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Nevada Southern University "Rebels" vs St. Mary's "Gaels"

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
NSU "Rebels" vs ST. MARY'S "Gaels"
Sat., Sept. 14, 1968 CASHMAN FIELD -- 8:00 P.M. Price 50c
FOOTBALL COMES TO NSU

September 14, 1968, and a new game comes to Las Vegas; it is the only one of its kind in town.

Football, collegiate style, is unveiled in Cashman Field, and Nevada Southern University takes its rightful place in one of Saturday’s honored pastimes.

Pigskin talk has been in the fall air for the last three years in Las Vegas, but now the talk turns to action, and the large group of people who have made today’s game possible can sit back and let someone else experience the successes and failures.

The feasibility of a Rebel football program became a serious consideration in 1965 when idle talk among students, faculty members, and townspeople turned into inquiries about how to get a program going. The interest was picked up by NSU Athletic Director Michael Drakulich and his staff, and a detailed plan was laid out which would make it possible to field a team.

As details were worked out the idea continued to receive favorable acceptance at the school and in the community and the Athletic Department decided to go all the way.

The major factor was money, because the only thing the University was going to need was dollars. This was the amount necessary to make sure the Rebels had coaches, players, equipment, training facilities, a place to play, and some opponents.

The first major contribution came in 1966 when the Nevada State Legislature voted a $15,000 appropriation to help get the program started. The balance of the money was raised in the community.

The major force in raising money locally became the already established University Rebels Club and the specially formed NSU Football Foundation. The work of these groups was climax ed in December 1967 with a banquet which insured the financial stability of the 1968 season.

Success on the field had to be left to a coach, and this responsibility was assumed in September 1967 when Bill Ireland moved from the University of Nevada in Reno to become NSU’s first football coach.

Ireland was given a year to organize a program, gather a staff, recruit some players, and find some opponents. In his “spare time” he became a major factor in raising the funds necessary to assure today’s game.

Cashman Field, the first home of college football in Las Vegas, was chosen in November 1967. The possibility of a permanent field for Rebel football has become a new project for interested community leaders, and at the present time a committee is being formed to look into the possibility of an all-purpose community stadium which might become the future home of the University’s football team.
NSU HISTORY

Nevada Southern University has a three-stage history which extends back to 1951 and a few classes at Las Vegas High School. The second stage occurred in 1957 with the completion of Maude Frazier Hall and the first classes to be held on the Maryland Parkway campus.

Stage three came as the result of a 1965 Nevada State Legislature edict which gave the school its official name, Nevada Southern University.

From its meager beginnings NSU has grown into a thriving and still growing institution which is serving the educational needs of Nevadans and a growing number of out-of-state students.

Undergraduates can now gain degrees from programs which have developed in the seven different colleges of the University. There are also several two-year programs on campus which lead to the Associate Arts degree.

Since graduating its first class in 1964 the University has also built up its graduate program, and today there are opportunities in more than 10 areas for the Master of Arts degree.

NSU has also pioneered a special program for high school students in an effort to spread the university atmosphere and facilities to capable students. Superior high school students are allowed to enroll for up to six hours per semester during their senior year in school.

Research is also playing a major role in the University's development. The Desert Research Institute was established in 1959 to conduct research for both the government and private groups.

The institute is inter-departmental and the various programs developed have brought national recognition to Nevada Southern.

The campus is also the home of the Southwestern Radiological Health Laboratories. The Lab is one of the country's major nuclear and space research centers. The facility is run by the United States Public Health Service and is the only one of its kind west of the Mississippi. It is also the only such facility located on a college campus in the world.

Like universities everywhere the building program has always been a major factor in NSU's development. After Frazier Hall was completed in 1957 it was two more years before the next building, Grant Hall, was finished.

The health and physical education building was opened in the spring of 1961 and then in the fall of that year the science-technology building was finished. The library was first opened during the spring semester of '62.

Tonopah Hall opened its doors in 1966 and became the University's first residence hall. A permanent dining hall opened at the same time and the adjoining Student Union opened for the 1968 school year.

The master plan for the University calls for building to continue as rapidly as possible. The most immediate projects are a chemistry building and a Center for the Performing Arts—both are scheduled to be completed by 1970. Long range plans call for a school which will take care of 15,000 students by 1978.
A well-rounded athletic program is an essential component of the modern University, and intercollegiate athletics is the public manifestation of the University's commitment to this program. Nevada Southern University has provided its students and its public with a broad spectrum of athletic teams and this year is very proud to add intercollegiate football to its list of team sports.

The addition of varsity football to the University signifies that this institution has reached a new level of maturity and development. Mr. Michael Drakulich, Director of Athletics, and his staff are to be congratulated for their sense of timing and for their patience in bringing this major team sport to Nevada Southern University. Without strong student support and without the magnificent contributions and support of the local community, football at Nevada Southern would not have been possible. All of us at the University are very much appreciative of the public effort in our behalf which has made this first intercollegiate football game a reality.

It is our hope that football will provide a new sense of identity for the NSU student and for our alumni, and that it will make many new friends for us in the Las Vegas community. Football, in conjunction with the existing athletic teams of the University, will provide much-needed publicity for our institution. It is our goal to establish in Las Vegas an outstanding University which will be known for the quality of its academic programs, its research efforts and its commitment to its students, alumni and public. We are pleased to initiate this first football season as part of our commitment to our long-range goal.

DONALD H. BAEPPLER
Vice President for Academic Affairs
(Acting President)
**NEVADA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY “REBELS”**

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**COACHING STAFF**

*Head Coach: George Galli*

*Part-time Sta: Tom Foster
John Owings*

*Volunteered Assistance: Bill Shin, Dan Necker, Frank Scott*
BILL IRELAND
Head Football Coach
NEVADA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

It was only fitting that Bill Ireland became the first football coach at Nevada Southern University. When his appointment was made in May, 1967 he had been part of the Nevada sports scene as a player, coach, and sportscaster for nearly 30 years.

Ireland was born in McGill, Nevada on April 29, 1927. By 1944 he had become known as an outstanding performer in both football and baseball in the White Pine County schools, but he left high school during his senior year to join the U.S. Navy. He served for two years with the amphibious forces in the South Pacific.

After World War II he enrolled at the University of Nevada and competed in both football and baseball. He graduated in 1952 and was immediately hired as the Wolfpack's first graduate assistant of athletics. In ‘53 and ‘54 he was an assistant coach in three sports at Nevada.

In ‘54 he left the University to take a coaching job at Fernley High and built a program that makes him one of the most outstanding prep coaches in Nevada history. In four years his teams won four state titles and nine conference championships. During the 1956-57 school year he set a record that has never been matched by a “B” division school. The Vaqueros marched through conference and state play-offs in football, basketball and baseball.

In 1958 Ireland left Fernley for the football job at South Tahoe High School. In two years he built the school from the league cellar into title contenders.

The University of Nevada got him back in 1960 as freshman football coach and varsity baseball coach. He immediately put together a freshman club that went undefeated. The next year he moved up to the varsity as defensive backfield coach, and after another season he took responsibility for the entire defensive unit.

As the Wolf Pack baseball coach Ireland came up with seven consecutive winning campaigns, and his squads were collegiate powers on the West Coast. In his very first year he stunned the experts with a win over Notre Dame, an achievement in any sport.

In ‘63 his squad pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the year with a win over powerful Santa Clara, a team which was ranked 5th nationally among the major colleges.

In his last two years at Nevada, Ireland’s baseball team grabbed the Far Western Conference title and made two trips to the NCAA College Division Pacific Coast Finals. In 1965 they won the title and in ‘66 they got to the finals again.

During his seven years in Reno the NSU mentor also became an accomplished sportscaster. He did play-by-play of the Wolf Pack basketball games and had his own sports show on both radio and TV.

Ireland holds both a BA and MA degree in education from the University of Nevada. He holds the rank of Associate Professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at NSU.

He is married to the former Jeanne Brunetti and they have seven children: Chris, Kerry, Kimberly, Kelly, Michael, Patrick and Terrence.

TODAY’S GAME . . .

St. Mary’s, the Rebels’ first football opponent in history, has a long and interrupted history in collegiate football. Back in the 40’s the Gaels were a national power, but in 1950 they dropped their program along with many other schools who felt that football was getting too big.

Last year the Gaels returned to football after a 17-year absence, this time under the heading of a football club. Despite the classification, the team created a great deal of interest in the Bay Area as they went through a 6-0 season.

Now Coach George Galli has most of his squad back and a group of newcomers who should make the Gaels a better club. Much of the interest in the team is centered on quarterback Greg Huarte, the brother of former Heisman Trophy winner John Huarte, who played at Notre Dame. A third Huarte brother, Jim, is also on the St. Mary’s roster, and is the favorite receiver for Greg.
ROGER BARNSON
Assistant Football Coach
NEVADA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Roger Barnson, Nevada Southern’s backfield coach is a native of the area and came to the University from Clark High School in Las Vegas.

Barnson was born on December 27, 1938 in Boulder City, Nevada. As a prep he established a record which makes him one of the state’s all-time performers. For three straight years in high school Barnson’s name was listed on the All-State football, basketball and baseball teams.

After graduating from Boulder City in 1957 Barnson moved on to Arizona State University at Tempe and concentrated on baseball. His prowess as a pitcher earned him several offers to play pro ball, but he turned them all down in favor of a coaching career.

He started this career after graduating from ASU in 1961. His first job was as an assistant football and baseball coach at Western High School in Las Vegas.

Barnson got his first shot at a head coach’s job in 1965 when Clark High School opened. In three seasons the Charger coach compiled a 17-8-0 mark with an improved record every year. In his first campaign he had a 4-4 mark; in 1966 it improved to 5-3, and then in ’67 Barnson’s squad went 8-1, losing only the State Championship game to Wooster High from Reno.

Barnson’s proven success with a new program made him an obvious choice for a fledgling program at NSU and his appointment was made in July 1968.

BILL DANIEL
Assistant Football Coach
NEVADA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Bill Daniel was the first assistant coach hired when Bill Ireland started gathering a staff to begin the Nevada Southern University football program. The former Reno High and University of Nevada standout was on the Nevada staff with Ireland and was brought to Las Vegas as the Rebels line coach.

A Nevada native, Daniel was born in Reno on September 30, 1939. While at Reno High School the Rebel assistant was twice named to the All-State football team as a guard.

After graduating in 1957 Daniel became a standout at Nevada. He capped his collegiate career in 1962 with spots on the Far Western Conference and All-Coast teams.

In 1963 Daniel received his BS degree in Education from the University of Nevada. He also holds a master’s degree in Zoology from Nevada which was granted in January ’68.

During the 1964 football season he was the frosh coach for the Wolf Pack, and then served as an assistant on the varsity for two seasons. During the 1967 campaign Daniel went to Alabama and served as a consulting coach with Bear Bryant and his staff.

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The development of intercollegiate athletics at Nevada Southern University has been a most gratifying experience. It is difficult to believe, but this year — 1968 — marks a decade since the intercollegiate athletic program began at Nevada Southern. During that time the number of sports has grown to nine, and includes cross country, gymnastics, basketball, baseball, track and field, tennis, golf, and now our newest sport — football.

The most popular question asked of me during the past five years has been, “When will Nevada Southern University field a football team?” Thanks to the foresight of ex-President Donald Moyer and the fine gentlemen of the NSU Football Foundation, this question has been answered. It will be our purpose to present a football program that is practical, responsible, and exciting to watch. With the cooperation and assistance we have received from our student body, faculty, and general public, I am positive that football at NSU will progress along with all of our other intercollegiate sports.

While I have the opportunity, I would like to express my appreciation to the many individuals and groups who have continuously assisted our program over the past ten years. The inauguration of football should be a happy day in the lives of the many members of the University Rebels Club.

If I were to summarize my reflections, I would like to say that the students, faculty, and supporters of Nevada Southern University deserve the best. I am confident that Coach Bill Ireland, his staff, and his teams will do just that — give their best.

MICHAEL DRAKULICH
Director of Athletics
NEVADA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
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SEPT. 21—AZUSA-PACIFIC COLLEGE ...................................... 2:00 P.M.
SEPT. 28—U. OF SAN FRANCISCO ......................................... 6:00 P.M.
* OCT.  5—WESTMINSTER COLLEGE .................................... 8:00 P.M.
* OCT. 19—SO. COLORADO STATE COLLEGE ......................... 8:00 P.M.
* OCT. 26—CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ............ 8:00 P.M.
* NOV.  2—COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN UTAH ............................. 1:30 P.M.
* NOV. 16—U. OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN DIEGO ..................... 1:30 P.M.
* NOV. 23—CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN COLLEGE ....................... 1:30 P.M.
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