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State of Nevada Executive Chamber Carson City 89710
August 8, 1979

Robert List, Governor

Mr. Lomie Wright, Co-Chairman
Second Annual Round Ball Classic
7712 Genser
Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

Dear Lomie:

Congratulations to you and the members of the Round Ball Classic committee for the fine work you are doing in the community.

It is with much respect that I commend you and the other UNLV basketball alumni for joining together to assist the community with their sports programs for the youth in this area. The hearts of the people were with you as UNLV basketball players and are with you still in your efforts to raise money to develop counseling programs to give kids the benefit of your experience.

My heartfelt appreciation goes to the many people who are sponsoring youth groups and senior citizens to enable them to be here tonight to watch what I'm sure will be a great and spirited Round Ball Classic basketball game.

I would also like to welcome the UCLA basketball players and fans and hope they enjoy their visit to Las Vegas. Good luck to you tonight. In every sense of the word, you are all true "sportsmen.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Lonnie Wright
UNLV Basketball Alumni Association
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Dear UNLV Basketball Alumni Association:

Las Vegas, the "Entertainment Capital of the World," is delighted to again host the exciting Second Annual Roundball Classic. As Mayor, and on behalf of all the basketball fans and sports enthusiasts of Las Vegas, especially UNLV Alummi, we are pleased to extend our welcome to the participants, spectators, and players.

Best wishes for an exciting and fulfilled visit to Las Vegas, where "everyday is like a holiday!"

Sincerely,

William R. Spring
Mayor of Las Vegas

Wright
DEAR FRIENDS:

It is with great honor and with tremendous pride that the UNLV Basketball Alumni Association is able to put on this Second Annual Community Roundball Classic.

UNLV is a great young school and it has been to our benefit to have been associated with it over these great growing years. The Rebel basketball program has especially been good to us and through this basketball program we are not only able to say "Thank you" to a school which has helped us so much, but also to a community which has cared for us so deeply.

This is more than just a Game. It is a way for us to make a lasting contribution to the university and to the city of Las Vegas. The proceeds from this event will once again be directed to several worthwhile endeavors. First of all, we will begin a series of free public basketball clinics in Las Vegas. In addition, we will also donate to several Las Vegas area schools and Boulder City. We will also donate to several Las Vegas area youth-oriented projects and will also assist the UNLV basketball players.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a lasting relationship with Las Vegas. The UNLV Rebels and the city of Las Vegas...we just belong together.

Yours in Rebel Basketball,

The UNLV Basketball Alumni Association
Elbert Miller, President

1979 Community Classic Co-Chairmen

CO-CHAIRMEN — Former Rebel lettermen Ralph Piercy, Toby Houston, and Lonnie Wright review plans for tonight's Second Annual Community Roundball Classic. Many, many hours of dedicated and hard work have gone into making tonight's game more than just a pipe dream.

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Lonnie Wright has a dream. Toby Houston has a dream. Elburt Miller has a dream. Ralph Piercy has a dream. These four former Rebel basketball players have big, big dreams. They have all been college educated and they have all played for UNLV. They all want UNLV’s basketball program to grow to its highest aspirations. But, unlike pipe dreams, these young guys are men of action. They want to help the Rebel basketball program grow. They also want to help the community. They know that basketball is more than just a game. It is a way for us to help the community. They want a grain of sand to this organization grow. The Alumni Basketball Association is much more than just a team on the horizon for the community. That’s why we want on the horizon is to help the community. That’s why we have our first Basketball Alumni Roundball Classic in Las Vegas, the community and the city of Las Vegas.

“We want a lot of things,” reflects Wright, the spokesman for the group. “We want to provide a lasting attachment to the UNLV basketball program for the players. We also want to do things for the community and the current program. Our ideas, our hopes and dreams for this organization are much bigger than Lonnie Wright or any other single person. I am just a grain of sand to this organization and to UNLV basketball.”

“Well, after the initial success of the Community Roundball Classic, the UNLV Basketball Alumni Association decided to give the community an even bigger spectacle this year, which in turn could provide more funds to help the needy youth in the area.

Everyone literally said it couldn’t be done, but Lonnie and his fellow workers finally pursued UCLA’s Alumni to play against the Rebels in the Las Vegas Convention Center. Although UNLV once played in UCLA’s Pauley Pavilion in the NCAA Regional tournament in 1976 against Arizona, the Rebels have never played UCLA in basketball. There couldn’t be a more ideal opponent for UNLV than the legendary Wizards of Westwood. Well, after having months of negotiations which included helping UCLA form its own Alumni Basketball Association, UNLV’s Basketball Alumni Association finally got its game for all reasons.

But like Wright is very quick to remind “The Community Roundball Classic and the UNLV Basketball Association is more than just another game. It is a way for us to help the community. We will put on free clinics in Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City at youth centers as well as provide donations to worthy needy organizations in Clark County.

As counselors to the current ball players Wright reminds, “We can offer advice on a different level than the coach. The players can come to us with a problem they might not want to talk to a coach about. And, we can react differently to them. We aren’t their coaches, we can be closer to them, show them both sides of the fence do to speak.”

“We can really level with the young guys, tell them where they are going wrong, and help them get turned around. We can talk to them in pretty strong terms.”

The Alumni Basketball Association can speak in terms of alternatives. They know that only one percent of college players ever makes it in the NBA. “Hey, Eddie Owens is on our board,” reflects Wright. “He can sit down with these players, tell them he was an All-American for two years, and still didn’t make it in the pros. He can help realize the need for an alternative.”

Noble ideas and pipe dreams have long been a major part of the American dream. The UNLV Basketball Alumni Roundball Classic is not a dream, it is an alternative. One which is truly needed in today’s society. They are doing a great service by being talkers.

Remember, true men see things the way they are and ask Why? Others dream of things that never were and ask, Why Not?"
LEWIS BROWN
Inglewood, California
UNLV — 1973-74, 1974-75,
1975-76, 1976-77

SAM COPELAND
Fallsburg, New York
UNLV — 1977-78, 1978-79

EARL EVANS
Port Arthur, Texas

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Big Lew, Sam, and Earl the Pearl
UNLV Alumni
Gondo, Jeep, Lips, and Mighty Mo

GLEN GONDREZICK
Boulder, Colorado
UNLV — 1973-74, 1974-75
1975-76, 1976-77

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
UNLV — 1973-74

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Houston, Texas
UNLV — 1973-74, 1974-75,
1975-76, 1976-77
Two-Time All-America

LARRY MOFFETT
Gary, Indiana
UNLV — 1976-77

ROBERT RILEY
Las Vegas, Nevada
UNLV — 1968-69, 1969-70,
1970-71

EDDIE OWENS
Houston, Texas
UNLV — 1973-74, 1974-75,
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Two-Time All-America

ROBERT RILEY
Las Vegas, Nevada
UNLV — 1968-69, 1969-70,
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**TONIGHT’S OFFICIALS**

- **Referee**: Darral Garrison, NBA
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**TONIGHT’S ENTERTAINMENT**

- **UNLV Pep Band**: Chuck Lee, Director
- **Precisionnaires**: Gorman High
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- **UNLV Cheerleaders**: National Anthem, Mr. David Atwell

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Tark on the Community Roundball Classic

by Jerry Tarkanian

UNLV Head Basketball Coach

This event is so much more than just a game. It is the culmination of hours of dreams and even longer hours of diligent work by the UNLV Basketball Alumni Association.

It is the start that they are looking for. Lonnie Wright, Toby Houston, et al., have very high aspirations but just like they were on the basketball court, they are willing to pay the price to reach their goals.

Just think for a moment on the meaning of the words, Community Roundball Classic. There is a lot of implications in that title, and it is a very appropriate name for this event.

This is an event in every sense of the world. While momentum has been building over the past several months (we still remember in April when Lonnie first told the public about the UCLA possibility at the annual UNLV basketball appreciation dinner), this event has been phenomenal. UNLV Alumni coach Jim Rogers hosted the UNLV White team defeat the UNLV Red Squad by a 113-103 score. That is something to expect from Runnin’ Rebel games, a whole lot of points being scored.

The leading scorer in the first classic was Larry Moffett who had 28 points for the White while high scorer for the Red team was Sudden Sam Smith with 21 points.

In all, 11 former UNLV players scored in double figures in that game.

Tonight, UNLV and UCLA will have the benefit of two NBA officials, a 24-second shot clock, and two 24-minute halves. Also, six fouls will be allowed. Other than that, college rules will be used according to the Basketball Alumni Association.

It will be kind of a fun feeling to be in therotunda with names like Ronnie, Ricky, Eddie, Robert, San, Dr. T., and Big Lew echoing off the rafters. We have all spent a quiet moment or two remembering days gone by but for just a night, the heroes of our dreams will be back at center court for what will seem like just a feeling moment.

What a great idea the concept of this game is. But, Like I said before, what an unbelievable dream that Basketball Alumni Association is having. But, the dream is soon to be a reality.

Congratulations to everyone concerned with the UNLV Basketball Alumni Association. It certainly makes us proud to be a REBEL.

Don’t forget afterwards is the free Disco party with the Dynamic Sound Company-Mobile Disco in the Gold Room. All the players will be there to say thank you. You and your ticket stub will be worth one free drink.
The rapid growth of UNLV and Clark County has resulted in several very important needs and problems. A UNLV that can only be solved by the construction of a special large campus facility. This condition was recognized by the State Legislature in 1973 when it passed a resolution creating a special committee, whose members were appointed by the governor, to study the needs for and feasibility of a large special events center for UNLV. This committee held many meetings and after extensive study concluded that such a building was indeed very much in need and urged its construction as soon as possible.

To facilitate this project, the REBEL ATHLETIC FOUNDATION was formed in 1975. This is a non-profit organization organized for the general benefit of the intercollegiate athletic program at UNLV. The foundation was undertaken several major projects but its first project was the expenditure of $50,000 for preliminary plans and a proposal for a new campus center for special events. The plans and proposal were drafted by James McDaniel and Burrell Cohen. At about this same time, Las Vegas businessmen E. Parry Thomas and Jerry Mack notified UNLV officials that they intended (and still do) to donate $1 million for this project. As a result of this generous offer, the Rebel Athletic Foundation has suggested to the University of Nevada Board of Regents that the new facility be named in their honor.

After several bills in the Nevada State Legislature, AB 63 was passed in the 1979 legislature, and architects are currently preparing the final plans for a huge facility which will be located on the UNLV campus at the corner of Paradise and Tropicana Roads.

The new facility will include an 18,000-seat basketball arena which is being designed to be the finest in the country. Plans from leading arenas around the country are being used to make the plans for the UNLV facility.

This new home for the Runnin’ Rebels, which will probably become known as the house that Tark built, is scheduled to start construction in April 1980 and be ready for the 1981-82 UNLV basketball season.

In addition to housing the athletic department, the new facility will also be the home for the UNLV Division of Continuing Education. The relatively new continuing education program at UNLV has exploded in its popularity in the Las Vegas area. This year there will be 17,000 students taking courses in continuing education on the UNLV campus.

Thus the new UNLV special events center will fulfill many crucial needs and will literally be used 14 hours a day, six or seven days a week.

The Las Vegas Convention Center has been great to UNLV but the time has come when the Runnin’ Rebels need a bigger home.

UNLV Outlook 1979-80:
Youthful Talent

Rebuilding is not often the term used to describe the prospects for a Jerry Tarkanian basketball team, but that’s just what the winningest active major college coach in America is predicting for his high-scoring UNLV Runnin’ Rebels.

With a career winning percentage of an amazing .806 (.29-5-0), which includes a six-year total of 143-32 at UNLV, Tarkanian is quick to respond to overly optimistic questions about prospects for his 1979-80 team.

“We are losing three starters from last year and of our leading players for this year’s team we have one senior, five sophomores and two freshmen. And after looking at our schedule which gets tougher as the season progresses, winning 20 games would be considered a major accomplishment.”

The fiery coach is pleased with his talent, but also knows how young it is. “We have some very good players and some potentially great ones, but most of them still have a lot of growing and maturing to do as college basketball players.”

The only legitimate returning starter from last year’s 21-6 team is 6-3 senior point guard Flintie Ray Williams. Three freshmen, 6-4 Fred Thompson, 6-6 Michael “Senderoom” Burns, and 6-6 Richard “The Professor” Box, took turns starting at small forward position for the Runnin’ Rebels last season.

The other freshman on last year’s squad, who won the NCAA average for UNLV for the third time in the last four years, was sixth-year junior guard Michael Loyd. Williams, who scored 7.9 ppg as UNLV’s point guard, set two school records in assists. He had 16 assists against University of Wyoming and set a new per game average with 7.1 and his 193 total were just two short of the UNLV standard.

Burns, who set a new single game mark last season with six steals against Cal State, Northridge, averaged 10.1 ppg and got 6.3 rpg during his freshman year.

Thompson averaged 7.0 ppg and got 2.8 rpg and was 11 for 11 from the free throw line in one game last season.

The speedy and flashy Loyd scored 6.7 ppg and gave off 5.4 assists per game last year in his reserve role.

The steady-improving Box opened his college career by scoring 6.2 ppg and getting 4.1 rpg. He finished with a very strong effort, making 20 of his last 26 field goal attempts and scoring in double figures in each of his last four UNLV games.

The Runnin’ Rebels are scheduled to come off of NCAA probation in August, but Tarkanian and his staff were still limited to three scholarships for the 1979-80 year.

Fortunately, UNLV was able to sign three players, the first-rounders of the year from respective hometowns.

The New York City player-of-the-year, 6-4 forward Sidney Green from Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn, will join the Runnin’ Rebels along with 6-6 finesse forward Larry Anderson, who was the Pittsburg Player-of-the-year for Schenley High School. The third Runnin’ Rebel prospect is 6-6 center Michael Johnson, who enters UNLV after one season at Oxnard JC. Johnson was 1978 Los Angeles Player-of-the-year for Crenshaw High School.

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UNLV Alumni Coaches: Jim Rogers and Dan Ayala

Las Vegas attorney James E. Rogers is the head coach for the UNLV Basketball Alumni team for this Second Annual Community Roundball Classic. Joining him on the sidelines will be UNLV's women's basketball coach, Dan Ayala.

Ayala is a former assistant coach to Jerry Tarkanian in the UNLV men's program. Rogers, who is the lawyer for the UNLV Basketball Alumni Association and one of their strongest supporters, is a 1962 honor graduate from Las Vegas High School. In September of 1956, Rogers entered the University of Arizona as an accounting major. He graduated in just three years and earned his first law degree from the University of Arizona in 1962, after which he became a member of the Arizona Bar Association. He graduated from the University of Southern California in 1963 with his master's degree in law and from the University of Illinois in 1965.

In 1965 he became a member of the state Bar of California, and in 1977 was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

In Las Vegas, Rogers is engaged in the practice of law and is a member of the firm of ROGERS, MONSEY, WOODBURY, AND BERGGREEN.

Rogers is also the legal counsel to the Boys Club of Clark County and he is active in coaching little league baseball in the area and is a member of the Las Vegas Council Boy Scouts of America.

Coach Ayala is certainly no stranger to the hardwood and worked with many of the UNLV Alumni players when he was a Jerry Tarkanian assistant from 1973 to 1975.

He has been the dynamic head coach of the impressive Lady Rebels for the past four seasons. During that record-breaking time, the Lady Rebels have fashioned a superlative 88-15 record which includes a home winning streak of 56 games.

After being approached by the game directors, coach Ayala was happy to volunteer his services as the "assistant" coach for this game.

While Rogers will be the head coach and negotiator for the UNLV Basketball Alumni Team, Ayala will be the bench director. One thing about a game like this, however, the players don't need a whole lot of direction.

The UNLV Basketball Alumni Association would like to publicly thank both Jim Rogers and Dan Ayala for all of their participation not only tonight, but ever since the organization was first dreamed of.

Rogers was responsible for helping to charter the Basketball Alumni Association and he has been working very closely with the organization ever since. Thank you, gentlemen.
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