, a physician on the University of Nevada Medical School staff, says. "We do seem to have an epidemic here."

This baffling new disease is finally being taken seriously by doctors and scientists, though no one has yet come up with a cause or even a satisfactory name for it.

Known variously as chronic Epstein-Barr syndrome (EBV or CEBV), chronic mono-like syndrome and chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), it is now thought by most experts to have spread throughout the United States.

Perhaps because an outbreak of the disease was first recognized and recorded by two Incline Village physicians, Nevada researchers remain in the forefront of those sifting through the mountains of evidence to discover causes and treatments for it.

Two University of Nevada researchers applied last month to the National Institutes of Health for a \$1.5 million grant to study the disease. Virologist

Berch Henry and epidemiologist Sandra Daugherty are attempting to discover the incidence of CFS in Reno-Sparks as well as pinpoint a more exact description of it.

"We want to find the incidence of the disease and describe in rigid protocol what the features of the disease are so we know how to diagnose it," Daugherty says. "We would like to find the symptom complex, the progress and any factors associated with it, such as who is more likely to get it."

While Daugherty is studying the disease in the population, Henry is looking at a new virus thought to play a part in causing CFS and is trying to develop a test that will accurately determine the presence of the disease.

Henry says diagnosing CFS is difficult because of the bewildering array of symptoms and the lack of an absolute test for it. CFS appears to have even more symptoms than names, although Henry says fatigue is the common denominator uniting them all.

CFS — believed to be contagious — usually starts with a respiratory infection or what appears to be a case of the flu that just never seems to go away.

In addition to fatigue severe enough to alter daily routines, the symptoms include fever, chills, night sweats, headaches, mental symptoms (memory loss, confusion and depression), sleep disorders, muscle aches and joint pain.

One writer who suffers from the dis-

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Adrian Fox

Sky high — Greg Friederich of Reno Iron Works directs a crane during construction Monday of phase two of the Paul Laxalt Strategic Minerals Engineering Center at UNR.

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ease described it as a "kind of endless mononucleosis with a touch of Alzheimer's disease."

Because CFS symptoms can mimic so many other diseases — including multiple sclerosis, lupus, cancer and heart disease — doctors usually have to rule out these diseases before arriving at a diagnosis of CFS.

"What we're trying to do right now is find out who belongs in that group (of CFS patients) and who doesn't," Henry says. "We're trying to isolate certain things to find out what the core group has in common."

One thing CFS patients may have in common is dramatic abnormalities of their immune systems. A study published in *The Journal of Immunology* in November 1987 revealed that more than half the patients studied showed a reduction in the number of "natural killer" cells in their bodies. "Natural killer" cells are the body's primary means of killing viruses and cancer cells.

Although no definite correlation has yet been drawn between cancer and CFS (some doctors say patients may be core disposed toward lymphomas), there is evidence that CFS patients are more susceptible to other viral infections such as meningitis, encephalitis and the herpes viruses.

The Epstein-Barr virus — a herpes virus that causes mono — was originally thought to also cause CFS because of elevated levels of antibodies to the

virus found in some patients. But many researchers now believe Epstein-Barr is merely another of the dormant viruses reactivated in the body by CFS.

Just more than a year ago a new herpes virus was discovered that is now thought to play a part in causing CFS. Dr. Robert Gallo, an AIDS researcher with the National Institutes of Health, found the virus in the blood of AIDS patients and began to suspect it could be the culprit in CFS.

Gallo called the new virus Human B-lymphotropic virus (HBLV).

About the same time, the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta isolated the same virus and called it Human Herpes Virus 6 (HHV-6 or H-6) because it is the sixth herpes virus known.

Because the virus grows in the white blood cells — the cells that destroy invading bacteria and viruses — researchers think it plays a part in the immune-system dysfunction of most CFS sufferers. But no one is sure yet just what the relationship may be.

At UNR, Berch Henry is collecting patient blood samples and isolating HHV-6 to see if the same virus is present in all patients.

Henry says the virus may either be a cause of chronic fatigue or simply another of the viruses that move in when a person is infected with CFS.

"We're taking patient blood samples and analyzing them to see if they've been exposed to HHV-6 and how high the antibodies are," Henry says. "We're looking for the virus itself."

Once the virus is isolated, Henry says

he will try to determine whether there are different strains of it, as there are with flu viruses. Just as different strains of flu cause differing degrees of illness, Henry says different strains of HHV-6 may explain why some people become extremely sick with the disease and others get it and recover quickly.

Chronic fatigue patients tend to fall into three categories: those who become extremely sick and stay that way for years, those who get sick only at intervals, recovering between times, and those who get sick and recover completely. And some people apparently never get sick at all, although they have been exposed to the virus.

Henry compares HHV-6 to the virus that causes cold sores, pointing out that some people never get them while others are plagued with them.

"The critical thing about this is why does it last as long as it does?" Henry asks.

Because the virus is new — or at least newly discovered — scientists have little historical evidence to turn to for help. But UNR's Larson, who has treated CFS patients but now concentrates on researching the disease, says there are reports from as long ago as 50 years that describe epidemics like the current one.

"The descriptions are similar," she says. "It sounds real familiar."

The recent appearance of two new viral diseases — CFS and AIDS — has raised fearful speculation about whether something has gone wrong with the human immune system.

But Larson says she isn't surprised. "We have new viruses being identified all the time," she says. "Some of it is old disease that just never had etiology (medical description and diagnosis) and some will be new disease because viruses mutate all the time."

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Candace Glead, a CFS victim who runs a hotline from her home in Incline Village, says she has received calls from patients who believe their mothers had the same thing.

"It makes an interesting case for the idea that this has been in the population for a long time," she says.

But the first documentation of the disease did not come until 1985, when two Incline Village internists began to suspect an epidemic had struck. Drs. Paul Cheney and Daniel Peterson first began seeing people complaining of chronic fatigue and other often-strange symptoms in 1984.

As more and more patients came to them looking for help, Cheney and Peterson began to devote more time to research, trying to find out why their patients were not recovering from this flu-like disease.

Other physicians accused the two internists of being quacks and frauds, saying CFS was a "fad diagnosis" and that patients were actually suffering from other mild or imagined ailments.

Cheney and Peterson turned to the Center for Disease Control for help in

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Director wants bigger UNR child-care facility

By Cathy Cromwell
Staff

Classes had been dismissed for hours. The UNR campus was deserted. A security guard making nightly rounds found a car parked in the no-parking zone in front of the UNR Child And Family Center.

Two women were in the front seat. They were spending the night to ensure their children's enrollment in the UNR child-care facility. This incident was recalled by a UNR student.

Crystal Swank, master teacher at the UNR Child And Family Center, said it happens every semester.

"I tell parents enrollment is on a first-come first-serve basis," Swank said.

There are parents who are desperate to get their children in and spend the night in front of the center, she said.

The Child And Family Center is open to UNR students and staff and some "special needs" children from the community, Swank said. Students get priority enrollment.

Informal studies show UNR students have about 400 preschool children but Swank says this is a gross underestimation and that a more complete study would reveal a much higher population of students' children.

"The child-care center does not meet the needs of UNR," she said.

Helen Jones of the Women's Center said there needs to be more of a focus on child care at UNR.

"Returning women students are one of the largest percentages of the growing population at UNR," Jones said.

Many of these are mothers who have had their education interrupted by having children, she said.

Jones said she is unhappy with some of the financial priorities on the campus. She said ASUN should be more supportive of child care.

Joanne Everts, director of the Child And Family Center, said the center is superior to any in the community.

The master teachers have bachelor's degrees in child development. There are UNR students who work in a student teacher practicum.

Faculty of the child and family studies department provide course work and supervision for the practicum students.

"The curriculum is not academically but developmentally based," Swank said.

A child is dealt with from a holistic



Adrian Fox

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1985 but were rebuffed. The CDC sent two epidemiologists to study the problem for a week that September.

Their conclusion: there was insufficient evidence to link the sickness with Epstein-Barr virus. No other ideas as to possible causes were proffered by the two scientists.

As the patient rolls continued to swell — topping out at 200 in 1986 — Cheney and Peterson repeatedly asked the CDC to return and study the disease further to help determine what was causing it. The CDC refused but researchers at the National Institutes of Health and Harvard and Duke Universities became interested in the problem and collaborated with Cheney and Peterson. Scientists at CDC are now studying the problem as well.

Cheney has since moved to North Carolina, where he continues to research CFS. (He has reportedly told some colleagues that he has discovered what may be a breakthrough in the disease but has not yet revealed what it is.) Peterson continues to treat CFS patients and do research at the Incline Village clinic.

Candace Gleed, who runs the CFS hotline, was one of Cheney and Peterson's original patients.

"They were called charlatans by the medical community," she says. "Now they're medical heroes, medical super-sleuths."

Gleed says it is still often difficult to find a doctor who will take the disease seriously.

"By the time someone gets a diagnosis, they've usually been told by at least

one physician that it's psychosomatic," she says.

Gleed says other misdiagnoses are common too. Now 33, she says she first became ill when she was 19 and a student at UNR. At that time she says she was diagnosed as having a polio virus.

After dropping out of school she recovered in 18 months and was in good health for six or seven years, she says.

In 1980 she returned to UNR and once again became sick enough to be forced to quit.

"I don't think it was UNR," she says with a laugh. "It may have been the stress of just being around so many people."

But Gleed says she has been sick ever since.

"My whole life is completely different," she says. "It's very frustrating for those of us who have it because we can't make plans — sometimes you feel OK and other times you can't get out of bed, you're so sick."

Gleed says that although the disease seems to affect mostly "baby boomers" between the ages of 25 and 50 (predominantly women) the idea that it is confined to yuppies is nonsense. Early reports indicated that most of the people suffering from the disease were affluent young professionals.

"Those were the only people who had the money and the guts to stand up to their doctors and say 'Bullshit, I'm sick,'" she says.

One of the most interesting things about the disease, Gleed says, is the fact that it seems to affect people who have never been sick — healthy, athletic people.

Until seven years ago, Amy Long was one of those healthy, athletic people. A

dedicated jogger, she says she came down with what seemed to be the flu about that time and never really got well. After several "relapses" of the flu, she said she got to the point where she couldn't even play a game of doubles. Now, Long says she can't even take a brisk walk around the block.

"It's pretty devastating," she says. "I'm one of the few people who've never had a break or a remission."

Long says she has encountered skepticism from doctors and outright hostility from the general public.

"It's frightening to me that in spite of the fact that there is now a definition for this disease, there is so much skepticism in the medical community about whether we are just a bunch of mid-life crises," she says.

Long says several years ago she attended a professional meeting and mentioned that she had CFS. One woman, she says, virtually panicked, voicing the fear that she might die because she had been exposed to the disease.

"I was amazed that people would react that way," Long says. "Now I don't discuss it."

And though CFS is contagious, — often groups of people get it at the same time — Long says her husband and 12-year-old son have shown no signs of it.

Long says in addition to the physical and emotional drain, CFS presents a financial drain as well. Her medical bills for last year, she says, totaled \$12,000 — none of it covered by her husband's insurance policy.

Hilary Johnson, a reporter who is also a victim of CFS, described her depression in an article in Rolling Stone magazine at having to apply to the welfare

officer for social-security benefits. The officer told her, she says, that many people with CFS who had once been professional, middle-class people now came to see him because they were suddenly poor — unable to work and drained by medical bills.

In her article, Johnson says many Hollywood celebrities have the disease but that many try to hide it because it can be as devastating to a career as AIDS.

Amy Long says she hopes the high-profile, wealthy people Johnson refers to will use their influence to demand that funds continue to be allocated for research. And, she says, perhaps these people will insist the disease be treated seriously, even though it does not appear to be as devastating as AIDS and some other, more exotic, diseases. (CFS is not believed to be fatal.)

"I don't think I'm going to die of it, though I feel like I'm dying sometimes," Long says. "I suspect that years are being chopped off the end. I'm aging faster than I would. My eyesight — which was 20-20 — is failing rapidly. I can't concentrate to read a novel."

"There are times when I look at my kid and think, God, will I be there to see him grow up? I forget things — my husband tells me he is going out of town and when he goes to leave I don't remember that he told me."

"But I try to think positively. If you give in to something and lie down and let it take you, then that will happen."

Gleed says she also thinks sometimes about what the long-term effects of the disease might be.

"You just can't live year after year with a virus attacking your body," she says. "Our futures are a bit uncertain."

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Two weeks 'til big conclusion

Graduation approaches for thousands of college students. America's soon-to-be alumni anxiously endure these final weeks, grimacing over tedious weekly quizzes, putting up with some forgotten freshman-level requirement, dreading the act of sitting down and writing a 15-page term paper.

Graduation approaches for many students and that means a complex, confusing future awaits. These seniors remember speeches made at high-school graduations that spoke boldly of "uncertain futures" and "tough decisions ahead" and they realize — four, five or more years later — that most of what the valedictorians and salutatorians had to say was naive, cliché-ridden rhetoric geared to please the principal or mom and dad.

After all, there is nothing "uncertain" about having to get a job and there is nothing very "tough" in deciding what to do — in almost all cases you take the best-paying job available in your field.

If there is a tough decision to be made after graduation, it involves — strange as it may seem — geography. America's seniors will have to decide how far they will travel for enrichment.

Graduating seniors must create the boundaries to which they are willing to go to find the career or other goal they desire.

Some will restrict themselves to Reno and Sparks, some will soar to New York or Paris or Tokyo or some other professional or cultural center. Some will be content with small-town leadership, some will strive for excellence in a bigger arena.

Graduation approaches for a group of young people who have spent the past 16 years together — going to school day after day together, playing in yards, streets and gymnasiums together, attending football games and proms and dances and secret-society meetings together.

Graduation is right on schedule for this particular segment of America's senior class, possibly the most intelligent and conscientious class in the history of the world. Graduation is a time of subtle parting for this group.

These 21- and 22-year-olds — just this side of the baby-boom generation — will hold onto what they learned in college, both in and out of the classroom, and use it to move and shake America in the next few decades.

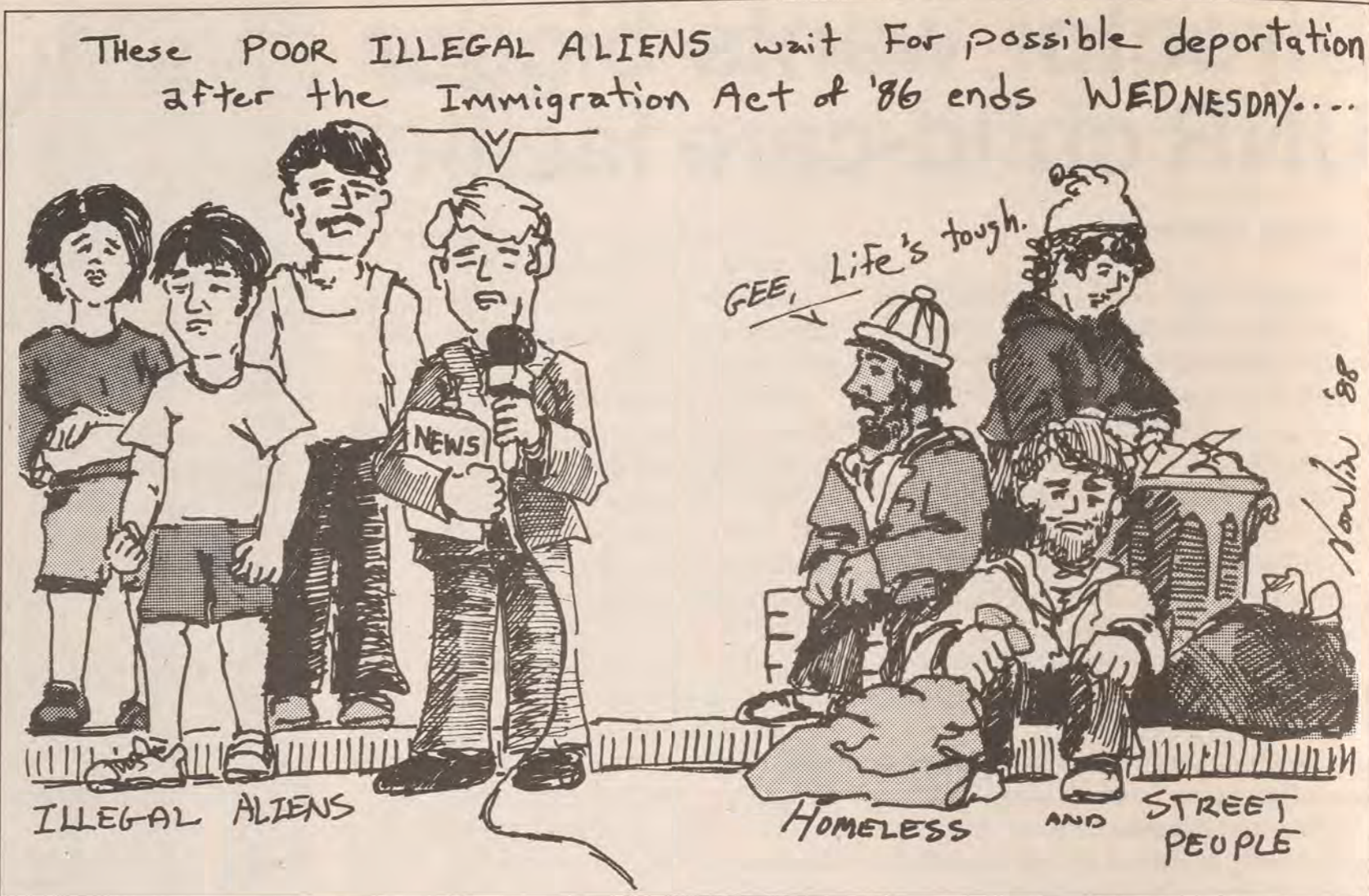
Musically, artistically, socially, politically, this generation will strongly influence whether the United States progresses or deteriorates in the next 10 or 20 years.

Graduation approaches for older students, too. These students may have returned to school after years of work or they may be going to college for the first time in their lives. They may just be taking their time in college.

Graduation for some of them is an achievement long overdue. For others, it is a positive turning point in a life full of disappointments.

When that last class session has passed, when the final exams have all been taken, when the last page of the term paper has been typed, it is over.

It will be the end of something truly big, something much more rewarding and important than it may seem at the time.



Letters

Entrance standards should be improved

Last weekend I had the opportunity to attend the Board of Regents meeting in Las Vegas. I was very disappointed that President Crowley had to postpone UNR's attempts to better itself by increasing its admission requirements. I can only hope that referring this back to the university for further study will not result in the eventual death of such a great idea.

Although the proposal received criticism from several minority groups, I found their complaints to be unwarranted when the entire proposal is examined. Granted, the policy does carry such high ideals as requiring a 3.0 GPA, or being in the upper 50 percent of the graduating class, or having an ACT of 20 or SAT of 925 before admission can be given. But an issue never addressed, except in the closing statement of the Academic Affairs Committee by Regent Sheerin, was that of an Undergraduate Admissions Committee, which would be established to handle those special cases of concern to minority groups. I firmly believe that this committee, which would be well represented by the minority community, would fairly assess the students that would come before it.

I also question the motive behind their complaints. What is the harm of diverting students who are at risk to an atmosphere where they can better adapt and understand a university setting? I am referring to students, who do not meet the requirements, starting at a community college, which offers smaller classes, more interaction and less expense. Then, once the student is comfortable with the college setting and wishes to come to the university, he or she may do so. This policy is not prohibiting students from ever gaining admittance, it is merely improving the student survivability rate and at the same time enhancing the university environment.

There is also a feeling by some that this needs to be a systemwide policy. I disagree. Our sister institution may wish to follow suit at a later time but UNR's progress should not be hindered by another institution's position.

It is believed by some that with this new admissions policy, UNR will be labeled as the flagship of Nevada's higher education. This may occur but the benefit of doing so would allow for the testing of such a new policy prior to a systemwide implementation. If the policy was not effective, the impact would be solely upon UNR, not the entire UN System. The flagship

presence would not be an enduring status. It would only be so until the time when UNLV does adopt such standards. It was expressed by President Maxson at the April 7 meeting of the Board of Regents that UNLV would like to pursue similar standards in the near future.

I would also like to express the urgency with which we need to adopt this policy. It was recommended that this policy take effect in the fall of 1990. This was decided in order to give high school students time to realize and achieve the new requirements. If a decision is delayed until the start of the next scholastic year, the policy change will also have to be delayed for another year, the fall of 1991.

In conclusion, I applaud President Crowley's attempts to better the reputation of higher education in Nevada. Nevada has long had a problem of brain drain. I would have been a part of those statistics if not for financial reasons. This policy is much needed to bring the respect higher education in Nevada deserves. Failing to adopt this policy is a slap in Nevada's face and, in part, a concession of inferiority.

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 ASUN president

Cato still wrong on SIIS

Again the subject of worker's compensation has arisen. Cato has written yet another article (April 19) proclaiming that certain rules and guidelines are not being followed.

Cato states: "In theory, if a worker cannot be expected to recover sufficiently from his injuries in a

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A sobering experience on a weird Friday night

I was the designated driver last Friday night.

Never one to pass up a beer, I have spent my fair share of weekend mornings with John Phillip Sousa's legacy marching through my head. I have had my fair share of bizarre stumbles toward a warm bed. I have had my fair share of acquaintances hatched from 12-ounce curls.

But last Friday night, I spent the evening shooting pool — badly — and sipping a draft.

Being the designated driver really is an experience. It is, for someone who has earned a reputation for being monumentally irresponsible, an incredible responsibility.

I was with two good friends last Friday night, talented men who do not deserve to die and who have too much to do before they find that bed beneath the soil. I was determined to prove myself capable of the designated driver task.

This was a change.

On Friday and Saturday nights, I have always participated in the mayhem. I have almost always lubricated myself with suds enough to not feel that head-first dive across the dance floor or to engage in long, disjointed dialogues with anyone.

And last Friday night, I did not.

It was worth it.

My senses stayed sharp, my eyes never crossed and the plain truth gathered around me like a long-lost

friend. I saw the red circles gather around the eyes of drinkers and heard the garbled speech that comes from too many gin and tonics. It made me laugh.

There is nothing, in my estimation, wrong with red circles and garbled speech. In fact, it is a quite pleasant sensation. No tension, no pain. A good time, with or without alcohol, is a necessary release from the workaday life.

In a crowded bar, moving with a clear head through the confusion, I could not help but feel the relaxation and laugh all the laughs. I was having a good time.

At the Nugget, 22 hours awake and an hour from sleep, I saw a skinny man wearing a Gold's Gym tank top. So did a photographer friend and we laughed and laughed ... loud enough to turn heads.

"Did you see what I saw?" my friend, the photographer, asked.

I nodded, stumbling around like a drunk, tears

John
Evan

welling in my eyes.

The man in the Gold's Gym tank top was trying to be something he was not.

And now I wonder. I wonder if I would have seen him at 2 in the morning if I was turning the corner on a six-pack. And I wonder, now, how many people drink to be something they are not. I know, looking back on my more youthful youth, that there was a time that I drank to be someone I was not.

I am glad I am older now.

Time was in that crack, the crack between night and morning. I was dropping my friend off at his house.

My friend's driveway is steep and my Camaro bottomed out. I was 100 yards away when my exhaust pipe started spanking and sparking on the concrete. I stopped the car and began yanking at the metal.

My friend walked up. He chuckled and took a look at my damaged vehicle. Holding the broken tail pipe in my hand, I laughed at the irony. (I later learned the tail pipe wasn't hot because there was a hole in it.)

Here it was almost 4 in the morning on a Friday night, and I was stone-cold sober. It occurred to me — and made me laugh — that I may not be able to drive home after all.

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reasonable length of time, SIIS will retrain him according to his abilities and background." This is not a theory, it is part of a defined set of benefit guidelines within the worker's comp. policy. The next item Cato mentions: "In practice, the system arbitrarily denies rehabilitation to one worker and grants it to another." If this statement is true, then the "system" is advocating discrimination on the basis of not using "equal and fair treatment of claims cases." I find it incredible that a governmental organization is willing to break a statutory law.

Cato goes on to say that a certain "Reno pain clinic distributes literature that is clearly psycho-babble designed to treat neurotics and convince them it is all in their hands." As a reader I am curious as to what type of psychological discipline "psycho-babble" is derived from, because if there is such a discipline, I think the readers ought to know. Furthermore, Cato said: "Must it go to psycho high priests who have never worked a day in their lives instead of to those who have worked all their lives?" I'd like to know if Cato has such evidence to support his claim. Did Cato ask their mothers? Or perhaps Cato has contacted all of their past associates and has come up with a consensus that supports his claim.

Yet another wonderful quote by Cato said: "Nevada's worker's compensation program lulls the worker into a false sense of socialist security and unsafe employers into a real sense of security — immunity to civil suit." Could it be that the worker's comp. program is "willfully" misrepresenting itself? After all, worker's comp. must have propagated that sense of "security" in the first place.

Furthermore, Cato claims: "Under the system now in place, employers are invited to play fast and loose with their employees' health and safety. There is no impetus to provide a safe work environment." Hey Cato! Is "fast and loose" some sort of junior high playground game? Or does it really have some down-to-earth meaning?

Anyway, here is what the worker's comp. law really states: "Insured's Duties/The policy provides that the insured will reimburse the insurer for any penalties required under a worker's comp. law/Reimbursement Provisions: 1. Willfull misconduct; 2. Illegal employment; 3. Failure to comply with health and safety codes; 4. Discrimination."

The law clearly defines the duties of the insured. Also, once again, there is no coverage of any type for gross negligence on behalf of the insured. This type of tort also is used against government entities who are under the immunity of prosecution doctrine. Thus,

there is no protection from liability for the act(s) of gross negligence.

Cato states "that worker's comp. could begin with paying injured workers the full amount of lost wages, not just two-thirds." How nice! What a benefit! Now the system can pay people not to work, obviously an idea in adherence of a "utopian state." If you think people are "milking the system" now, wait until you implement an idea like that!

The idea of insurance is to provide people with protection for "maximum loss exposure" due to different types of hazards. Insurance is set up so that you cannot directly derive a "benefit" over and above a just amount of compensation.

Last of all, Cato seems to think that businesses are creating or already have unsafe work places. If this is true, then Cato owes a duty to the public to publicly cite businesses or entities so that people may know who they are. That way people can write to their local politician and express their grievances.

Scott A. Nicora

Flippo column was thought provoking

This letter is in response to E. Dale Flippo's column in the April 29 issue of the Sagebrush.

First of all, Flippo's column did make me think and this was one of the things that he set out to do. Second, it was one of the best pieces I have read in the Sagebrush in quite some time. With that out of the way, let me try to explain students' supposed lack of anger or interest in anything that doesn't directly affect them or their weekends.

Not all people have been blessed with the gift of being able to organize their writing in an interesting and stimulating manner. Not all people feel all that comfortable with expressing themselves in a public forum. They may feel that no one really cares what they think or they may fear the recrimination of stating the "wrong" opinion.

Personally, I am concerned with the plight of South Africa; I do care about the homeless; I am interested in who will become the next leader of our country; I do watch the news on a regular basis.

But I probably feel like most people when I say: what can I do? I can be concerned. I can become involved as much as my schedule will allow. And I can write a letter to the editor. But short of those things, what else can I do?

Flippo asks what it will take to get us off our duffs. He also pleads with us to get involved. How about

some concrete suggestions? What, specifically, can I do to help the plight of the South Africans? What can I do about "unscrupulous losers who are poisoning our nation's impressionable youth"? Flippo must agree that just being aware isn't enough.

In conclusion, I am interested, I am concerned, I am aware. So are most people. Where your article errs is in assuming that just because we don't write a letter to the Sagebrush or write a rebuttal to something you or someone else has written, doesn't mean we don't care.

Leslie Metcalfe

Reflection on semester

The end of the school year is fast approaching. We have only two full weeks left. It's a good time to reflect on what we have learned and what the semester has meant to us.

As a first-semester graduate student, I personally have learned that Reno is different from any other place I've been and that graduate school is different from undergrad school. There's more pressure on grades. You have to keep that B average. There is also more expected of you.

The end of the year for many of us means going home to family and friends and maybe a summer job. For me it means a summer job and (hopefully) seminary in the fall.

I've learned there are good people almost anywhere. You have to look for the good even when a place or a situation seems impossible. I've met many people here at school. After graduating from a school of 1,000, UNR seemed very big and overwhelming at first. When I go to the DC at meals, I sometimes have to search hard to find someone familiar to eat with.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer thanks for a great semester. I thank Dr. Beres and Mrs. Black for all their wisdom and for helping me get over my illnesses; Dean Barnes for her help when I first came; Dr. Downing, Mr. Newell and Marla Bussey for being great teachers; Dorothy, Betty and Susan for trusting me with responsibility for the library (it's the end of the year, girls, please bear with me); the Inter-Varsity group for all their prayers; the girls on the sixth floor for taking care of me; and all those whom God has given me the chance to help and be a small part of their lives.

In any situation it all comes down to people helping and caring about one another. If more people did, the world would be so much better. Next time you are walking around campus and see someone you do not know, stop them, introduce yourself and say "Hi." It's a great way to make new friends.

Catherine A. Rodriguez

Message revealed in passing of a loved one

My grandma died the other day.

There was no big fanfare. She excused herself from the table to go downstairs and get her world-famous rice pudding to serve for dessert at the sometimes-weekly family dinner.

As is her nature, she does typical things such as powder her nose and brush her hair so there was no undue concern that she had been gone about 10 minutes. My mom thought she'd lend her a daughterly hand and excused herself.

Moments later she came running upstairs to get help, screaming "Mum" had fallen in her kitchen. My brother, a landlocked surfer and respectable lifeguard, attempted to revive her. He and my uncle alternated the cardiopulmonary routine that two people are supposed to do.

They diligently, but unsuccessfully, worked around her bloody head, which she must have bumped when falling, trying to breathe life back into her lifeless body. Lean the head back ... clear the air passage ... breathe four times ... pump eight times ... or whatever the process is.

Anyway, to make a long story short, she died a pretty quick death, according to the doctor. As a matter of fact, she died of the same thing Andy Gibb

died of. Myocarditis is what the coroner called it.

Well, this scenario may or may not be much different from when someone died who you know. And you are probably already aware of the message I want to impart. But if you are one of those who've been fortunate enough not to suffer through the death of someone close, please read on.

My grandma and I were tight. She was probably one of the gentlest creatures on the face of the earth. She'd do anything for anybody, any time. And on numerous occasions, I took advantage of that. Not in a cruel way but in a grandson way.

One grandson advantage I took was a couple of months before her death. I had a dance I desperately wanted to attend but I was so broke I couldn't even pay attention. So I turned to Mum. She, of course, gladly loaned me the money and just smiled when I told her that she'd be paid back as soon as I got the cash.

I finally got a job and was somewhat financially solvent. I didn't, however, repay my debt, which is

Greg
Fine

just part of the sin I committed against my grandma. The other part of this "sin" was one I'm sure we've all done but don't realize until it's too late. And it just happens to fit with my not repaying my grandma the money I owed her.

This deals with refusing to take time out of my "busy" schedule to visit her. I always seemed to find something else to do when it crossed my mind to drop by and say "hi." I was so negligent in this responsibility that I didn't realize I hadn't seen her for about three months, and this was when she was dead.

I don't think I've been so disgusted with myself as that moment when the realization struck. There was no excuse, no way to worm out of it — just the plain fact that I never went up to her house to see how she was doing because of my own selfishness. Plain and simple.

Well, now she's gone. And when I mean gone, I mean gone, gone. If only I could reverse the past three months of my life, there would be just one thing I'd do: tell my grandma how much she meant to me. And I'd do it a hell of a lot more than I did.

My message is this: If you love someone or care for someone, let them know. Because, believe me, once they're gone, they're gone. I'm sorry, Mum.

Letters

Coffin and Keys highly inaccurate

I am completely convinced, along with my fellow peers, that the members of Coffin and Keys do not know anything about the issues they so sarcastically attack. Maybe Coffin and Keys' existence would be worthwhile for UNR if and when the members bothered to find out both sides of any of the issues they write about scandalously in their flyers, which are a take off on the National Enquirer. Members of Coffin and Keys have formed their opinions repeatedly just as ignorantly as Joe McCoy did in his column about Greeks in the Sagebrush.

The first issue that the members of Coffin and Keys need to open their eyes to (and let's not exclude the Interfraternity Council on this issue) is the recent discussion about Alpha Omicron Pi. Coffin and Keys states that Panhellenic refused Alpha Omicron Pi membership. This statement is false. Panhellenic's responsibility is to decide what would be good for all the sororities. Never just one!

Second, Panhellenic's issue of discussion was EXPANSION, not Alpha Omicron Pi. I am quite convinced that the members of Alpha Omicron Pi are excellent leadership girls. Panhellenic never voted directly on the well-being of Alpha Omicron Pi, Panhellenic voted on whether it can afford to expand on this campus. The vote went against expansion for the following reasons, which, as you can tell, did not directly concern Alpha Omicron Pi:

1. Membership in all of the five sororities has been unstable over the past few years. In other words, none of the houses have maintained full membership.

2. Statistically, 120 girls go through rush; dividing this number by six would not even provide enough girls to replace those each sorority loses to graduation.

3. There is a possibility of attracting new girls for rush but at the same time it pulls all of the houses down to such a low number of membership that it makes it hard for the house to exist.

4. When all sororities can maintain full membership, then Panhellenic would have no arguments on voting yes to expansion.

The reason I call attention to IFC members, besides knowing that I am addressing them when I say Coffin and Keys members, is because of their hypocritical views. If IFC took the same amount of consideration

as Panhellenic, then IFC wouldn't have fraternities with membership ranging from 12 to 63. It is obvious that IFC members think only of their own houses at meetings and not how to better the entire system of fraternities. It is not a wonder that we have a weak Greek system!

Furthermore, Coffin and Keys members contradict themselves. They have continuously knocked down the efforts of Sigma Pi in its struggle to obtain its charter. When Sigma Pi should be congratulated for getting its charter, Coffin and Keys still cuts them down before saying good job. Since the members of Coffin and Keys can't give a warm welcome to Sigma Pi, I would like to. Congratulations — I am proud to have members of Sigma Pi join the Greek system. Back to the contradiction. Coffin and Keys now thinks expansion is great. I feel strongly that the members of Coffin and Keys are true male chauvinists.

Lastly, I hope the newly sworn-in members contribute to Coffin and Keys information that is good for the entire university, not silly scandals and hypocritical views about the same people over and over. To the Chi Kappa's graduating class of Coffin and Keys, we are glad you are leaving.

Cynthia Fearnow

McCoy way off base in column on Greeks

Regarding Joe McCoy's recent column concerning the Greek system, you were way off base to say the least. I am not accusing you of writing a biased report. Your opinion was formed out of pure ignorance of the true facts.

Let me ask you a few questions. Have you ever been to a sorority house or inside a fraternity house when a party was not in progress? Did you do any research before writing your article? Did you speak to any Greeks to find out more information besides what you received from hearsay? Your column doesn't indicate that you did any of these beforehand.

Although you openly stated that you did not know many Greeks closely or belong to any Greek organizations, that does not excuse your ignorance. You wrote "you don't have to be a movie critic to know a movie is bad." My reply to that is that you have to at least have seen the movie before you can make any decisions about it.

With that thought, let me fill you in on some of the details that you ignorantly left out. Every sorority on campus has both national and local philanthropies to which they donate a lot of time, money and hard work. These philanthropies range from a camp for under-

privileged girls to cystic fibrosis to the Food Bank to the KUNR pledge drive — the list goes on.

I'd like to bring up another point for your consideration. Every year at the Women's Night of Honor, women from the entire campus are honored for their scholastic achievements as well as for community and campus involvement and awards are given out to those women who excel in these categories. If you look at those who received awards, you will see that a large percentage of those attending were Greeks and they won a great many of the awards, including Outstanding Senior Woman.

Would you consider this a "nominal effort" by these women? I would tend to think not. Each student is here for his or her own reasons and everyone getting an education is included. Greek organizations offer other opportunities to grow and expand our lives. Greeks and independents alike can be involved — fraternities and sororities offer it. And it doesn't matter if you are a Greek to get grades — each person, Greek or independent, will excel scholastically if he or she so desires.

Now I quote Ann Landers: "The Lord gave us two ends — one to sit on and the other to think with. Success depends on which one we use the most." Greeks use the end we think with and if you don't like the way we use it, success will be left to the Greeks.

Sarah E. Griffin
Panhellenic president

LEC event hurts UNR

The Lawlor Events Center Spring Jamboree has descended upon the UNR campus.

The carnival is situated in the parking lots between and around the UNS Computing Center, the Nevada Historical Society and the Fleischmann Planetarium. I can't speak for the latter two buildings but for the Computing Services I can say that, unanimously, employees are upset because of the carnival's location.

We have been forced out of our normal parking area and are required to have special permits and pass guarded gates to enter our place of work.

The distraction of having rides and crowds within 20 feet of our office windows will make it impossible to concentrate on work. Our building is, unfortunately, not soundproof. The blaring music used by carnivals will preclude the possibility of ignoring this intrusion on our work routine.

Employees are upset in general by various factors inherent in a situation of this sort: destruction of state property (trucks tearing up the grass and parking lot),

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Reid to speak on U.S. infrastructure

U.S. Sen. Harry Reid will present the 1988 UNR Distinguished Civil Engineering lecture today.

Reid, who sits on the Senate's Committee on Environment and Infrastructure and the Appropriations Committee, will present a free public talk, "Towards a New Infrastructure Policy: Recent National Developments," at 6:30 p.m. in the Pine Room of JTU.

"Infrastructure" refers to the nation's system of canals, harbors, roads, rail-

roads, water and sewer systems, interstate highways, bridges and airports. Extensive programs were adopted by all levels of government to develop the infrastructure, which in turn led to increased national defense and economic growth.

However, the infrastructure has since been taken for granted and virtually left to deteriorate. The cost of repairing the national infrastructure is estimated to be in excess of \$2.5 trillion.

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carnival workers found sleeping next to the building, trash, drunks, etc.

There has to be an alternative location somewhere that does not disrupt work sites: fairgrounds, shopping centers, city or county parks. Classes are not held in Lawlor Events Center, nor are the administrative functions of the university carried on in that location. Why the reverse has been deemed acceptable is beyond our comprehension. Let LEC carry on its activities without disruption to the university's prime function: education.

It has come to our attention that this is to be an annual event. Steps must be taken to ensure that this is not an annual cross for Computing Services and other departments to bear.

Bob Haynes

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cluding Harvard) are complaining bitterly," Morehouse said. "Over 60 percent of their book budgets go to periodicals."

UNR has had to cancel subscriptions every year for the past several years, according to Simons. Simons also said the falling dollar has made it especially difficult to get necessary periodicals from overseas.

Business librarian Barbra Butler says the library has to compete with other pressing needs at the university.

"We're a state-funded school," she said, "There are a lot of people crying 'help,' competing for a shrinking pie."

Butler, who has only been at UNR for a year, says she has seen similar problems in every place she has worked.

"It's quite a common problem," she said. "There are even worse places, while there are some universities that are well endowed with private funds."

Getchell Library also has been

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perspective, she said — social, emotional, cognitive and physical development.

Parents are required to devote 10 hours to the child-care center per semester.

"It helps lower school costs and gets parents involved in the child's classroom," Swank said.

helped by private contributions. Morehouse said it received \$300,000 in private funds last year.

Although the private funds have helped, the real problem is at the state level, officials say.

Lobbying efforts by the Nevada Faculty Alliance (NFA) and the Friends of the University Library in 1987 provided some relief to the library. The Legislature provided \$200,000 for the computerization of the library and \$200,000 for the book budgets of UNR and UNLV.

Hulse said in his report that this might just be a "crumb to the crumbling" but it was a step in the right direction.

For the 1989 Legislative session, the library administration, with help from an interim legislative committee, is using a budget formula from the Oregon Department of Higher Education.

The formula shows UNR needs to have 1.35 million volumes to meet the needs of its students and faculty. This would require increasing the \$1.2 million budget to \$2 million. The library's

Everts said there is a need for expansion.

"We are competing for money and space like every other program at UNR," she said.

Because the average age of UNR students is 26, Swanks says child care should be a priority for the university.

"They need to expand," she said. "There needs to be a commitment and UNR should be willing to spend money for it."

annual acquisition rate would have to be 67,000 volumes.

The new budget also would seek to create new positions, seeking 50 positions for the first 500,000 volumes and one extra position for every additional 16,000 volumes. Each new position would cost \$32,000 a year, according to the formula.

Morehouse said that while the library has increased the number of programs and services in the last 13 years, the number of classified (technically skilled) librarians has actually gone down.

Morehouse encourages students to write their legislators to get approval of the new budget. He said legislators listen to students more than they do to administrators.

"If you're going to be first rate, there are many things we need that we don't have," he said. "Students can continue to be vocal if they want UNR degrees to remain a quality degree. They're not going to have it if the quality of the library goes down."

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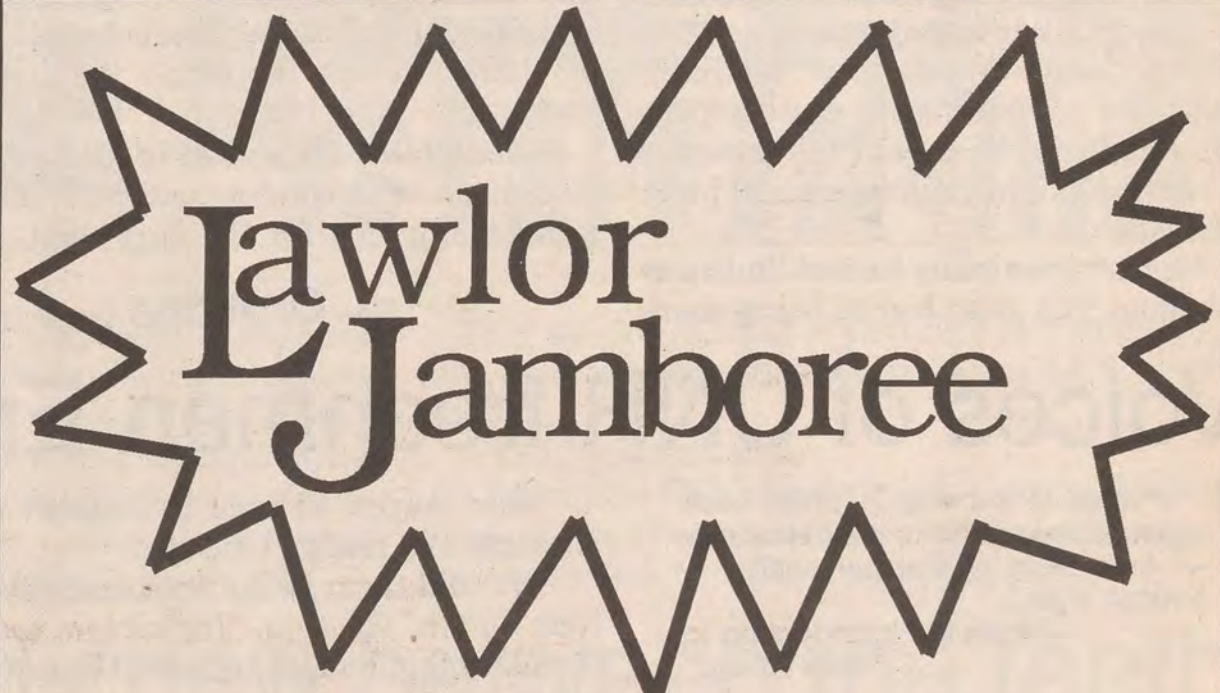
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'Orphans' portrays search for father figure

Orphans

Rated R, Keystone Cinema through Thursday, Worth A Peek

By Randy Gener

Movie Critic

I never had a father figure when I was growing up in the Philippines. I reveal this not to seek pity or compassion or to make myself vulnerable to society's vultures.

I feel no spite, anger or yearning toward my father. Nothing. Given a chance when he was still alive, I would not have looked for him. But once in a while, I wonder what would have changed if I did.

I mention this personal fact because sometimes movies can be intimate experiences for me and "Orphans" did strike a nerve.

It is an intense, volatile three-man drama with deft strokes of black comedy about two wild, dead-end, orphaned teenagers civilized by a middle-age Chicago gangster whom they hold captive. Later he becomes the father figure they never had.

The two emotionally scarred brothers isolate themselves in a squalid, ramshackle three-story house in Newark, N.J. During the film's opening sequences, their dereliction is seen with the empty soda cans, food cartons and magazines recklessly strewn around, the broken Venetian blinds and the lumpy, stained mattresses and couches.

Treat, a knife-wielding, cruel, dominating hoodlum (Matthew Modine), has been supporting his slow-witted, agoraphobic kid brother, Phillip (Kevin Anderson), through muggery and petty thievery.

He has never really treated Phillip as an equal. His great fear of being aban-

doned, unloved and unwanted impels him to manipulate his reclusive sibling in the most heartless of ways. For example, he convinces Phillip that if he ventures outside he'll have allergic reactions and die.

So when Treat makes the foolish, if not unconvincingly engineered, mistake of luring the drunk gangster, Harold (Albert Finney), into his dilapidated home, first to snare the attaché case, then later to hold him hostage in a ransom scheme, his relationship with his brother will be radically upturned.

Harold turns out to be a beguiling fellow who offers Treat a job as personal bodyguard and right-arm man and who calms down the panicky, neurotic Phillip with paternal care and love. In every sense, Harold takes over.

By this time, the film has been set up to warm our hearts in an unusual, off-center way. Harold shows Phillip the outside world and tries to teach Treat to curb his uncontrollable, violence-prone feelings.

But I was not moved. Visual structures are important and I could easily recognize the film's conscious devices, techniques and symbols to manipulate the viewers. Worse, I found them cut and dry, cut-rate and too theatrical.

For example, during Treat and Harold's first meeting, Harold boozily drawls that he was an orphan too and that he will give everything he owns to any "dead-end kid I find" — I found that a cheap, shoddy way to make believable his later attempts to refine the two brothers.

When Phillip sticks half of his body outside an attic window and feels the rain on his face for the first time, I



Comfort — Harold (Albert Finney) gives Phillip (Kevin Anderson) a fatherly hug in "Orphans."

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Voices of UNR freshman English students get published

"Voice" is the way in which each writer expresses his or her personality — or a facet of that personality — through style."

— from the introduction to "New Voices"

By Rhonda McClary

Staff

There are many voices in the English department and freshman English program's recently published book, "New Voices."

It is a book of essays collected over a two-year period from English 101 and 102 classes — 27 essays were chosen out of the 200 submitted.

"I read every essay," Kathy Boardman, lecturer and chair of the "New Voices" editorial committee, said. "I was looking for quality of the writing, excellence of expression ... original ideas. I was looking for good writing."

"New Voices" was started with an Instructional Enhancement Grant written by Professor Peggy Urie, the freshman English director.

Urie said when she was a freshman at another university, a similar book was published. That is where she got the idea for "New Voices."

This is the second "New Voices" published. It comes out every two years.

"New Voices" is used by English 1 students as a reader, Urie said.

"We sold them in the bookstore last time for \$3," she said. "Instructors use them as a supplement because it is inexpensive."

"New Voices" will be sold for \$3 in the fall semester in the bookstore.

Students submit essays to "New

Voices" through the encouragement of their instructors, Urie said.

"Basically, if an instructor sees a good essay he talks with the student about submitting it to 'New Voices,'" she said.

Boardman said when she read the essays she considered whether they would appeal to the readership.

"I judge them yes, maybe and no," she said. "The essays that were really top flight talked about personal experiences."

Cory Freeman, a journalism student who has an essay titled "Inner Conflict" in the book, said he does not believe in rough drafts.

"I wait until the last minute," he said. "I think things through and once I get an opening sentence, it all comes together."

Freeman said he gets many of his ideas from friend Paul Horn and novelist Stephen King but mostly from himself.

"I have morbid dreams," he said. "I wake up craving to write."

Freeman said he likes to write things that normally are not written about.

"Whatever comes to mind," he said. "Something definitely out of the ordinary ... that is going to scare the shit out of people."

One day he hopes to write a novel and said it would be for ages 18-25.

"They readily accept things," he said.

Freeman said he writes only fiction but he incorporates real-life experiences into his stories because "people are more willing to believe it."

'New Voices' essay: 'Inner Conflict'

Regan found one in the basement. She began to toy with it — alone. Anybody who knows anything knows you don't play with one alone. It's dangerous. She found out how dangerous it was — just as soon as her head turned around 360 degrees and she puked split pea soup. Her naiveté got her possessed by demons from hell. Her mom, Chris, had to call an exorcist if she ever wanted to see her daughter in human form again.

A new door to my imagination opened.

Linda began using one after she threw a party. She too used one alone, but she went one step further. She took its advice. When you take

Cory Freeman

its advice, you become more susceptible to possession. You open yourself up to invasion of your soul. Linda's "soul thief" was the spirit of a man named Malfeitor. It was just her luck that she moved into a house that had once been owned by a psychotic killer who had a fascination with blades. Before the end of the movie, three people were dead and all because Linda wasn't aware of the

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On to greener pastures — oh well

I've met people who say they hate Nevada. And they're not only ignorant types who grew up in some tree-infested, moldy, wet, decaying climate where the sun makes few appearances. Some of these Nevada haters are Nevadans who long for those too-green areas.

"I hate the desert," they say. "I hate the wind. I hate sagebrush. I hate the long stretches of just nothing."

Well, I love all of that, especially the long, open stretches of "nothing," the dry, stark desert mountains and the cooler mountains with their trees, creeks and snow. I especially love the sagebrush — nothing smells better.

But I'm leaving it soon — it's time to go someplace where I won't be able to say I'm a native. In other words, it's time to get a job.

Besides the general area, there is a specific category of people, places and sights that I'm either going to miss or be glad to see the end of: the weird category.

First, weird things I'm not going to miss:

- Tacky, sleazy neon-drenched downtown Reno. Slot machines.

- That ratty, sorry-looking, old, dead stuffed bear that stands outside Cal Worthington Subaru on South Virginia Street. If he's the bear I think he is, he's been around for ages. I remember seeing him (if it's him) in a glass case inside a sporting goods store when I was a kid. I remember cutting a wide path around the monster whenever I went in there — he was huge, he had gleaming, long fangs exposed in a silent snarl and he had even longer sharp yellow claws.

The Worthington bear looks like the same bear — but he's old now. Worn out, molting and not at all intimidating. The snarl is half-hearted, the claws blunt and the upright, once-frightening attack posture now droops in disgust.

The bear is mangy. The bear is dead — long dead. If he's supposed to attract customers to buy cars it's a bad ploy. He probably frightens them away and not with his pseudo-fierceness but with his dismal appearance.

- The wig shop next to Spaughi's. No big deal — it's just that all those heads in the window give me the creeps.

Now, weird things I'm going to miss:

- Tacky, sleazy neon-drenched downtown Reno.

Heidi Walters



Slot machines. I hate the casino scene but at the same time I find it fascinating. Great people watching, too.

- Landrum's. This is a given — anyone who grew up with a dad like mine would have fond memories of the place. We used to go there for the infamous omelettes.

"If you stand behind that guy's chair long enough he'll get nervous and leave," my dad would say.

That was his method of gaining a seat in the tiny cafe when all eight stools were occupied. It rarely worked.

- The Sagebrush staff.
- Seeing the Welsh brothers (a.k.a. my roommates) sitting on the sun-splattered roof of the cool house in the late afternoon drinking homemade beer.

A plaid coat, a red rose and chew between the teeth

I have never been so nervous in my life.

My hands were shaking. Sweat was creeping from my hairline. My stomach was rumbling like a rush-hour interstate. I felt like the focal point of a prism. All that concentrated power — 700 children are more explosive than a case of dynamite — was focusing on me.

It was just before the opening of the first performance of "A Toby Show," a vaudeville production based on "Cinderella," and all of Yerington's future (an ocean of 700 children) was crowded into the bleachers of the high school gymnasium to either cheer or ... boo.

We had been rehearsing "A Toby Show" for months but without an audience I had no way of knowing if we had a hit or a monstrously bad show.

You just cannot tell without an audience.

I paced backstage, stuck a chew of tobacco (I know I should quit) between my cheek and gum and wished I had not

John Evan

eaten before the performance. My throat was as dry as the Mojave Desert.

I felt like running. Why do I do this? Who needs the pressure of performance? Why be an actor?

I must be crazy.

Victoria Nitz, the stage manager of "A Toby Show," walked calmly by and warned the actors that it was five minutes until curtain. I removed my chewing tobacco and smiled into the mirror.

Horror.

A leaf of tobacco was lodged between my front tooth and my gum. Desperately, I worked to remove the leaf. It would not budge, hanging there with Tarzanish intensity.

"Toothpick," I said to Andy Long, who was stepping into his costume — he was calm and laughing. "Toothpick,

toothpick ... toothpick."

Here I was, minutes before curtain, and I had a leaf of tobacco smack-dab in the center of my smile.

This was disaster.

I ripped out the contents of my toilet kit. Cologne, Old Spice deodorant, a Remington micro-screen electric razor, pills, protective devices and a yellow pocket comb spilled onto the counter.

"Toothbrush, toothbrush, toothbrush," I said, scrambling through my personal hygiene accessories. "Where in God's name is my toothbrush?"

I realized, as a man might realize his death, that I had left my toothbrush at the hotel. Andy Long tucked his shirt into his pants and — forever calm — laughed.

I imagined the reaction the chewing tobacco in my tooth would cause. I saw, in my head, the indictment roll through the audience.

Here, in my cursed imagination, I saw myself delivering the opening

monologue to "A Toby Show." I saw the crowd of children — like a jury in a murder trial — finding me guilty of my own manslaughter.

How can the lead in a children's show appear on stage with a chew of tobacco dangling from his front tooth? That is like Ronald Reagan slamming a six-pack during a press conference.

I started sucking.

I sucked as hard as I could, ripping a vacuum through my teeth. I sounded like a dental machine as I ran around backstage trying to dislodge this stubborn tobacco. I could feel the roof of my mouth swelling under the pressure. I looked like a puffer fish.

I was out of control and just minutes away from the opening monologue of a show in which I was expected to control the outbursts and emotions of 700 short people. Panic, panic, panic.

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus," I said, putting

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hazards involved with using "Witchboard."

After I saw "The Exorcist" and "Witchboard," I made a vow with myself that I would never use the OUIJA board. Until recently, I stuck to that vow.

I don't know what qualities or powers the OUIJA possesses, (possesses, isn't that appropriate!) but I've been constantly drawn to it for about three years. I've tried for the longest time to avoid it, but, three days before Halloween this year, I just couldn't resist.

It was a Wednesday night. I remember it well. KOZZ was having a haunted house on Kietzke Lane and some friends of mine and I decided to make a party out of it since we didn't have any homework or studying to do. The air was clear and cold and the line was nice and long. We couldn't wait to have the crap scared out of us and when we finally got in, we weren't disappointed. Inside were some of the best movie psycho costumes I had ever seen. The "Leather Face" ("The Great Texas Chainsaw Massacre") costume was unsurpassed and we left with about 120 times the adrenaline we had when we went in.

We were in the car and halfway to the freeway when Valerie said, "I want to OUIJA."

In synchronicity both Christy and Sundae muttered, "It's late and we have to work tomorrow."

"Do you want to OUIJA?" Val asked me.

All the thoughts I'd ever had about demons and devil worship raced through my head and before I could stop myself, I said yes. What did I think I was doing? I didn't want to use the OUIJA. It was against my morals and better judgment. I must have been just a little too much on the other side of being sober.

Christy and Sundae dropped Val and me off at White Pine and went their

merry way back to the College Inn. Before I knew it, I was in Suite 204 among four or five girls, a planchette and a Parker Bros. Oracle board. We had contacted a spirit named Steve before I realized I was talking to the dead. I felt very alienated and just sat there in awe as the planchette moved our hands around the board, spelling out words and phrases.

"Ask it something," Val said.

I didn't exactly know what sort of thing to ask a spirit, so I sat there for a moment. Then I spoke. "How old are you, Steve?" 19. "When did you die?" 1987. "How did you die?" "D-R-U-G-S." "What kind of drugs?" H-E-R-O-I-N. "Did heroin kill you?" NO. "What did?" M-O-M. "Your mother killed you?" YES. "Did she kill you because of your drug addiction?" YES. "How did she kill you?" The planchette slid across the board to the words GOOD BYE. I was scared.

Valerie wasn't satisfied and "called him back up." "Are you there, Steve?" she asked. YES.

I thought I heard my mom calling me. I wanted to go home.

S-C-A-R-E-D. Val started to do the questioning.

"Who's scared?" C-O-R-Y. "Of you?" YES. G-A-M-E. J-O-K-E.

"What does he mean? What does he mean?" I could feel the adrenaline.

"He says don't be scared. It's only a game, a joke," Val said.

I felt satisfied with her reasoning, but the goose bumps on my arms and legs told me it was time to go home. I thanked Valerie for the psychic awareness class and left.

While driving home, I did a lot of talking to myself. "It's OK. You're not going to die. You're not going to get possessed. You're not the antichrist. You're stupid. That's what you are. Stupid."

I couldn't think about anything else for a week. I was in a daze, and when I came out of it, I had just shelled out 13 bucks for my own OUIJA. What had I

gotten myself into? What was controlling me? The curiosity, the inner drive that I had seemingly no control over, that's what made me do it. It was kind of like destiny calling. Or was it something else?

Another late night outing came around. Valerie and I reminisced about high school, the fact that we had once hated each other and how odd it was that we were even speaking at the moment. Then we started talking about the OUIJA again. We talked about the night Steve had freaked me out and the things he had said. Out of the clear blue, Valerie threw this one at me: "I want to do the OUIJA in a cemetery."

I wish my hand would have reached up and slapped me in the face before I said, "Sure, let's do it."

Almost instantaneously we were sitting in the middle of the cemetery that is just north of campus. We were next to a pine tree to block a little bit of the wind. I lit my Zippo lighter and we rested the OUIJA on our laps as a light shimmered from a small shack about a hundred yards away. We placed our hands on the planchette and it started to flail about wildly. I wondered why it was moving so fast.

"It's witching hour. That's why it's moving so fast," Val said before I even muttered a syllable. Then she informed me that witching hour was the time frame from midnight to 1. That's nice to know.

I started to do the talking. I was feeling pretty confident. "Who is this?" A-L. "How old are you, Al?" N-O.

"No?" N-O.

"He doesn't want to tell us," Val said. I took her word for it. She was the expert.

For a while, Al talked mostly in jibberish. Apparently spirits do that sometimes. Then he distinctively spelled out G-A-M-E. I thought that it was going to say the same thing that Steve had said the first night, that the OUIJA was just a game. B-L-O-D-K. I couldn't make heads or tails of it. What the hell is BLODK?

"Are you trying to say blood?" Valerie asked. YES B-L-O-O-D. "I'm scared," Val said. "What if there's somebody here, like in that old shack?"

"There's nobody here but ourselves, alive anyway," I said. "Right, Al?"

L-E-A-V-E.

"Oh," Valerie said in a whine. "Let's go." So we did.

Valerie said she wasn't "in a OUIJA mood," so we opted to go out for coffee. We sat in Landrum's pondering over our coffee and an order of greasy biscuits and gravy, but we didn't talk a lot about the cemetery thing. Would you?

I took her back to White Pine Hall about 2 a.m. and then I drove my tired butt home. I was asleep almost before I hit the pillow. The last thing I remember thinking before finally dozing off was, "Will this ever end?" I'm not sure, but I thought I heard a shuffling sound. I woke up the next morning in a cold sweat. The tail end of my dream was all I remembered. NO N-E-V-E-R.

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Chew from page 9

on my plaid coat with the bright red rose.

"Jesus, jesus, jesus," I said, checking to make sure my props were in place.

The opening music, "Oh Susanna," sprang to life. The children in the audience, unlike an adult audience, became noisier as they anticipated the start of the show. To me, with a leaf of tobacco in my mouth, it was an ominous hum of joy.

This was it.

I had to dislodge the tobacco.

I took one last mighty try. My whole entire being, 160 pounds of will, went into removing a leaf of tobacco from my

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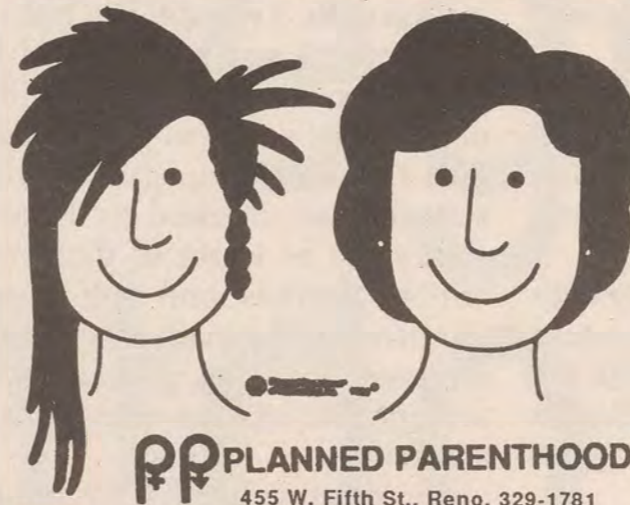
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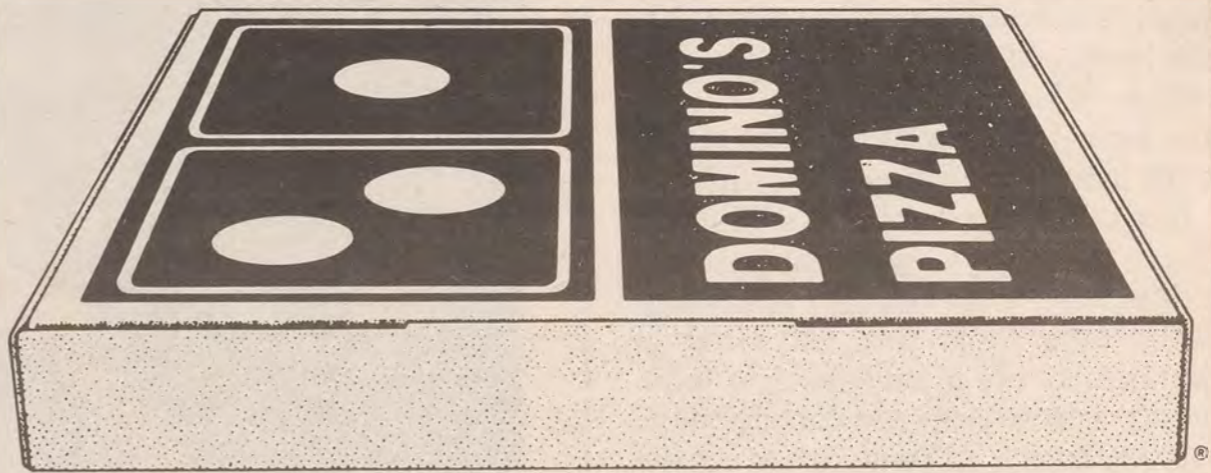


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Orphans from page 8

expected sentimental music to flow in (and intrude) to instruct me how to feel. And lo! Here it comes.

There are others but the point is that during playwright Lyle Kessler's translation of his highly regarded drama to the screen, "Orphans" never lost its not-always-smooth theatrical appeal.

On stage, he can easily get away with trick devices and contrivances, because they are all the play has going for it. On screen, however, under Alan Pakula's direction, little white lies are aggravated into fraud.

Don't get me wrong. "Orphans" has undeniable intensity. It covers an enormous emotional landscape from stoutheartedness to fragility, from looming menace to quirky tenderness.

The performances by all three actors are no less superb. Albert Finney commands attention, his best since "The Dresser" and "Under the Volcano." Kevin Anderson reprises the feral Phillip he created on stage and admirably bounces and tumbles with unrestrained physicality. But Matthew ("Bridy," "Full Metal Jacket") Modine's riveting, spine-tingling display soars to tour de force.

Yet at the same time, it does not help that I identify with Modine's Treat. Despite his brutishness, he only wants to be loved and seeks the best for his kid brother. When Harold enters the picture, he feels alienated from the strong bonds between Harold and Phillip.

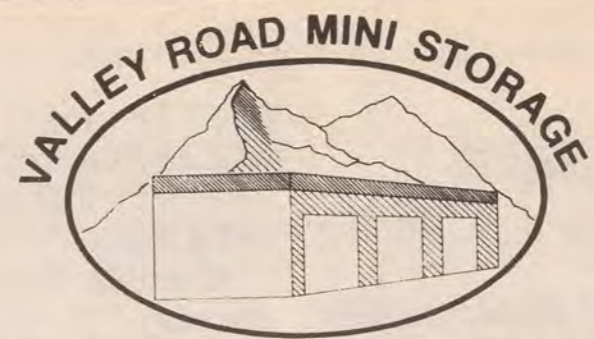
In a shattering scene, Treat presents his gift of a huge mayonnaise bottle to Phillip, only to be rejected afterward. Phillip says he is sick and tired of mayonnaise, his former favorite food. He likes corned beef and cabbage now, just like Harold. To Treat, this is not the brother he once knew and Harold, for all his apparent wisdom, plays favorites.

Thus, I felt that a perilous battle of wills between Harold and Treat was gradually swelling and would soon burst. But it never does. Instead, the filmmakers fizzle Treat's rage into just another expression of the boy's inherent decency.

The rest of the film becomes the taming of a savage beast. And because I identify with Treat, I also sense Harold encroaching upon Treat's territory and his love for Phillip. Why doesn't Harold embrace Treat and show his love and caring for him before tragedy sets in? Why allow Treat's world to crumble right in front of his eyes?

I suggest you see "Orphans" and judge for yourself. The film pulled me in too close for me to dissociate my critical functions from it. Like Treat, I am a skeptic. I wonder if "Orphans" is a well-intentioned reminder of the importance of human affection in our lives or just another not-so-craftily disguised Phil Donahue propaganda, which insists that we so-called civilized people should be as warm as dishwasher and which glorifies and self-aggrandizes our own civility in the face of mounting failures, injustices, prejudices and the unremedied injuries we have caused as a society.

On the other hand, if I have unknowingly deviated to the wrong side and expressed opinions just like another rebellious sociopath — just like Treat — then perhaps I too need my own Harold father figure to de-orphanize me.



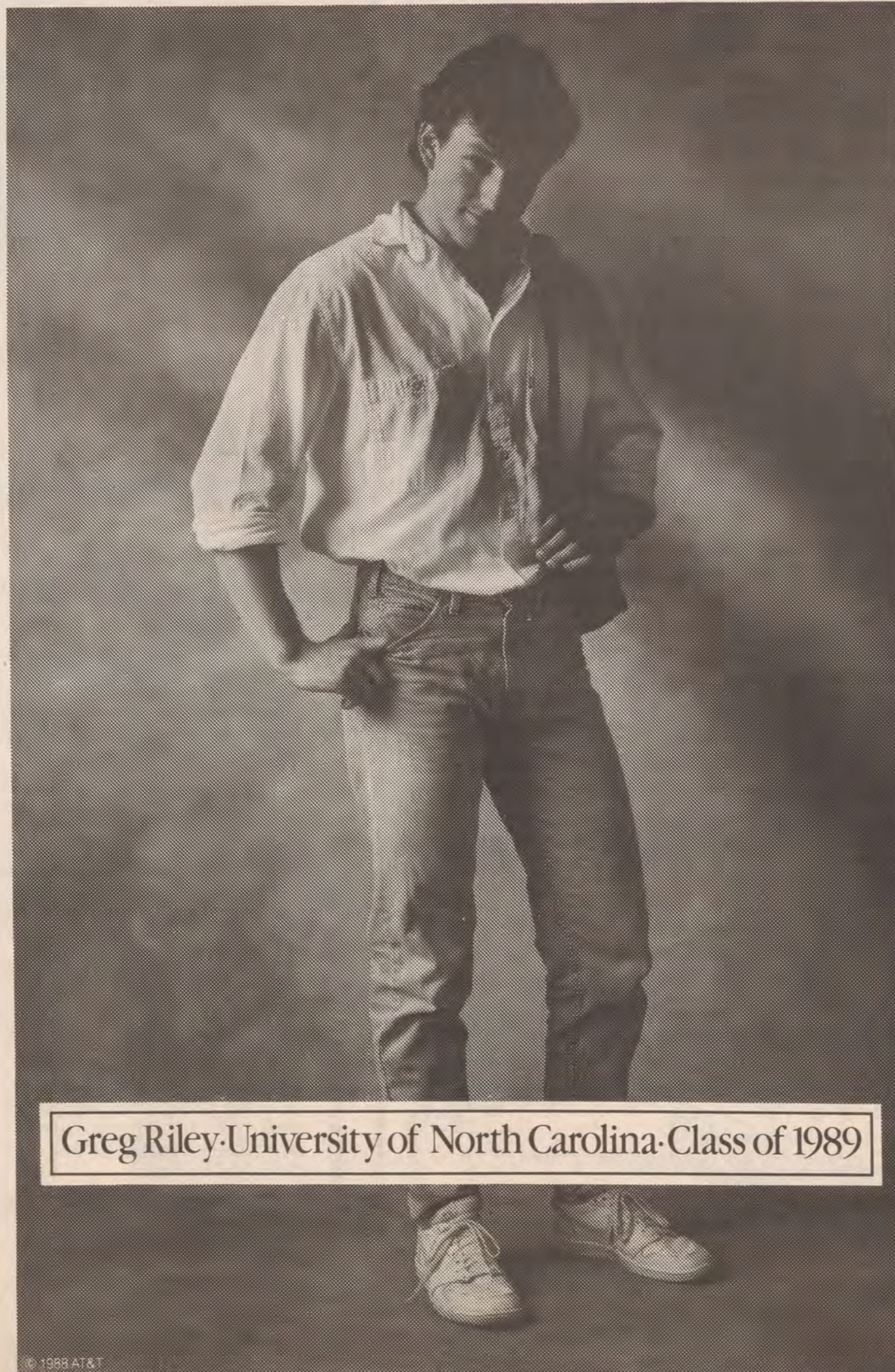
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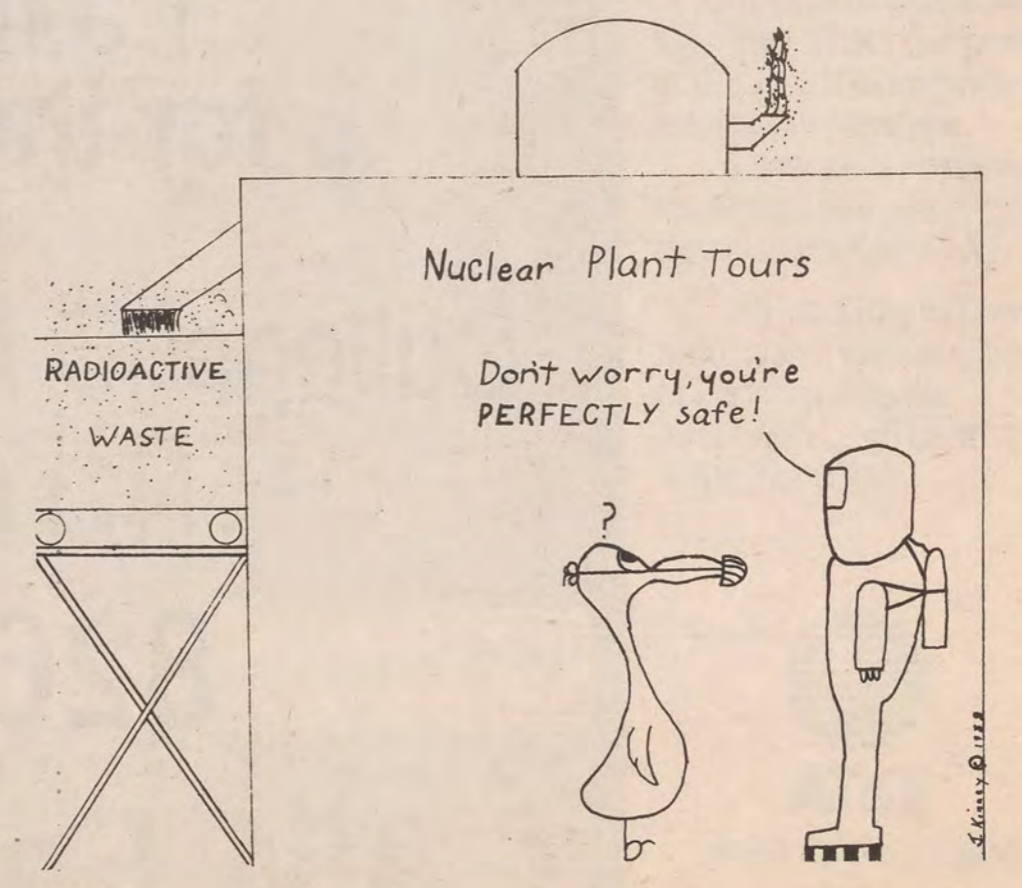
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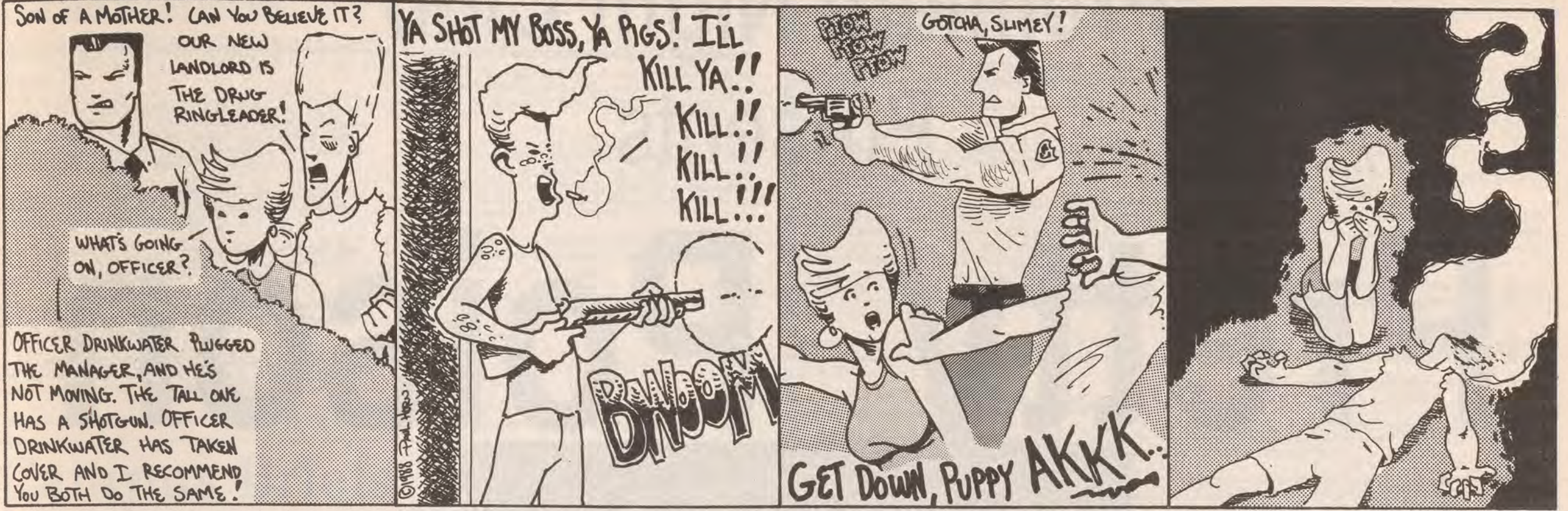
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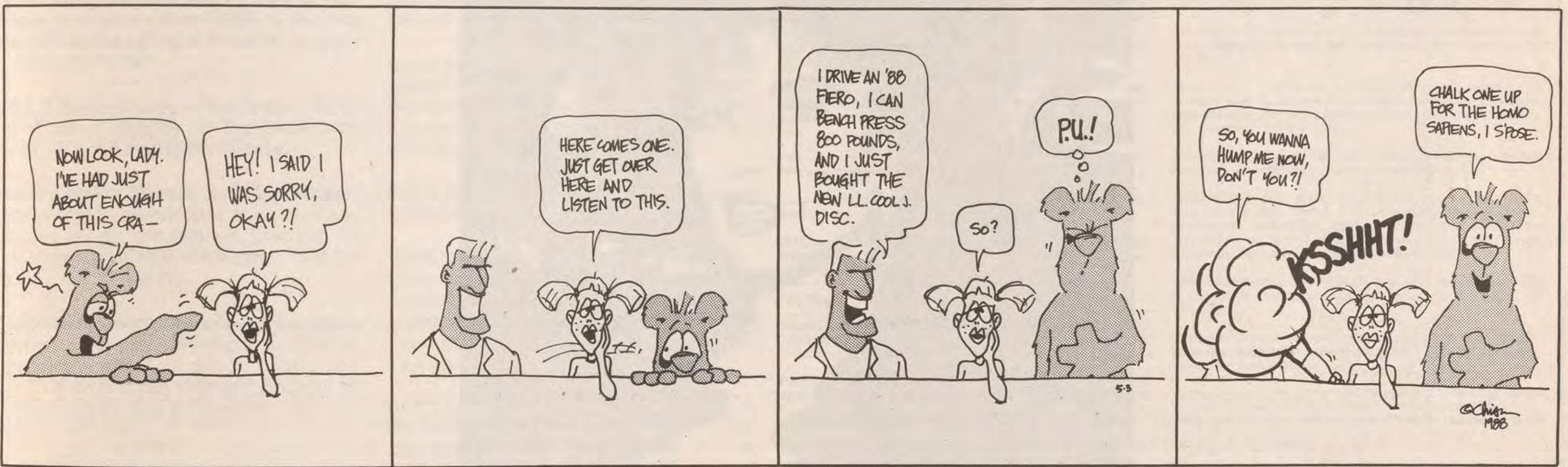
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Campus Briefs

PRISM Program — If your reading skills are affecting your grades, the PRISM program can provide the assistance you need. Diagnostic testing and two hours a week of one-on-one assistance are available to students free. Call Barbara King at 784-6801 or apply in Room 107 TSSC.

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Prime Time Network (PTN) — Last meeting is Wednesday.

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GLSU — Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Women's Center. Elections and discussion night. For information, call Erik or Michele at 784-4611.

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UNR cheerleaders — Tryouts practice 5-8 p.m. and May 5-7 in the Old Gym. For information, call Natalie at 348-7235.

Management and Personal Association (MPA) — Employer forum. Learn about wrongful discharge, drugs and alcohol screening, discrimination and more. 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday at the Eldorado Casino. \$10. For reservations, call 786-3030.

AED — Meeting 6 p.m. today in the Alan Bible Room, Gatchell Library. Speaker: Susan S. Buchwald, M.D., chief of staff at Saint Mary's Hospital. Topic: trauma centers and the role of the surgeon.

Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures — Hosting its annual awards ceremony at 4 p.m. today in Room 103, Education Building.

Tutoring positions — History, political science, English, biology, chemistry, econ 261-262, Spanish, CIS 250-251, math 105, 115, 251 and managerial sciences. For fall 1988. Applications and recommendation forms in Room 107 TSSC.

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Powers said. "We've got a lot of people hurt and the people we've got to replace them aren't getting the job done."

Among the injured are center fielder Jesse Davis, infielder and designated hitter Joe DeRicco and reliever Jon Stone. Playing hurt are catcher Morgan Flynn and right fielder Donnie Angotti.

"We're just not handling the situation really well," Powers said.

San Diego won Friday's game 18-7. The double-header scheduled for Saturday was canceled because of cold. The teams played two games Sunday instead of the scheduled one game. The fourth game will not be made up.

The Toreros won the first game Sunday 9-2.

In Sunday's second game, the Pack made two errors and Barton walked one batter and hit another to help San Diego score six runs in the top of the first.

Andy Roberts started the game by hitting a ground ball to UNR second

baseman Jesse Medellin, who bobbled the ball, allowing Roberts to reach first.

Chris Bwy followed by dropping a bunt down the third-base line and reaching first before any of the Pack's infielders could get to the ball. Mark Trafton then ripped a double to center field to score Roberts and Bwy.

Barton walked Sean Baron. Dave Rolls singled in Trafton. Chuck Graham reached on an error by UNR third baseman Mark Stovak.

Parris Soriano and Rick Doane followed with singles. Barton then hit Steve Skamnes, the ninth batter, with a pitch.

Barton got out of the inning by getting Roberts to hit a comebacker that Barton fielded and started a double play with. He then struck out Bwy to end the inning.

Powers replaced Barton with Scott Anderson to start the second inning.

"We didn't support him (Barton) in the first inning," Powers said. "We're trying to get him 10 wins."

Barton, 8-5, will start today's game

against UC-Davis.

Anderson gave up five more runs to the Toreros, including two home runs.

In the fourth inning, Rolls hit an Anderson pitch over the left-field fence with one man on base.

In the fifth, Baron, who was on base when Rolls hit his homer, hit one of his own to right-center field.

"We make the routine plays in the first, we probably win this game," Powers said. "I don't know if we're not physically capable of making the plays or just not intent enough. They're not tough plays, either."

Down 11-3, the Pack mounted a rally in the bottom of the seventh. First baseman Jeff Barry and Anderson opened the inning with singles.

Angotti popped out to Chris Stout, the San Diego second baseman. Left

fielder Dale Henson reached on an error and Barry scored on the play.

Catcher Morgan Flynn followed by hitting a three-run homer.

San Diego then replaced starter Tony Battilega with Mike Newby.

Center fielder Kelly Smith reached on an error but DeRicco, pinch-hitting for Nathan Selby, grounded into a game-ending double play.

San Diego moved to 26-28 overall, 9-14 in the West Coast Athletic Conference. UNR fell to 25-27, 4-15.

In today's game, scheduled for 2 p.m. at Peccole Field, Powers does not expect to make many changes.

"We're just trying to win a baseball game," he said. "Our hands are tied as to what we can do. We just have to ride out the tide. There's not too much we can do."

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Ault pleased with Silver and Blue game

By Dan Hinxman
Staff

The annual Silver and Blue intrasquad scrimmage, played Saturday at Mackay Stadium, is aptly named. But not for the reasons you might think. At least not this year.

The silver was found in the clouds that dominated the sky. Blue were the lips of the 80 or so fans who braved the conditions and huddled together under blankets.

But this is football and the show must go on. So with the temperature hovering around 40 degrees and snow and sleet being blown by 30-plus mph winds, the Wolf Pack took the field to see how far it had progressed this spring.

As is true with all UNR spring scrimmages, the Pack did not play a regular game.

The offense starts at the 30-yard line and attempts to score against the de-

fense. There is no special teams play.

The offense scores in the following ways: six points for a touchdown, one point for a first down and one point for a play covering 20 yards or more.

The defense scores in the following ways: four points for an interception, two points for a fumble recovery, one point for holding the offense on four downs, one point for causing a fumble, one point for a pass deflection and one point for a quarterback sack.

Quarterback Jim Zaccheo started the first series and the offense was not able to do much. It was stopped on its first four possessions by a stubborn defense that allowed only two first downs during the first four series.

On the fifth series, Zaccheo marched the offense down to the 9-yard line and then hit wide receiver Tony Logan in the end zone for six points.

Freshman Tom Williamson took over

at quarterback and took the offense down the field with the help of a 30-yard run by running back Harry Williams.

The run put the ball at the defense's 33-yard line. Logan then got by defensive back Brian Pool and hauled in Williamson's 33-yard touchdown pass, giving the offense its second touchdown.

"He caught me flatfooted," Pool said. Pool said Logan's best asset is not his speed.

"I've faced guys as fast as him," he said. "But his movement is real good."

Following the second touchdown, the offense led 22-5.

The defense became stingy on the next seven series, allowing only two points while racking up 13 of its own.

Williamson and quarterbacks Craig Kennedy and Andy Genasci had their hands full as the defense racked up three sacks.

Zaccheo returned for the 15th series and threw a 10-yard pass to wide receiver James Reaves, who made a nice move to get free.

Reaves then turned it into a 53-yard run to the defense's 5-yard line. On the next play, freshman running back Keith Washington ran it in for the third and final touchdown of the day.

The offense had five more possessions but was only able to score three points, while the defense scored eight. The offense won the scrimmage 36-27.

Head coach Chris Ault was happy with the scrimmage and the entire spring.

"I am pleased with what I saw," he said. "The pass rush was good, the offensive line did well, the quarterbacks did well and the corner play was consistent. We've got some fine skill. We aren't where we've got to be (when the 1988 season begins) but I am pleased."

Ault was quick to name many who played well or were much improved.

"(Noseguard) Neil (Hulbert) has had an excellent spring," he said. "(Line-

backer Dio) Shipp and (linebacker Maurice) Character improved. Williams did well and (linebacker John) Libby has had an excellent spring. (Beau Harlen and Mark Hronek) are as good of two tight ends as we've ever had here."

Zaccheo agreed with Ault. "Things look well," he said. "We had a real good day."

Ault said he has solidified two of the Pack's trouble spots from last year.

"Inexperience at quarterback and the defensive line hurt us last year," he said. "We've covered both of these."

"We wanted to reestablish the offense. I feel confident that we did that. I'm happy with the quarterback situation."

Zaccheo will probably be the man to beat at quarterback when fall practice opens.

"I've got to go out and do a good job," Zaccheo said. "I can't just sit back and let things happen."

Ault was not concerned that the offense outscored the defense.

"(The scoring system) is just something for the kids, it's not important," he said. "I'm always concerned about the defense. We've made good strides. You've got to have a good defense to win a championship."

Pool was happy with the defense.

"I think we did well as a whole," Pool said. "I feel comfortable with all the guys. We haven't had too many interceptions this spring but we seem to be coming around."

Pool, along with defensive back George Jackson, is expected to make an instant impact.

The good possibility of not having star fullback Charvez Foger, who missed spring drills because of legal problems, is constantly on Ault's mind.

"We've cultivated Charvez for three years," he said. "He gives us another dimension."

If optimism wins games, the Wolf Pack will win many. Both the offense and the defense look good early.



Adrian Fox

Heads up — Bernard Chatman gets ready to take off out of the blocks.

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Chatman said he is going to have to train hard for the Modesto meet.

"I am going to train twice a day," he said. "Go to bed early and stay injury free ... train my butt off."

Chatman said in preparation he takes each race as it comes.

"It's not a mental thing with me," he said. "It's more natural."

He is proud of what he has accomplished and wants one thing.

"I want respect," he said.

Chatman said he compares himself to a train in San Francisco.

"The BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) train," he said. "My brother always said I was running like BART."

Chatman said he isn't nervous about the Olympics — yet.

"I have a big meet coming up," he said. "The Athlete's Congress (in Tampa, Fla., June 16) is set up like the Olympics. It should give me all the time to get the butterflies out."

Volleyball signs 2nd recruit

The UNR women's volleyball team signed its second recruit for the 1988 season.

Pam Hermo, a 5-foot-7 setter/outside hitter from Clark Junior College in Vancouver, Wash., has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for the Wolf Pack. Hermo received first-team all-conference honors both years that she played for Clark College.

She will be looking to fill the setter

position left vacant by the graduation of all-conference setter Phyllis Bustamante.

Hermo led the team with a .507 assist percentage. She also had a .317 kill percentage, 53 service aces, 45 solo blocks and 20 block assists for the season.

Hermo will join junior-college all-American Barrie Dafforn, who signed earlier for the Pack.

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Softball finishes under a cloud

By Rick Hoover
Sports Editor

The season, maybe mercifully, is over.

The UNR women's softball team ended its season last weekend with a road trip to Oregon. It didn't play any games (they were all rained out) but the team did travel.

The Pack's final record is 6-34.

"We really wanted to play," head coach Pat Hixson said. "We felt like we could win some games. We were disappointed that we couldn't play."

Hixson said she was pleased that the players were still ready to play after

what has been a long season.

"That's been their attitude all season," Hixson said. "Most teams in our position would be glad that we didn't have to play. We're now looking forward to next year."

Despite the fact that pitcher Liz Holland is the only senior on the team, Hixson is not sure what next year holds in store.

"The budget has been cut substantially," Hixson said. "Recruiting is going to be very difficult."

"We don't have enough money to cover the players that are on scholarships now and they've added a \$4 per-

credit increase. We're hoping to get some girls to walk on to the program."

Hixson said the program has one out-of-state tuition waiver.

"But she (the player) still has to pay room and board and at this time part of her credits," Hixson said.

Hixson said her recruiting efforts are mostly going to be local.

"It's not going to be easy to get someone out of state to come here," she said.

Hixson thinks some of the players may not come back.

"We're not sure who will be coming back," she said. "If they come back, we

don't know whether they will play softball or not. It depends on the coaching situation. Whether I come back or not."

Hixson's salary has been cut back because of the budget cuts.

"I'll be making approximately what I started at nine years ago," Hixson said.

The assistant coaching position has been cut altogether and the fifth-year scholarships for graduate assistants have been cut.

Is Hixson thinking of leaving?

"Yeah," she said. "There are other opportunities but no decision has been made yet."

Chatman looks forward to 1988 Seoul Olympics

By Rhonda McClary
Staff

Seoul, South Korea. September.

The men's 200-meter race.

With 100 meters left, the sprinter pumps his tired arms and legs harder as the red tape becomes more visible. He turns his head slightly to the left and see's Carl Lewis.

He leans forward ... the crowd is roaring ... UNR's Bernard Chatman wins the gold medal!

What was once a dream for Chatman could now become reality...

San Francisco, city of rolling hills, the Golden Gate and a little boy running

with the kids in the neighborhood — for fun.

Elementary school is where Chatman got his first taste of running.

"I got serious in track my senior year in high school," he said. "I was preparing for junior college."

Chatman, a physical education major at UNR, went to Skyline Junior College in San Bruno, Calif. There he learned a special word from his coach, Bob Lualhati.

"Banzai," he said. "I forgot the exact meaning he said but it's like a Japanese trademark ... meaning being the best. Before the starter says 'start,' I say 'banzai' to myself ... in a whisper. When I say it, all I feel is the win ... and that I am tougher than anyone out there."

Chatman, who runs for the Billy Hutton Track Club in San Francisco, proved himself in a Fresno, Calif., meet April 9 by winning the 400 meters and qualifying for the Olympic trials.

"I ran the slowest time," he said with a smile and raised his hands in victory. "I was in lane nine, the worst lane. I couldn't see anyone ... I was all alone. My time was 45.77, my personal best."

After the meet, he said he would like a run at the 400 meters again.

"I just want to make sure it's not a fluke," he said.

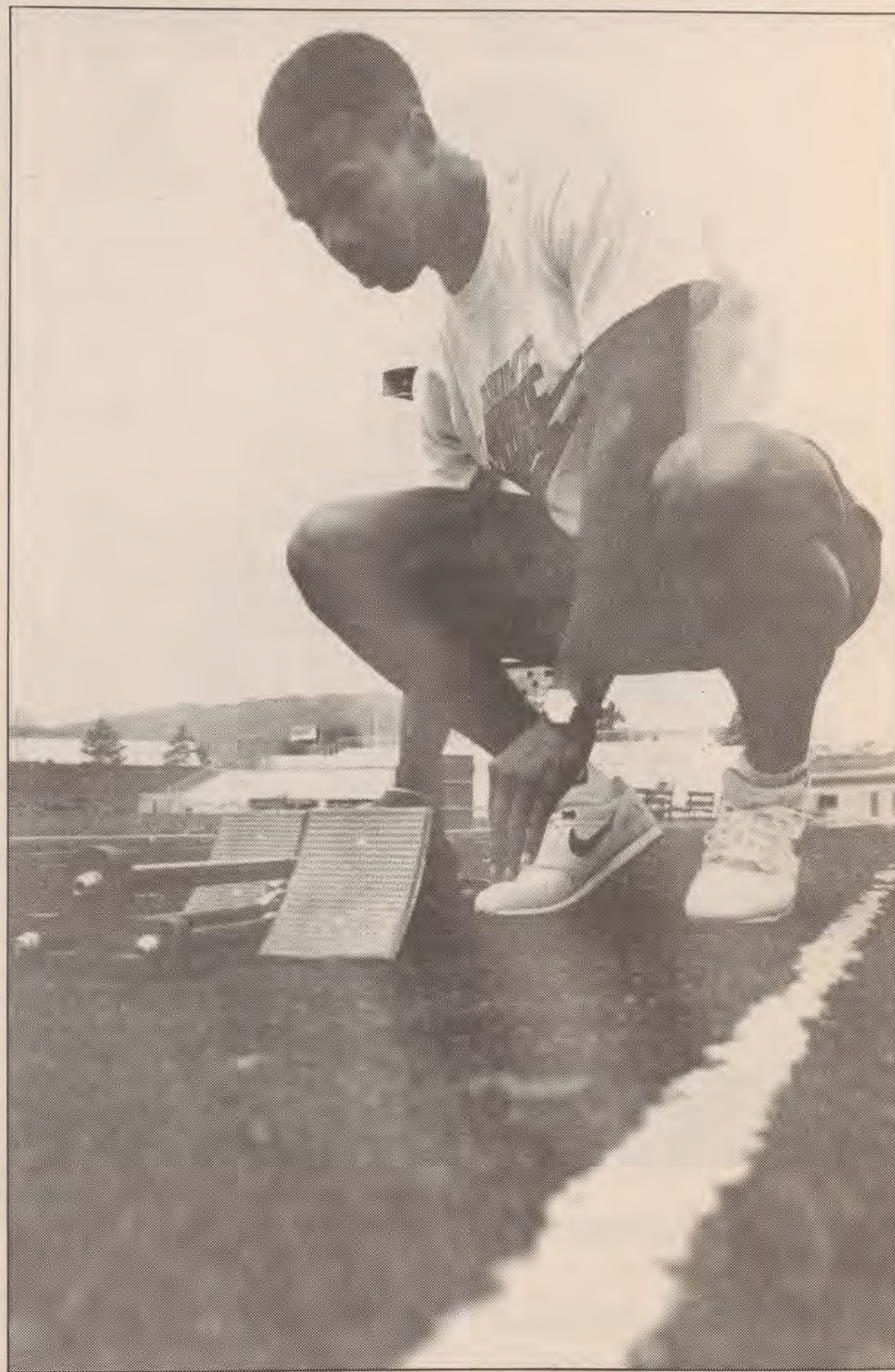
Two weeks ago, Chatman got his chance when he attended the Baton Rouge (La.) Invitational at Southern University.

"I ran the 400 meters and took first place with a time of 47.77," he said. "I felt good, confident. I didn't qualify for Olympic trials, though. That was a regular time."

Not qualifying in the 400 meters again was not a disappointment for Chatman.

"I competed in the 200 meters and qualified for the Olympic trials," he said. "My time was 20.67."

The world record in the 200 meters is 19.72, held by Pietro Mennea of Italy. Chatman said it had been raining the



Adrian Fox

At the blocks — Bernard Chatman readies a set of starting blocks at track practice Monday.

day he ran and the track was all wet.

"I think my time would have been faster if it was a dry day," he said. "I was really pumped up for this race."

The next big meet for Chatman is in Modesto, Calif., Saturday — he is run-

ning the 400 meters.

"Oh boy," he said. "Carl Lewis is supposed to be there. There's going to be a lot of competition."

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Wolf Pack loses 3 to San Diego

By Rick Hoover
Sports Editor

It was Sunday afternoon. The UNR baseball team had lost the first two games of a series with the University of San Diego at Peccole Field.

In the third game, the Pack had its best pitcher, John Barton, on the mound. The odds were in the Pack's favor.

But as the saying goes, there is no such thing as a sure thing.

San Diego's first nine batters reached base and Barton found himself down 6-0 before he recorded an out. San Diego went on to a 11-7 victory to sweep the series.

"We're not playing really well right now," UNR head coach Gary

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