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

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

Dear Lonnie:

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 fans 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 athletes.

Sincerely,

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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.

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Community Minded:
The UNLV Basketball Alumni Association

Lonnie Wright has a dream, Toby Houston has a dream, Elburth 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 grain 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 could have been considered an intra-squad game in the campus gym which can seat about 1,800 people comfortably.

Well over 3,000 people jammed the gym, but definitely overcrowed gym to see a 113-103 rip-roaring net-splitting basketball game.

"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 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 much more than just a 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 turn around. We can talk to them in pretty strong terms."

The Basketball Alumni 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 Association is no dream, it is an alternative. One which is truly needed in today's society. They are doing an outstanding job,

Remember, there are more men see things the way they are and ask Why? Others dream of things that never were and ask, Why Not?

UNLV 1979-80 Tentative Basketball Schedule

Nov. 19, 1979 Poland National Team
Nov. 30, 1979 Pan American University
Dec. 7 University of Nevada, Reno
Dec. 8 Idaho State
Dec. 10 Tulsa
Dec. 21-22 Rebel Round-Up
Dec. 22 Holiday Classic
Jan. 17, 1980 Hawai'i
Jan. 19, 1980 Hawai'i
Jan. 21, 1980 Hawai'i
Jan. 30, 1980 Hawai'i
Jan. 31, 1980 Hawai'i
Feb. 13 Wyoming
Feb. 14 Colorado State University
Feb. 15 Kentucky
Feb. 17 Oregon State University
Feb. 23 University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Feb. 24, 1980 Polan National Team
Feb. 25, 1980 University of Texas, El Paso
Feb. 26, 1980 University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Feb. 27, 1980 Hawai'i

Basketball Appreciation Night at Caesars Palace April 19th, featured the Dynamic Sound Company-Mobile Disco. Your ticket stub is the price of admission to the Mobile Disco dance following the game in the Gold Room-Las Vegas Convention Center. Adults only.

Why Not LEASE IT?

Why? Sometimes it's a matter of the right people coming together at the right time to make things happen.

Go Rebels

Bill Haden

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

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UNLV — 1973-74

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This event is so much more than just a game. It is the culmination of hours of
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Lonnie Wright, Toby Houston, et

meaning of the words, Community

appropriate name for this event.

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Jim Rogers hosted the first

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gathering of some of the finest

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Association has gone far above the

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Vegas - based organ izations received

tonight, but for just this one night,

Vegas community in various

Association teams

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 remem-

ber 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

Ne "ada 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 con-

siderably.

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

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 heros 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 concern-
ed 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

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Room. All the players will be there to

day thank you. You and your ticket stub

will be worth one free drink.
UNLV's Center For Continuing Education and Special Events

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 .636 (266-50), which includes a six-year roll 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 key 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 21-8 team is 6-3 senior point guard Flinnie Ray Williams. Three freshmen, 6-4 forward Larry Anderson, 6-4 Michael "Spiderman" Burns, and 6-4 Richard Thompson, return from the team that Tarkanian is building.

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-man center Michael Loyd, who tallied 2.6 rpg during his freshman year.

The three prep All-Americans, Green averaged 15.5 ppg and 9.5 rpg last season and was MVP of three prep all-star games this spring. Anderson, who improved slightly each season, averaged 26 ppg, 16 rpg and five apg last year. Johnson averaged 12 ppg and 8 rpg at Oklahoma and at 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 BERGGREN. 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 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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