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Mr. Lorrie Wright, Co-Chairman
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Dear Lorrie:

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 coaches joined 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.

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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 towards worthwhile endeavors. First of all, we will begin a series of free public basketball clinics in Las Vegas, Henderson, and Boulder City. We will also donate to several Las Vegas area youth-oriented projects and we will also assist the UNLV basketball team in its fund raising efforts.

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.

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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.
Lonnie Wright has a dream. Toby Houston has a dream. Elburn 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 former Rebels still to be a part of the program, and so, on February 17, 1978, after many hard hours of hard work and devotion, the UNLV Basketball Alumni Association was officially born into the UNLV athletic 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 gain of sand to this organization and to UNLV basketball."

"What we want on the horizon is to help the community. That's why last year we had our first Community Roundball Classic and tonight we are having our second." The Classic is for the community. Last year, stepping out on faith as it were on what the public's response to the organization and the game would be, the former Rebels played basically what would have to be considered an intra-squad game in the campus gym which can seat about 1,800 people comfortably. Well over 3,000 people jammed the place, the former Rebels played to provide some 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.

"It grew up in Las Vegas on the West Side," remembers Wright, "and UNLV basketball is worshiped over there. Ever since I was a kid, I always wanted to play for the Rebels and fortunately, I got my chance. And so have a whole lot of other guys. Now it's our turn to do something for the community and for the program which has given us so much." UNLV basketball is big news in Las Vegas and the players are recognized in near star-like fashion like the glittering celebrities of the Las Vegas "Strip."

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 some funds to help the needy youth in the area.

Noble ideas and pipe dreams have long been a major part of the American dream. The UNLV Basketball Alumni Association is no exception. It is an alternative. One which is truly needed in today's society. They are doing a splendid job and we must help realize this dream.

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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 week has been phenomenal. UNLV Alumni coach Jim Rogers hosted the players from both teams at a poolside gathering in his home on Tuesday night and the players have been on the go ever since they arrived back in town on Monday and Tuesday.

It's been kind of a spectacular gathering of some of the finest basketball talent in the country, even the world. The Basketball Alumni Association has gone far above the call of duty in seeking to it that everything involving this classic would turn out worthy of the type of individuals who are participating.

Fifteen National Basketball Association teams will be represented on the Convention Center Hardwood tonight, but for just this one night, especially, basketball fans will remember only two things, UNLV and UCLA.

The Rebels and the Bruins have never met in a basketball game although the Runnin' Rebels did play in the UCLA Pauley Pavilion against Arizona in the 1976 NCAA Western Regionals.

This game tonight, or festival of sports if you will, is a charity event. The proceeds will be put back into the Las Vegas community in various ways. After last year's inaugural event, several Las Vegas-based organizations received contributions from the Basketball Alumni Association. Included on that list were Operation LIFE, The Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council, the Boys' Club of Clark County, Focus West, the Marion Bennett Youth Program and Poor People Pulling Together.

This year the list and the amount of the donations will be increased considerably.

From the proceeds will also go the funding for the free area basketball clinics which the Basketball Alumni Association will put on not only in the Las Vegas Valley, but North Las Vegas, Henderson and Boulder City as well.

Just for the record, last year's first Community Roundball Classic saw 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 the rotunda with names like Gondo, 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 a fleeting 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.
UNLV’s Center For Continuing Education and Special Events

The rapid growth of UNLV and Clark County has resulted in several very important needs and problems. Of these the need for a quality athletic facility that can be used by the community and tourist is one that has long been identified. The new facility is to be the centerpiece of a multi-million dollar complex which will include a 14,000-seat arena. The arena 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 architects are well underway and it is hoped that construction will begin as soon as possible. The design and construction of this facility is being supervised by the UNLV Board of Regents.

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 popularity in the Las Vegas area. The new facility will provide the space and facilities needed to accommodate the growing number of students who are interested in continuing their education at UNLV.

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 in the past 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 .686 (.259-50), 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 Flinnie Ray Williams. Three freshmen, 6-4 Forward Dwight Thompson, 6-4 Michael “Sinderman” Burns, and 6-6 Richard “The Professor” Box, took turns starting at the small forward position for the Runnin’ Rebels last year.

The other freshman on last year’s squad, which won the NCAA average for UNLV for the third time in the last four years, was six-foot-11 point guard Michael Loyd. Williams, who scored 7.8 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 steadily-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 the 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 of the first players-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 6-8 power center Michael Johnson who enters UNLV at the right time in his career to help the Runnin’ Rebels.

All three prep All-Americans, Green averaged 35 ppg and 25 rpg last season and was MVP of three prep all-star games this spring. Anderson, who improved solidly each season, averaged 26 ppg, 16 rpg and five agg last year. Johnson averaged 12 ppg and 8 rpg at Oxland and at Crenshaw finished with 22.5ppg and 15.1 rpg.

Flinnie Ray Williams.

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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 1956 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 58 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 organisation 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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