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King proposal

## By DebBie Levy

Student and administration reaction to a statement proposing to place a voting student on the board of regents is, at best, non-

UNM graduate student Dennis Cohen, who was influential in from gưbernatorial candidate Bruce King, said, "A student on the board will give students real
leverage-seal trading power. They
will have a real say in real things that have to do with the University."
GSA President Steve Maple, one of two non-yoting student members of the UNM Board of Regents, said

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## Carter, politics rapped

## Mears comments

By PATRICIA BACA
President Carter and his "Georgia Mafia" said they were going to change Washington, and in many ways they did, but not necessarily for the better," said Walter Mears, Vice President of the Associated Press and Chief of the Associated Press and Chief of the Bureau, at a New Mexico Press Association luncheon Saturday Oct. 21, at the Sheraton Old Town Oct.
Inn.
"Carter has made headway in our foreign policies, but not in handling our problems at home such as inflation, tax cuts, and energy conservation," said Mears. However, Carter has accomplished more in 13 days at Camp David than Kissinger did with all his acts of diplomacy in the Middle East, he said.
Carter has had to back off of many of his campaign promises and has failed to inform the public of such action, said Mears, who was cited by the Pulitzer Prize Committee for his coverage during the 1976 presidential primary.
Neither the Republicans of Democrats look to be victorious the upcoming elections, he said.
"Republicans will probably lose more Senate seats than they gain, but the 96 th Congress will probably not favor Carter any more than the 95 th Congress that just adjourned did," said Mears. The Republicans will probably gain some governors since there are only 12 , he said.
Carter has tried to deal with Congress the same way he dealt with the voters and that won't work, said Mears. However,
through it all, Carter leads with his through it all, Carter leads with his chin and ,is very good at "handholding," which Congress is responsive to, he said.
Carter still has ample time to be
a persuasive President, but he and

## Drive nears goal

The University United Way frind drive continues to close in on its $\$ 58,000$ goal, Administrative Vice President Marvin "Swede" Johnson announced.

Johnson, who heads the UNM campaign, said the most recent report figure for University donations is $\$ 55,044$.
A special team of volunteers is working with the UNM United Fund key persons to collect all pledge cards on campus. Johnson said he is encouraged by the positive response to the "wrap up" effort which will continue throught Oct. 27
"We need to get the pledge cards in regardless of whether persons wish to contribute," Johnson said. "Only when we have all the responses will to contribute," Johnson said. "Only when
his people will have to stop shooting each other in the foot such as overdrawn checking accounts, said Mears.
The major challenges facing Carter are to demonstrate the confidence he had while campaigning and to eliminate uncertainty caused by identification of too many problems not easily handled, he said.
Concluding his speculations on the 1980 Presidential campaigns Mears said, "Ford says he will run and I can't believe that he will, and Reagan says that he won't run and I Reagan says that he won't run
can't believe that he won't."

## Platforms presented

Peter Pierotti


Freshman Peter Pierotti perceives the two biggest problems facing ASUNM to be continuity and communication.
Pierotti, president of Coronado Hall, said he would make "a personal commitment to work with all senators, and to put in the added time and effort needed to properly communicate with and realize the needs of everyone who is a part of our University."
Pierotti, 18, has worked as an aid in the senate and was a voting
member of the Budget Inquiry facing ASUNM today is the lack of Board.

He said, "Senators work against instead of with each other and there is a definite lack of communication between other branches of government."
A member of Student Alliance, Pierotti said he agrees with the goals of the party and also that slates can add continuity.

Eirik Johnson

"I am opposed to evil, I support good," are the words of ASUN Johnson, who Eirik Johnson. Johnson, who was the assistant Asmester said he has attended all semester, said he has attended all the Senate meetings since last spring.
"I think the gravest problem
student awareness and participation which is not the fault of the slipshod way in which ASUNM handles itself and the disreputable manner in which the ASUNM Senate acts at every opportunity."
He said he stands for daytime senate meetings, which, he feels would bring about more student participation. He would also like participation. "e "seriously consider the senale it's own dissolution should it find itself unable to serve its intended functions.

Johnson, 18, said it is hard for the senate to discipline other members; reprimands should be mandatory, short of impeachment.
Richard Bowles


## in limbo

board will make a big difference. "We get tremendous cooperation from the regents now," Maple said, "Right now, we are looking into the process (for obtaining a student regent) to determine what the procedures are. We're in a factfinding stage. A decision will affect every other college in the state and we want input from them.?
King campaign aide Brian Sanderoff said a constitutional amendment would not be necessary in order to appoint a student regent. "When a vacancy opens, someone is appointed by the governor. It could be a student. If students were to be appointed to the
boards on a regular basis, however, there would have to be a constitutional amendment, since the regents are governed by legislation," Sanderoff said.
Provost McAllister Hull said he does not think voting students on the board of regents will help student-administration relations. 'We now have a number of ineractions between students and faculty, both formal and informal, To add one at this level the board of regents would do little good," Hull saicl.
He said student votes on board of regents have been beneficial in

## Hispanic enrollment ranks high at UNM

By ERIN ROSS
A minorities report released Monday shows UNM ranking first among all major state-supported universities nationwide in percentage of Hispanic enrollment.

The UNM residential report entitled "Ethnic Minorities and Women at the University of New Mexico'" noted Chicano students made up 23.3 per cent of last spring's undergraduate enrollment.

The top-ranking percentage was notable considering UNM, with 3,901 Chicano students out of last spring's 16,728 total undergraduates, was only third behind the University of Texas and
campuses of the University of campuses of the University of
California, in total number of Hispanic students.

The report also showed UNM had the highest number of Native had the highest number of Native placing UNM second in percentage of Indian enrollment.

Nationwide, UNM ranks fifth in total number of minority students. The University ranks second in The University ranks second in percentage of enrolled.

The report stated that while minority representation is well above the national average,
minorities are underrepresented considering the percentage of state population. Minority residents make up nearly 50 per cent of the state's population, but only 39 per cent of last year's entering freshman were minority members.

The report said that although many minority students enter the University, a high percentage drop out before graduating

To combat the high drop-out rate, the University has begun discussion for creation of a retention plan that would aid minority students.

The report, stating "Clearly the University of New Mexico has the best overall record... in the nation in terms of minority and women enrollment," neglected to mention what percentage of minority students were graduated last year.

Asked about the omission, campus statistician Catherine Furman said last May's graduation figures are not ready to be released.

Student Alliance candidate Richard Bowles, 17, said students must accept a large part of the problem of ASUNM government not lielping the students.

Presently, the majority of students have no idea how ASUNM government works. Some chartered organizations which receive ASUNM funds know little, if anything, about the budget process,' Bowles said.
Bowles, present treasurer of Coronado Hall, said he would work to increase student participation but "students must be willing to but "students mus be wiling to participate. Without participation we will fade into obscurity.'
Bowles said Student Alliance will obby for part-time and night-time degree-granting courses, construction of an overpass over Lomas, and budget reform.

Jay Moses
An independent candidate for ASUNM Senate said he thinks the Senate should be serving the students more, and part-time students should be included as ASUNM members.
Jay Moses, 23, a senior psychology student, said if he is elected, he would like to bring more information to the students, and he may consider bringing speakers to may consider bringing speakers to the dormitories to spread the word about these programs. also inke to see Disabled on Campus
have more Awareness Days, so that have more Awareness Days, so and
those students who can work and are not disabled will understand through.
Moses said that he would like more independents in the Senate to 'keep more avenues open to varying ways" since he believes that party affiliations work for power plays.
Last academic year, Moses was the student director of Agora and this year he is an undergraduate representative for ASUNM on the Student Health Center Advisory Board. (continued on page 3 Board.


## Candidates speeches

 rescheduled for today The opportunity to hear the candidates for the ASUNM senate has been rescheduled for today in the SUB Ballroom or on the mall depending upon the weather from $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $2: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

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