

Director set for season

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The UNLV Runnin' Rebels are now back to the grind of getting grades and graduating from college, but Athletic Director, Brad Rothermel is gearing up for yet another season of UNLV athletics.

"There are very few automatics in this field," he said. "It is difficult to rest on your laurels."

Rothermel said the last season was the best he has ever seen.

"Without a doubt, this has been the finest season we have ever had," he said. "The team generated over \$4 million, which is \$1 million more than ever before."

Rothermel said respect for UNLV's athletic programs among the athletic community has done nothing but grow.

"The people I talked to who know basketball said that, among the many fine teams, UNLV is justly deserving of its rating for

the year."

Rothermel had his doubts about whether there will be another UNLV basketball team with as good a record as this one.

"Will you ever be 37-2?" he asked. "There are different playing schedules in pre-season, which makes it difficult to predict how many games will be played overall, then there is the post-season play. There may never be 39 games for us to play again."

Another factor is the loss of six seniors at once from the team, according to Rothermel.

"On paper, it will take us some time to get back to where we are," he said. "It depends on commitment, a good work ethic and the individual assets we have."

While the Rebels went on to victory after victory, this season has also seen some bad press for the team and for UNLV.

"Lloyd Daniels didn't do

us any severe damage,"

Rothermel said. "There are a lot of people, higher up, who might disagree with me, but I try not to worry too much about what other people think of me."

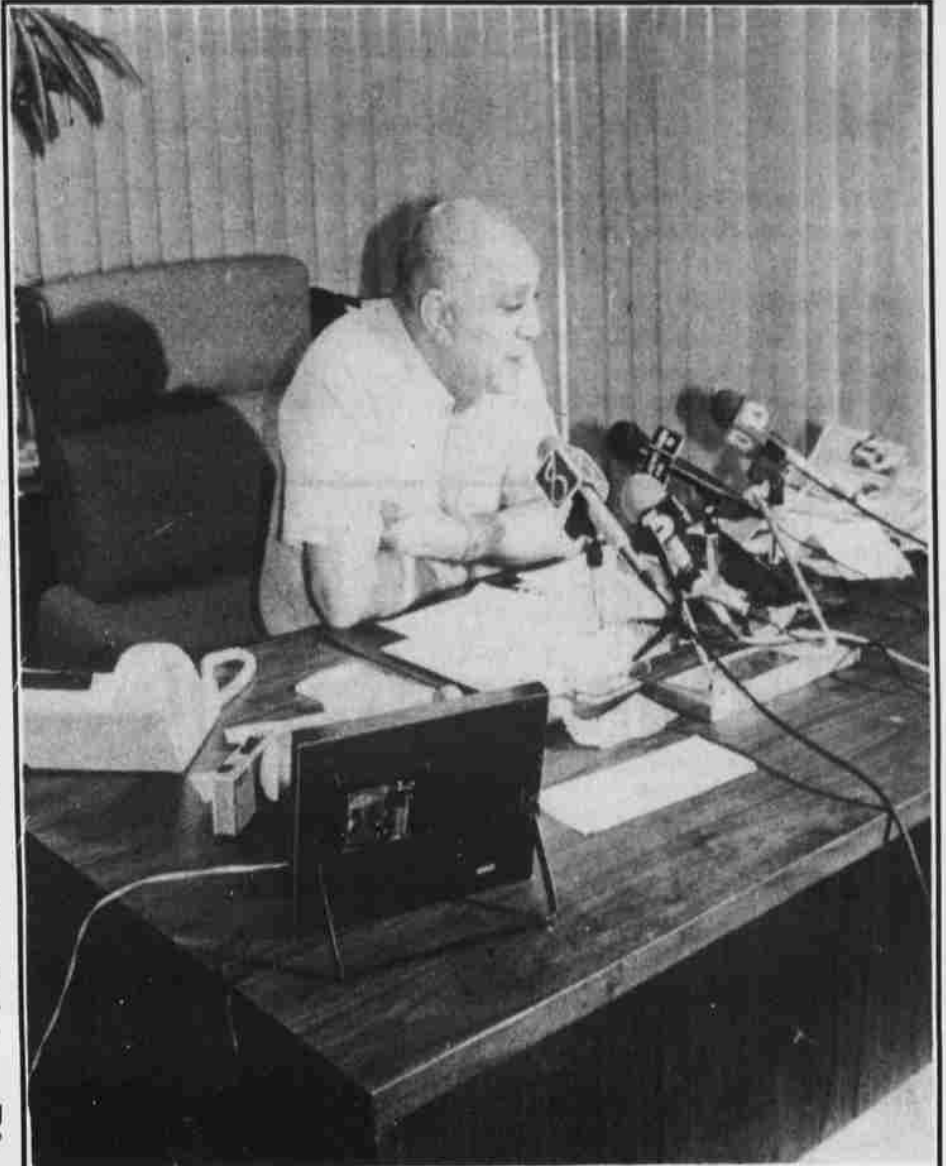
"I find it is much easier to worry about what I think of myself or of other people, since you haven't got much control over what other people think of you anyway."

Rothermel said he has been associated with basketball for over 30 years as a coach and as a player, and has never been to the Final Four.

"I have never been as a player or a coach, I found it was an exciting opportunity. I was delighted to be a part of it."

Rothermel had nothing but praise for the Runnin' Rebels in their last game.

"I have never been around a team which came closer to realizing its full potential."



IN THE SPOTLIGHT—one of the many times Jerry Tarkanian stepped in front of cameras. Here, the Coach announces the University's decision not to allow Rebel-in-Waiting Lloyd Daniels to play if he was found guilty.

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