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Dr. Robert C. Maxson assumed his duties as President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, on August 1, 1984. At that time, UNLV enrolled just over 10,000 students. Enrollment for fall 1991 is 19,561, once again establishing a new school record.

The state of Nevada has 55 high schools. This past year, UNLV enrolled 40 valedictorians from those 55 high schools, bringing the total number of Nevada valedictorians studying on campus to approximately 120. The University has also enrolled a record number of national merit scholars.

In 1988, UNLV established a supercomputer center, one of only a few in the nation, and the only national supercomputer center in the world for the study of energy and the environment.

During each of the past two years, UNLV has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the "Up and Coming" universities in the nation; in the second year it was tabbed No. 1 in the West Region. The magazine referred to UNLV as one of the "rising stars of American higher education."

Before coming to UNLV, President Maxson served as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Houston. In that capacity, he was the chief academic officer of the 45,000 student university system.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR - JIM WEAVER

On Nov. 20, 1991, UNLV President Robert C. Maxson named Jim Weaver as the school's sixth permanent director of intercollegiate athletics.

Weaver, 46, came to UNLV from the University of Florida where he had been serving as an associate director of athletics since 1989.

His main responsibility at Florida was overseeing the school's compliance program. Promoted to associate athletic director in May 1989, Weaver previously served as assistant athletic director for student services, a position he had held since 1984.

Known as a well-rounded athletic administrator, Weaver has worked as a collegiate career planning and placement. Weaver arrived at Florida in 1974. He coached the Wildcats one season, posting a 3-5 record.

From 1975-79, he was an assistant football coach and associate professor at Clarion (Pa.) State as well as assistant director of career planning and placement. Weaver arrived at Florida in 1984 and worked for three years with Athletic Attic's national head quarters, serving as director of franchise sales and leasing.

Weaver also has spent the last 20 years involved in gymnastics, working primarily as a national and international meet director - including the 1986 NCAA Championships held on the Florida campus.

His wife, Bristine, is a former Canadian Olympic gymnast and, for the last 12 years, has been the head coach of the Florida women's gymnastics program. She will remain at Florida until the completion of the 1991-92 gymnastics season.

The couple has one daughter, Kelly.
Tonight’s contest against Utah State will mark the final time Rebel seniors Bryan Emerzian, Melvin Love and Elmore Spencer run onto the hardwood at the Thomas & Mack Center.

This trio represents the hard work, the dedication and the desire to perform that is found within each and every UNLV player.

"I’m going to miss it," said Emerzian, the only four-year letterman on the squad. "I’m going to miss the thrill and enjoyment of going out in front of the fans when we take the court as they roll out the red carpet. I’m going to miss (head) Coach (Jerry) Tarkanian and (assistant) Coach (Tim) Grgurich. I’m going to miss playing with all of the great guys and being part of a family.

However, as much as the players will miss being a Runnin’ Rebel, the community will miss having them on the squad.

For two seasons, Love and Spencer have entertained the fans at the Thomas & Mack Center with their physical inside play, their dominance on the glass and their authoritative dunks.

This season, the tandem has been a major reason why UNLV entered the Associated Press’ Top 10 with a national ranking of seventh.

The dynamic duo also shined brightly in the season-opener as they stole the show from the highly touted freshman center Nathan Wickizer got into foul trouble early and was not a factor.

One big factor in the Rebels win in Logan was that freshman center Nathan Wickizer got into foul trouble early and was not a factor. USU’s 7-footer was limited to 10 minutes, two points and four rebounds.

The Rebels outscored the Aggies 12-7 and clinched the victory when freshman guard Reggie Nesmith, also was held in check as he scored six points but committed four turnovers with four assists. Love registered 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

The big scorer for the Rebels that night was Spencer, who tallied 27 points on 12-for-20 shooting from the field, including 6 of 9 from 3-point range. He also sank a 3-pointer from the top of the key. The Aggies’ all-time scoring list and is one of four Big West players considered a serious candidate for Player of the Year honors.

If the Rebel seniors play like that tonight, it will definitely be a night to remember as they conclude their careers at UNLV in style.
Jerry Tarkanian

Head Coach and Senior Assistant Athletic Director for Community Relations

Jerry Tarkanian

- The nation's winningest collegiate basketball coach (by percentage)
- Six-time Big West Conference Coach of the Year

College basketball historians, their pens poised, know they will have considerable work ahead of them at the completion of the 1991-92 season. Not since the retirement of UCLA's legendary John Wooden in 1975 will there be a need for such a massive rewrite of the sport's history book.

The reason: UNLV's Jerry Tarkanian, the winningest collegiate coach by percentage since the first peach basket was nailed up at Yale in 1897, has announced his retirement effective at the end of the 1991-92 season.

Tarkanian, who will turn 61 on Aug. 30, told a packed press conference at the school on June 7 how he grew weary of "a long-running dispute" with the NCAA's enforcement division and "although I have been toughened over the years by the pressure of these battles, the pain I now see in my children's eyes make me realize now at this fun the decision, as you might expect, was not an easy one. Quite simply, Tarkanian is a fighter, and, as a result, a winner.

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Tarkanian currently stands .0065 (65/1000ths) ahead of Bee and, based on a tentative 28-game schedule this season, he will need to go no worse than 19-9 to finish his career as the sport's winningest coach at .8273 (618-129). Should he go 18-10 (617-130 overall), he would finish at .8259 (.907 behind Bee).

Additionally, Tarkanian's 599 Division I victories rank second among active coaches to the 717 of North Carolina's Dean Smith. He is tied for 12th on the all-time victory list with Amory "Slim" Gill, who posted 599 wins at Oregon State from 1929-64.

His 719 career Division I games also place him 16th on the list of active coaches.

The colorful head coach has an 18-year mark at UNLV of 483-103 for a winning percentage of .8242; over the last six seasons, Tarkanian-coached teams have gone a collective 196-27 for an amazing .870 percentage.

Still, with all his overall success, it was not until the 1989-90 season that Tarkanian realized the ultimate of collegiate coaching: a national championship.

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The moment was, albeit ever so brief, one of reserved euphoria for Tarkanian, whose career over the last 14 years has been shad­owed by legal battles with the NCAA. As a result, a 1977 NCAA infractions case, which ran the gamut of the United States legal system, the Runnin' Rebels have been banned from post season play and live television appearances this season.

That resolution allowed last year's national champions to defend their title — and they didn't miss successfully doing so, winning the first 34 games of the season before stumbling to Duke in the Final Four semifinals at Indianapolis in March. Nonetheless, the 34-1 season earned honors as Professor of the Year and Salesman of the Year for his efforts in marketing Tarkanian's brand.

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After 30 years at the collegiate level, Tarkanian has won 811 games, on average of 27 victories per season.

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TIM GRGURICH
Assistant Coach

Grgurich begins his 12th season with the UNLV coaching staff. Grgurich adds considerable coaching experience to the UNLV basketball program.

A graduate of Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, Grgurich earned three letters each in baseball and basketball. He attended the University of Pittsburgh and again was a three-year letterman in baseball and basketball. While playing basketball at Pittsburgh, he helped the Panthers to quarterfinal appearances in both the NCAA and NIT tournaments.

COACHING EXPERIENCE—

To say that Grgurich is one of the game’s most dedicated and tireless workers would be a gross understatement. The hours of individual attention he gives players cannot be overemphasized.

Grgurich began his coaching career as an assistant at Pittsburgh, serving in that capacity for 8 seasons. For part of that time, he also was the school’s freshmen coach, compiling a 52-30 mark over his final three seasons. As head coach, he guided the Panthers to a pair of NIT appearances. He also recruited and coached Billy Knight, who earned All-America honors before enjoying a successful NBA career.

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KEITH STARR
Part-time Assistant Coach

Keith Starr begins his seventh year as an assistant with the UNLV basketball program. Starr, 37, works extensively with the Rebels’ big men. During his time with the UNLV program, the Rebels posted a 161-22 (.879) record and made five trips to the NCAA tournament, reaching the Final Four in 1987 and 1991.

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A MESSAGE FROM UNLV PRESIDENT
DR. ROBERT C. MAXSON

November 5, 1991

Dear Friends of UNLV:

Welcome to the Thomas and Mack Center for another exciting season
of Rebel basketball!

Coach Jerry Tarkanian has announced his retirement at the end of
this season and I join his many fans in wishing him the best
season ever for the Runnin' Rebels.

Over 19,600 students enrolled at UNLV for the fall semester of
1991, another record for our university. Included in that are 30
more Nevada high school valedictorians, which keeps that total
number eight at 120. The Honors Program, which is in its seventh
year, has approximately 270 students enrolled. Any university in
the country would be proud to have any of our students—we

Indeed, once again this fall—for the third year in a row—UNLV
was named by the President, dean, and admissions officers at
was named by the presidents, deans, and admissions officers at
1300 colleges and universities around the country as an
"up-and-coming" university. This survey, which placed UNLV first
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of only two in the west and only eight nation-wide, was conducted
of only two in the west and only eight nation-wide, was conducted
by the prestigious magazine U.S. News and World Report. The
results were published in this year's book America's Best
Colleges. As wholeheartedly agree with the magazine's assessment
of UNLV as a "rising star of American higher education."

UNLV has made much progress over its short life. We acknowledge
that there is much more yet to be done. Help us work toward
achieving the success that lies within our grasp.

We wish the very best to this year's Rebel Men's Basketball team,
and the best possible year for Coach Tarkanian.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert C. Maxson
President
The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is a maturing institution that is becoming one of the nation's leading urban universities. It is also becoming a traditional residential campus.

UNLV's 335-acre campus is located in the metropolitan area south of the city of Las Vegas. Its academic colleges include Liberal Arts, Fine and Performing Arts, Business and Economics, Education, the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering, Health Sciences, the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration, Science and Mathematics, the Graduate College, and the schools of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, social work, and the Greenspun School of Communication.

Some 600 faculty members, 73 percent of whom hold doctoral degrees, teach more than 120 undergraduate and graduate programs at UNLV. Ph.D. programs in English, sociology, physics, environmental biology, history, computer science and civil engineering, along with several new master's degree programs, reflect increasing emphasis on graduate education.

UNLV's academic reputation grows stronger every year as Nevada's brightest young scholars take advantage of the Elaine Wynn Valedictorian Program and the Honors Program. Some 40 valedictorians from Nevada high schools have enrolled at the university each year. Indeed, top students from the United States and many foreign students enroll at UNLV each year.

Although the university is just over three decades old, it has maintained a healthy rate of growth in enrollment, programs and physical plant. Administrators are elated by the 19,561 students which enrolled for Fall Semester 1991 classes, once again setting a new enrollment record.

The addition of three student residential halls in 1990 to the already existing four residential halls and a student services building provide on-campus housing for 1,200 students.

In the spring of 1989, university officials dedicated the $14.7 million, 101,000 square-foot Thomas T. Bean Engineering Complex to house the College of Engineering. Thanks to donor Claude I. Howard, public safety and student health buildings were dedicated in 1989. A Health Science Building is under construction.

The university's scientific, social science, and business programs attract millions of dollars in research grants annually to fund projects in desert biology, nuclear waste transportation, laser physics, public opinion surveys and many others.

Innovative educational and research programs exist in the College of Business and Economics. A $1 million corporate gift in 1988 set up a new business research institute to coordinate all faculty and student research in the college. The institute applies the college's research capabilities to problems faced by Nevada businesses.

In addition to its regular academic programs, UNLV offers area residents some 600 classes through its Division of Continuing Education, which enrolls approximately 16,000 students annually.

Much of the university's expansion is the result of support from the Nevada Legislature and the state's taxpayers.

Private donors have played an important role as well. Since the arrival of UNLV President Dr. Robert C. Maxson in 1984, individuals and corporations have supported their public university with enthusiasm. In the last seven years, UNLV has received more than $75 million in gifts and pledges for academics. These gifts support new facilities and programs and, most important, provide the scholarship incentives that bring Nevada's best and brightest student scholars to UNLV.

The university operates an on-campus Center for Business and Economic Research, Center for Economic Education, Environmental Research Center (in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), Desert Biology Research Center, Center for Survey Research, Nuclear Waste Transportation Research Center and other research and public-service centers.

With its Performing Arts Center, the campus is the cultural hub of Southern Nevada. The Charles Vanda Music Series of concerts by world-class orchestras and soloists, Nevada Dance Theatre and contemporary Dance Theatre and the Department of Theatre Arts combine with other university and community organizations to provide a broad selection of concerts and stage productions. The Barrick Lecture Series and several campus organizations bring noted speakers to the university, and local and visiting artists show their works in the Donna Bean Fine Art Gallery.

The university has excellent sports facilities that are open to students and the general public. The Paul D. McDermott Physical Education Complex has lighted tennis courts, playing fields, a 50-meter Olympic swimming pool, two gymnasiaums, handball/racquetball courts, dance studios, gymnastics and weight rooms, and a full-size track.

The Thomas and Mack Center is an 18,000-seat sports arena and special events facility, and the home of the Rumbling Rebels.

UNLV operates on a semester system and is a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Council of Graduate Schools, the American Council of Education and the Western College Association. All of the university's academic programs are fully accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and many programs have received further accreditation from independent national accreditation bodies.
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Kohn Smith
Head Coach
Just how many "official" basketball sponsors are there out there? About ten billion. Like, "the official rug cleaner" of the International Basketball Club. (Last time we checked, guys were still playing on hardwood.) And how about: "the official mousse" of the World Basketball Society. Yeah, you know, for that time late in the fourth quarter when your hair just won't do what it's told. Come on, enough already. "Official" should mean the guys who use it, need it. Like Nike Force basketball apparel. That's right. The authentic basketball clothes that the big boys wear. Teams like U.N.L.V., Arizona, Temple, Florida State, Wake Forest, and Georgia. They wear Force apparel because it's real. So if you want "official", go to a Nike retailer and get it. And if you act now, you may qualify for an official key chain of the American Poodle Society. (Limit one per customer.)
TRIBUTE TO JERRY TARKANIAN

Jerry Tarkanian’s basketball career started out in a nondescript fashion but since has blossomed into one of the most celebrated in the nation. At far left, two photos showing Tarkanian as he looked as a point guard at Fresno State in the mid-1950s. At left, as a young junior college coach in the early 1960s, Tarkanian found time to spend with his wife, Lois, and their four children, from left, Danny, George, Pam and Jodi. Below, Tarkanian as he appeared in a 1973 Associated Press wire service photo trumpeting his appointment as new UNLV head coach.

A coach can receive no greater honor than that which is bestowed upon him by his peers. The following statements, as provided by some of the nation’s finest Division I basketball coaches serve to show what UNLV’s Jerry Tarkanian has meant to the development of the sport:

“I would hope that there would be some way I could have the same positive impact on my players and the game itself as Coach Tarkanian has had. His aggressive style has changed the game for the better. I will miss him.”
— Rod Baker, UC Irvine

“Many coaches are labeled as a recruiting coach or a teaching/developing coach. I believe that Jerry Tarkanian is one of the best team and motivational coaches of all time. No one has greater ability to get the maximum effort from his players than Jerry Tarkanian... He wasn’t a bad recruiter, either.”
— Jim Brandenburg, San Diego State

“I have known Jerry Tarkanian for over a quarter of a century. He has not changed an ounce from when he was a junior college coach in California to now, one of the most prominent coaches in the history of the game. In other words, Jerry Tarkanian never forgot from where he came.”
— Dale Brown, Louisiana State

“Simply put, Jerry Tarkanian has compiled the best record in the history of college basketball. If one needs a better definition of why he is one of the greatest coaches in the history of the game, I certainly don’t know what it could be.”
— Jim Calhoun, Connecticut

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2nd

Larry Easley
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moting the university and was elected to the Long Beach State Athletic Hall of Fame, as honor he cherishes deeply.

Tarkanian’s coaching days began humbly at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno, Calif., in 1956. He moved to Antelope Valley High School in Lancaster, Calif., in 1958 before taking positions at Redlands (Calif.) High School in 1959 and Riverside (Calif.) City College in 1961.

It was at Riverside City College that Tarkanian’s collegiate coaching odyssey began. His first season ended with a respectable 11-9 mark, compiling a 67-4 (.944) two-year mark and still another JC title. From Pasadena City College in 1966 , his first season ended with a respectable 21-2 ( .890) , bringing his 30-year collegiate coaching total to 599-120 (.824). He is both father and teacher to the many internationals . He made his home on the basketball court .

Tarkanian then moved to Pasadena City College for two seasons beginning in 1966-67, compiling a 67-4 (.847) mark there in 1966 and still another JC title. From Pasadena City College, he went on to Long Beach State, where, in 1968, he began his career as a Division I coach.

In seven years at the JC level, Tarkanian had a win-loss record of 212-26 ( .944) . He has failed to win 20 games only twice and has averaged 27 victories per season.

Tarkanian also has coached nationally and internationally. He coached in Ecuador for seven years at the JC level, Tarkanian often is overlooked. At Long Beach State, his univer­ sity for his community efforts, being named assistant athletic director of community relations in 1982 . He was promoted during the summer of 1988 to his current post as senior assistant athletic director.

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and most progressive in the nation. Over 18 seasons at UNLV, Tarkanian has had 36 players drafted by the NBA and count­ less more have played professionally in the Continental Basketball Association and overseas. With four of five starters from last season’s team drafted in June, and with Hunt close to signing a free agent contract with the Boston Celtics in late July, he now has eight active players in the NBA.

In light of all of his achievements on the basketball court, Tarkanian often is overlooked for what he does off the court. A popular Ne­ vada figure — sports or otherwise — Tarkanian spends countless hours with community relations in 1982 . He was promoted during the summer of 1988 to his current post as senior assistant athletic director.

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“Jerry Tarkanian was aascinated with basketball—other than his family, basketball is his whole life. The thing that most impresses me about him is that he has time for everybody. When I started out as an assistant basketball coach at the University of Maryland he always had time for me and, when I became a head coach, even when I was coaching against him, he still had time for me. I have a deep respect for him because of that and I’ll always be very appreciative.”
—Joe Harrington, Colorado

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—Gene Keady, Purdue

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—Clay Haskins, Minnesota

“The Tark has won everywhere he has been and with different styles. He’s known for his run ‘n gun style, but the coaching fraternity is awed of his great ability to teach. His players always play hard and play great defense.”
—Seth Greenberg, Long Beach State

At top, Tarkanian gives a compulsory handshake to then-Towas Coach Lute Olson after the Runnin’ Rebels beat the Hawkeyes 86-84 in the championship game of the 1977 Tourin’ Rebels. At far right, the UNLV coach does a postgame interview with NBC sportscaster Curt Gowdy. He is shown near right speaking at one of the weekly Tipoff Club meetings.
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It has not been the senior season so far that most people envisioned for Kendall Youngblood, who would go down as one of Utah State's greats even if he never played another basketball game. Youngblood has been nagged by petty illnesses and injuries (ankle, back, deep hand blister), and his shooting average is off.2 points, his assists are down and he's making more turnovers. (His rebounding is up .6 a game.)

"Even so far that most people envisioned for Kendall Youngblood, he says. But there have been games like Jan. 9, in which he was 3-for-10 from the field, scoring nine.

USU still won by 18, beating UC Irvine.

"If I average 10 points a game and we have a winning season, I'll take it," says Youngblood. "I want that winning season. There's nothing to compare." Youngblood's concern now is getting his own game back so he can again lead by example. He clearly considers himself the team leader, "and everyone else is playing good, and I'm not," he muses. "It's a challenge for me."

"If this team doesn't have a winning season," he says, "I'll have felt like I let them down."

That Youngblood is in that position for a Division I school is somewhat fortunate. A two-sport high school all-stater, he was recruited vigorously for football. Only Oregon State and University of San Di­go wanted him for basketball.

"Even to this day, people say I should have played football," says Youngblood. His muscular 6-foot-4 size would lend itself perfectly to a number of football positions. He was pursued by Washington's Don James. "I have buddies at Washington. We laugh about it," he says. "They say I could have gotten a Rose Bowl ring. But that's what it is..."

He was Smith's first USU recruit, and there's a special relationship between Smith and Youngblood, who was most grateful somebody wanted him for basketball despite "in-between" size.

"If I just like basketball that much more," he says, feeling people think hoopsters are the best athletes. "I'd rather be considered a good athlete than a good football player."

When Smith recruited Youngblood, he saw a "good kid who works hard. That's the intangible that means so much."

"I think the world of him. He's a very bright young man," says Smith.

The feeling between the two is very strong. "He gives me 100 percent," says Youngblood, "and I give him 100 percent back. I love Coach Smith. He's one of the coaches I adore and trust with anything," including schoolwork and girl problems. "My parents love him. I'm just real lucky. He really wants me to be successful."

Youngblood is one of four candidates being seriously considered for Big West Player of the Year honors. College basketball historians, their pens poised, know they will have considerable work ahead of them at the completion of the 1991-92 season. Not since the retirement of UCLA's legendary John Wooden in 1975 has there been a need for such a massive rewrite of the sport's history book.

The reason: UNLV's Jerry Tarkanian—the winningest collegiate coach by percentage since the first peach basket was gushed up at Yale in 1897—has announced his retirement effective at the end of the 1991-92 season.

Tarkanian, 61, told a packed press conference at the school's JRF Center on June 7 he had grown weary of "a long-running dispute" with the NCAA's enforcement division and "although I have been toughened over the years by the pressures of these battles, the pain I now see in my children's eyes make it hard to continue—"as hard as it was to walk away from the game of football." He said the decision was "not easy" and "was a typical, high-scor­ing season," and I'm not doing it anymore." Tarkanian has taken teams to the NCAA Tournament 16 times and to the National Invitational Tournament on two other occasions. His 1977, '87, '90 and '91 teams all reached the NCAA Final Four.

Still, with all his overall success, it was not until the 1989-90 season that Tarkanian realized the ultimate of college coaching: a national championship. On an emotion-sw­eated night in Denver before thousands of screaming UNLV fans, all of the years of hard work came to fruition when the second-ranked Runnin' Rebels completed a 35-5 season by beating No. 1 Duke 103-73 for the national title. It was a typical, high-scor­ing season, with the Runnin' Rebels shooting 50% from the field, scoring 90 points a game and winning 26 of 29 games in the process. Tarkanian's team became the first in the NCAA to win 26 games.

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Additional­ly, Tarkanian's 624 Division I victories rank second among active coaches to the 735 of North Carolina's Dean Smith. Tarkanian recorded his 600th major college victory in the team's season-opener on Nov. 23 against Brigham Young-Hawaii 97-69, and then picked up his 500th victory as UNLV's head coach on Jan. 25 when the Runnin' Rebels rallied past New Mexico State, 74-67. The colorful head coach has a 19-year mark of 507-105 for an incredible winning percentage of .828; over the last seven seasons, Tarkanian-coached teams have gone a collective 221-29 for an amazing .884 percentage.

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Still, with all his overall success, it was not until the 1989-90 season that Tarkanian realized the ultimate of college coaching: a national championship. On an emotion-sw­eated night in Denver before thousands of screaming UNLV fans, all of the years of hard work came to fruition when the second-ranked Runnin' Rebels completed a 35-5 season by beating No. 1 Duke 103-73 for the national title. It was a typical, high-scor­ing season, with the Runnin' Rebels shooting 50% from the field, scoring 90 points a game and winning 26 of 29 games in the process. Tarkanian's team became the first in the NCAA to win 26 games.
HEA D COACH JERRY TARKANIAN

ons to defend their title—and they just missed successfully doing so, winning the first 34 games of the season before stumbling to Duke in the Final Four semifinals at Indianapolis in March. Nevertheless, the 34-1 record was a school record and the team, which featured four All-Americans in Larry Johnson, Anthony and Anderson Hunt, is considered one of the finest teams ever. Tarkanian and his team received considerable help from his gifted wife, Dr. Lois Tarkanian, who has been a contributor in establishing an academic support system at UNLV and is 154-14 (.9221) heading into his final season at UNLV.

In 1989-90, Tarkanian was honored by the California State Legislature for his success as a collegiate coach and by the National Alliance of Black Universities for his work with black student-athletes. Additionally, he has been recognized by his university for his community efforts, being named assistant athletic director for community relations in 1982. He was promoted during the summer of 1988 to his current post as senior assistant athletic director.

Tarkanian also runs statewide basketball camps for youngsters of all ages. In 1990, Tarkanian was honored by the California State Legislature for his success as a collegiate coach and by the National Alliance of Black Universities for his work with black student-athletes.

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A native of Euclid, Ohio, Tarkanian attended Pasadena City College before graduating from Fresno State in 1955. He earned his master's degree with honors in educational management from Redlands University.

While attending Fresno State, Tarkanian played guard for the Bulldog basketball team, and, by his own admission, was an average player.

Tarkanian and his wife have four children: Pamela, Jodie, Danny and George. They also are the grandparents of three: Justin, Audra and Danielle.

Koloskie begins his 10th season as head athletic trainer at UNLV, where he is responsible for overseeing the medical care, treatment and rehabilitation of the school's student-athletes. In addition, Koloskie is also the program coordinator for the drug testing, education and counseling program sponsored by the intercollegiate athletic department. As a state certified substance abuse counselor, Koloskie coordinates drug testing, teaches a three credit drug awareness course and initiates students into counseling programs.

A graduate of Mononogah High School in West Virginia, Koloskie lettered in football, basketball and baseball and earned all-West Virginia honors as a football player his junior and senior years. He attended Marietta College, where he played baseball for two seasons.

Koloskie completed his undergraduate studies in athletic training at West Virginia University, where he graduated in 1980. He later served as an assistant athletic trainer at Iowa State for one year while he earned his master's degree.

Koloskie is presently serving on four committees on campus: Campus Committee on AIDS; the Infectious Waste Committee; Substance Abuse Campus Committee and the Professional Health Advisory Committee. Koloskie is also a former president of the Nevada State Athletic Trainers Association.

PERSONAL INFORMATION — Koloskie was born Feb. 15, 1957. He is married to the former Annette Cunningham and they have two sons, John, 6, Jim, 5 and a baby girl, Megan Matte, 6 months.
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UNLV Record: 483-103 (.8242) in 18 years/Overall Record: 599-120 (.8331) in 23 years
Assistant Coaches: Tim Grgrurich (Pittsburgh, 1966), Ed Goorjian (Cal State Los Angeles, 1951)
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**MARCH 3, 1992**
Alisha Stevenson, in her second season with the Lady Rebels, has made great strides in adjusting to the college game.

She appeared in eight games during her freshman season. Her first season was a learning experience as the Lady Rebels compiled a 25-7 record, winning 20 or more games for the ninth consecutive season, and appeared in the NCAA tournament for the third straight year.

"I really didn't think I would play (a lot) right off hand," Stevenson said. "I'm still learning a lot about the college game."

She graduated from John W. North High School in Riverside, Calif., and played under coach John Seydel. Her honors included being named the Inland Empire and San Bernardino County Player of the Year. She was selected all-state her senior year and all-California Interscholastic Federation as a sophomore and senior. She was named all-Ivy League three times and was her league's MVP her final year.

She capped off her high school career by being named the MVP of the 1990 City-CIF all-star game.

"She is a very gifted athlete," UNLV head Coach Jim Bolla said. "Alisha's game is the transition game. She needs to take the opportunities in the transition game and her real strength is going to the hoop. It was a real learning experience for her last year at this level.

"She struggled at times but never gave up. She is a great athlete."

She started her first collegiate game against Fresno State on Feb. 15. She responded with a career-high six points to go with four rebounds and two assists in 21 minutes in the Lady Rebels' 76-62 victory.

"My type of game is transition," Stevenson said. "Shay (Sharon Hargrove) and Teresa (Jackson) call pass well and if I'm a part of that, it's a real plus for the team."

UNLV is making a strong run for the Big West regular season championship but more importantly the team is fighting for seeding purposes for the Big West Tournament which will be held on March 11-14 in Long Beach, Calif.

"I feel we have a tremendous advantage over most of the teams in the conference due to our quickness," Stevenson said. "We are one of the fastest teams in the conference. We can out-run a lot of our opponents."

She has seen the big transition between high school and competing on the Division I college level.

"In high school, I was a player always running up and down the court," Stevenson said. "There is sometimes an intimidation factor involved. I was a player that was going to a top 20 school. I didn't feel intimidated because the program has a good tradition."

She realized the UNLV coaching staff wouldn't rush her at the college level and it would enable her to develop at her own pace.

"I chose UNLV because I basically felt when I did get a chance to play, I would play the transition game. I feel more comfortable this season because I have learned a lot (about the system).

"It was exciting last year because we had a really good team. It was exciting being a part of UNLV's winning tradition. Every team in the Big West respects us."

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"Tark is truly one of the greatest coaches of the game of basketball. His record speaks for itself and his accomplishments may never be duplicated."
— Pat Kennedy, Florida State

"Because of the many distractions during his career, Coach Tarkanian is not fully appreciated for his coaching ability. He gets as much from his players as any coach in the country."
— Lou Kruger, Florida

"Jerry Tarkanian's teams have maintained an impressive amount of consistency by playing at a high level of competition for such a long period of time. "Jerry is also an excellent teacher. He teaches his teams to play outstanding man-to-man pressure defense. His teams always play hard and you know that they are always in contention for a national championship."
— Mike Krzyzewski, Duke

"I think Jerry Tarkanian is one of the finest coaches in the game. Obviously, there is no one who, over an extended period of time, has recruited better. He is the consummate recruiter."
— Jerry Kennedy, Florida

"Furthermore, there is no way any team can play harder than Tark's Runnin' Rebels. Their tenacity is excelled only by their unselfishness. The Runnin' Rebels characterize and epitomize the word teamwork. They play together as a team, they play at 100 percent and they leave nothing on the court. "It is my experience that his players are gentlemen and that he has helped them to grow as individuals as well as to become very good players. "Jerry Tarkanian is a living legend, what the collegiate basketball experience is all about. The game is better off for him having been a coach and the players are better off for him having been their coach."
— Rick Majerus, Utah

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University Activities Center, Tempe, Ariz.
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REGIONAL SESSIONS
March 20 & 22
Southeast: Rupp Arena, Lexington, Ky.
March 27 & 29
Midwest: Kemper Arena, Kansas City, Mo.
March 28 & 30
West: University Arena, Albuquerque, N.M.
March 27 & 29
1992 FINAL FOUR
Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, Minneapolis, Minn.
April 4 & 6

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East: L.B. Johnson Memorial Coliseum, Winston-Salem, N.C.
March 18 & 20
Carver Dome, Syracuse, N.Y.
March 19 & 21
Southeast: Orlando Arena, Orlando, Fla.
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Memorial Gym, Nashville, Tenn.
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Midwest: Rosemont Horizon, Chicago, Ill.
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Indiana Hoosier Dome, Indianapolis, Ind.
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West: Joe A. Parker Center, Salt Lake City, Utah
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McKeale Center, Tucson, Ariz.
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REGIONAL SESSIONS
Midwestival, AHP, East Rutherford, N.J.
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Southeast: Charlotte Coliseum, Charlotte, N.C.
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The UNLV Women's Sports Foundation hosts selected special events, any proceeds from which provide for enhancement of the women's athletic programs. An annual social to welcome female student-athletes, both new and returning, to the University and the community is hosted by the UNLV Women's Sports Foundation. Also, the Foundation hosts an annual UNLV Women's Athletics banquet to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the female student-athletes of UNLV. Numerous other Foundation events are planned throughout the year.

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Tarkanian has enjoyed many joyous moments as UNLV's basketball coach, including, at right, posing with the seniors on his 1987 Final Four team: Armon Gilliam (35), Eldridge Hudson (33), Gary Graham (32), Mark Wade (30), Freddie Banks (13) and Leon Symanski (30). At bottom right, the Runnin Rebel coach is content after a victory, while, at bottom left, he is mobbed following a come-from-behind victory. Below, Tarkanian gets a little ribbing from former Runnin' Rebel great Jackie Robinson about his "new image."

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- Stan Morrison, San Jose State

"I don't think anyone can appreciate the job he does unless they go in and watch one of his practices. They are the most intense things I have ever seen. It is a coach's nightmare."

- Bill Mulligan, UC Irvine, retired

"I respect most about him as a coach is that his teams play hard every night, no matter who they're playing or what the score is."

- Tom Penders, Texas

"Jerry Tarkanian is one of the premiere coaches in the college game. His winning percentage can attest to that fact. Not only has he won basketball games, he has entertained the fans throughout America as well as any coach ever to sit on the sidelines."

- Rick Pitino, Kentucky

"Coach Tarkanian is one of the finest coaches to coach at the college level. He has won with big teams and small teams. His teams are fundamentally sound on offense and always play great defense. It is not luck he has such a great winning percentage."

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LAS VEGAS FACTS

| Population | 807,499 |
| Area (square miles) | 67.5 |
| Visitors per year | 20.3 million |
| Hotel Rooms | 66,334 |
| Schools | 128 |
| Hospitals | 17 |
| Parks | 30 |
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The many faces of Jerry Tarkanian: instructing guard Anderson Hunt, near right, and displaying his anger over a couple of calls, middle and far right. At bottom, the UNLV coach holds his trademark towel.

"I'll miss him. He is one of the most underrated coaches in college basketball. His record is unbelievable. When you look at his won-lost record, it measures up to John Wooden's. "He's a legend in his own time. All around the world, people who know basketball know 'The Shark.' After this year, it will be a great loss to UNLV and all the basketball junkies for him not to be involved in coaching college basketball. "I'm one of his biggest fans."

— Nolan Richardson, Arkansas

"Coach Tarkanian's impact on college basketball should be remembered not only for the number of wins he has accumulated but for the influence he has had on many of the young men he has coached."

— John Sneed, Cal State Fullerton

"Jerry Tarkanian is Nevada basketball! What he has accomplished has not only helped UNLV but Nevada-Reno as well."

— Len Stevens, Nevada-Reno

"Personally, I am indebted to him for assisting me in landing my first high school coaching position."

— John Sneed, Cal State Fullerton

"The retirement of Jerry Tarkanian after the 1991-92 season will bring to an end an unbelievable run in coaching circles. Jerry Tarkanian is truly one of the outstanding coaches to ever work in college basketball. I will always admire what he has been able to accomplish and feel very fortunate to call him a friend."

— Roy Williams, Kansas
REBELS ON THE RADIO

Last season more people heard of the accomplishments of UNLV's athletic programs than ever before. Again, in 1991, 50,000 watts, KDWN (720 AM) will be the radio home of Rebel football and basketball. KDWN has a clear-channel signal that covers the western United States plus parts of Canada, Mexico and Hawaii. Laughlin Roughrider Broadcasting, Inc. is the radio rights-holder for UNLV football and men's basketball, currently in their sixth season.

Calling play-by-play action in his sixth season with the Rebels is veteran announcer Ross Porter. Joining Porter at courtside this season will be analyst Denny Hovanec, the Runnin' Rebels administrative assistant. Rebel broadcasts are a five-hour package with the game preceded by "Rebel Basketball Talk," a 1 1/2-hour show hosted by Tony Cordasco, Gordie Fink and Mark Warkentein. The show will be carried live from the Thomas & Mack Center prior to home games.

The Rebel pregame show features Porter one-half hour prior to tipoff. A one-half hour postgame show follows each contest.

The "Voice of the Rebels", Dick Calvert, returns for another year as the public address announcer at the Thomas & Mack Center. Calvert, one of the foremost soccer voices in the country, has worked the MISL Champion San Diego Sockers, the Tacoma Stars, Las Vegas Quicksilvers and Phoenix Pride as well as the California Surf of the NASL.

No stranger to Rebel athletics, he has been the game announcer for UNLV football and basketball games for the past 18 seasons.

Calvert owns Nevada Sports Productions, and produces the UNLV Rebel football and basketball radio broadcast packages.

He and his wife, Anne, reside in Las Vegas. They have raised four children and are the proud grandparents of seven.
The 1990-91 athletic season brought continued success to UNLV. It was highlighted with notable achievements in all 14 of UNLV’s intercollegiate sports, including:

- UNLV’s first individual male national champion;
- UNLV’s first undefeated regular season in basketball;
- UNLV’s capturing of Big West Conference titles by three different teams;
- UNLV’s garnering of the Big West Athlete of the Year honors by six students.

The Runnin’ Rebels became the first Division I basketball program since 1979 to post an undefeated regular-season record. However, UNLV’s dream of repeating as national champion fell short with a 77-77 loss to eventual tithe Duke at the Final Four in Indianapolis. One of the most talented teams in collegiate history, the Rebels were led by the two-time consensus All-American Larry Johnson and an All-American starting lineup of George Alsle, Greg Anthony, Stacey Augmon and Anderson Hunt.

Along the way to their return trip to the Final Four, the Rebels captured their ninth consecutive Big West crown and ran their consecutive winning streak at the Thomas and Mack Center to 34 games.

The biggest surprise on the 1990-91 season came when Warren Schutte, a sophomore on the Rebel golf squad, captured the school’s first individual male national championship when he held off two-time national champion Phil Mickelson at the NCAA Championships in Pebble Beach, Calif. The Rebel golf team secured its highest finish ever—eighth place—with a final round total of 3-under 285. UNLV also finished third at the West Regional and second at the Big West Championships. Schutte was victorious at both of those events.

Hustlin’ Rebel baseball strung together 30 wins for the 16th consecutive season as the UNLV offense batted .302 on the season and国资委 averaged .344 in high-scoring contests. Centerfielder Tony Mizen and first baseman Ricky Sruggs were selected first-team All-Big West as they led the Rebels to an 11-10 record in conference, good for fourth place. A young UNLV squad posted wins over national champion Louisiana State, Oklahoma State, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Northridge and UCLA. Six UNLV players were selected in major league baseball’s June Amateur Draft.

Lady Rebel basketball captured its second consecutive Big West crown as UNLV tied Long Beach State for first place with a 15-3 conference record. UNLV finished the season 25-7 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament before falling at Georgia, 86-62. Shooting guard Vicki Laster received first-team All-Big West honors as she led the Lady Rebels to victories over Long Beach State, Cal State Fullerton and perennial power Louisiana Tech.

The UNLV cross country team fielded a young and inexperienced squad with all seven runners as underclassmen. Freshman LaTricia Dandy led the way for the Lady Rebels as they finished ninth at the Big West Championship Meet.

UNLV football entered the Jim Stroud Era in 1990 as the new Rebel coach guided his team to a 6-7 record and a fifth-place finish in the Big West at 3-4. All-purpose back "Hunkie" Cooper garnered first-team All-Big West honors as he registered the second-best yardage total in school history (1,705 yards). Wide receiver Kenzan McCauley, a 12th-round selection of the Washington Redskins, established a new school record for career receiving yards (2,189 yards). Junior defensive back Carlton John will anchor the Rebel defense during his senior season after receiving All-Big West honors in 1990.

The Rebel soccer team fielded a young squad in 1990, starting six freshmen. Big West Player of the Year Doug Budge led this talented team to a 10-8-2 record and a third-place finish in conference. The senior forward was the regular-season leading scorer in the Far West Region with 17 goals and seven assists. Junior midfielder Terry Pryer joined Budge as a first-team All-Big West selection. The duo guided the Rebels to victories over Indiana and Portland.

Lady Rebel softball proved it belonged among the nation’s elite with a trip to the College World Series. The 1991 squad posted the winningest record in school history with a 49-17-1 mark and finished second in the Big West with a 23-8-1 record. Ranked as high as fourth in the nation, UNLV’s success could be attributed to its pitching duo of All-
Official Basketball Signals—1990-91

Stop clock

No score

Point(s) scored

Excessive swinging of elbows

Over and back or carrying the ball

Throw-in, free throw or designated spot violation

Net closely guarded

Lose violation

Start clock

Stop clock or do not start clock—point toward the table for radio/TV timeout

Holding

Illegal use of hand

Blocked

Illegal use of elbows

Direction signal

Illegal dribble

10 second violation—use both hands for 10

AND

Direction signal

Directions on "air balls"

Plus* 

5 or 10 second violation—use both hands for 10

No score

AND

Point(s) scored

PLUS**

Direction signal

Bonuses free throw for 2nd throw deep 3 arms—

3-Point Field Goal

Direction signal

Bonus free throw for 2nd throw deep 3 arms—

AND

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GATE INFORMATION
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NOISEMAKERS
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REFRESHMENTS
Concession stands are located throughout the arena with locations well marked. Vendors will service the stands with a variety of items.

RESTROOMS
Restrooms are conveniently located throughout the arena, with facilities for the handicapped appropriately marked.

SOUVENIRS
Souvenir stands are strategically located throughout the arena. Programs are available at the entrance and marketed throughout the arena as well.

TELEPHONES
Pay telephones are conveniently located throughout the Thomas and Mack Center.

TICKETS
All persons must have a ticket for admission to the game. Children under 3 free.

USHERS AND SECURITY
Ushers and security personnel at the Thomas and Mack Center serve the needs of the spectators. Contact the nearest usher or security person if medical assistance is needed or to register complaints about objectionable spectator behavior.

WHEELCHAIRS
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KEY – Home games in all CAPS; " denotes Big West Conference games; * denotes exhibition games which do not count against overall win-loss record; b denotes game to be played at The Palace of Auburn Hills (Mich.).
RUNNIN’ REBELS IN THE PROS

YEAR PLAYER TEAM
1967 Elburtt Miller Houston Rockets
1968 John Q. Trapp Houston Rockets
1970 Elburtt Miller Milwaukee Bucks
1971 Jerry Chandler Golden State Warriors
1970 Bruce Chapman Detroit Pistons
1974 Bruce Chapman Utah Stars
1971 Lou Small Golden State Warriors
1972 Odis Allison Golden State Warriors
1974 Bobby Florence Los Angeles Lakers
1975 Bobby Florence Indiana Pacers
1976 Ricky Sobers Phoenix Suns
1976 Boyd Watts New York Knicks
1977 Glen Gondrezick New York Knicks
1978 Greg Anthony Houston Rockets
1978 Fred Alley New York Knicks
1979 Danny Tarkanian Cleveland Cavaliers
1979 Tony Smith Detroit Pistons
1979 Flinnie Williams New Jersey Nets
1980 Tony Smith San Antonio Spurs
1982 Eddie McLeod Chicago Bulls
1983 Sidney Green Chicago Bulls
1983 Larry Anderson Cleveland Cavaliers
1984 Jeff Collins San Antonio Spurs
1984 Danny Tarkanian Utah Jazz
1985 Paul Brozovich Golden State Warriors
1985 Richie Adams Washington Bullets
1986 Ed Catchings Detroit Pistons
1986 Frank James Detroit Pistons
1986 Anthony Jones Sacramento Kings
1987 Armon Gilliam Phoenix Suns
1987 John Flowers Sacramento Kings
1987 Armon Gilliam (No. 2 pick) Phoenix Suns
1988 Freddie Banks Detroit Pistons
1988 Gary Graham Indiana Pacers
1988 Gerald Roddick Boston Celtics
1991 Larry Johnson Charlotte Hornets
1991 Stacey Augmon Atlanta Hawks
1991 Greg Anthony New York Knicks

PLAYERS CURRENTLY ACTIVE
(as of Nov. 1, 1991)
PLAYER TEAM PLAYER TEAM
George Ackles Miami Heat Armon Gilliam Philadelphia 76ers
Greg Anthony New York Knicks Sidney Green San Antonio Spurs
Stacey Augmon Atlanta Hawks Larry Johnson Charlotte Hornets

TRIBUTE TO JERRY TARKANIAN

And who can forget the feeling that one spring night in 1990 when the Runnin’ Rebels raced past Duke 103-73 for the NCAA championship? Certainly not Jerry Tarkanian, who won his first national title in 22 seasons at the major college level. At left, Tarkanian acknowledges to UNLV fans who made the trip to Denver’s McNichols Arena that there was cause for celebration. And, as is customary with all NCAA championship teams, there was a trip to the White House, where Tarkanian and his team were saluted by President George Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle.

The impact Jerry Tarkanian has had on mankind simply cannot be measured solely by victories on the basketball court. No, his humanitarianism — a seldom-mentioned side of the UNLV coach — has touched many. One individual, a U.S. Marine Corps captain, perhaps explained it best in this letter to the editor that appeared in the Oct. 29, 1991, issue of the UNLV newspaper, “The Yellin’ Rebel.”

Dear Editor:
I address this letter to the students and faculty of UNLV from a Marine veteran of the Persian Gulf War. I have been remiss in performing my duties having now returned from Saudi Arabia. If you would allow me the opportunity, I wish to now make amends.

During the war, life was anything but rosy for all the hard-chargers who did as their country asked and deployed to the desert in order to defend basic principles and the rights of nations. We were away from our families and friends during most of the holidays (to include the basketball season), but proud to serve with honor and fortitude. There is no doubt in my mind that what helped us make it through the hard times were all those letters of support from Americans. People we had never met were sending us food, newspapers, cards, letters and encouragement.

Letters from UNLV were no exception. After receiving a short letter from the unit I belonged to during the war, Coach Tarkanian began to make things happen as a demonstration of his pride and support of the G.I.s “over there.” The coach sent us basketballs, shirts, posters, programs and recently sent us a plaque recognizing my unit as the “sixth man” on last year’s team.

Dear Jerry Tarkanian, please accept this letter as a symbol of our appreciation for your support and remind your fans that the Runnin’ Rebels play on radio became an event for the Marines in the unit. UNLV’s march to repeat victory didn’t have to face Duke (in Saudi). When packages arrived from the coach, a “feeding frenzy” would be fought off — everyone wanted a piece of UNLV Americana.

We would conduct a drawing to determine which lucky Marine would receive a shirt from the coach or an autographed poster from the team. The coach made a lot of Marines very happy during the war and we will never forget him. When one thinks of the coach, symbols immediately come to mind: the towel, the shark and championship teams. And now another symbol comes to mind, a heart. The coach has given everything UNLV has ever asked of him and more — you will remember him fondly and miss him at the end of the upcoming season.

The Marines will also remember him fondly and miss him at the end of the upcoming season. The Marines will also remember the coach and the UNLV Runnin’ Rebels for their contribution to the guys and gals who fought off the Iraqi tyrant and won. Losing to Duke seems quite insignificant to the winning of nations. I think the coach agrees.

Again, thanks and best of luck, Rebels. Semper fi.
— Capt. Tom D. Barres, U.S. Marine Corps
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