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UNLV banned from post season play

Maxson promises appeal



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Dreams squashed Coach Jerry Tarkanian and his National Champion Runnin' Rebels dream of a repeat championship were squashed by the NCAA last week.

By Mark Landwehr
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The NCAA Infraction Committee banned the University of Nevada, Las Vegas basketball team from participation in any 1990-91 post season play it was announced Friday, July 20, in Kansas City, MO.

UNLV President Robert Maxson, in a press conference that day said, "I never dreamed it would come to this...if you had told me this, I would have just said you were wrong. We are going to appeal it. I can't wait to appeal it."

Jerry Tarkanian, vacationing in San Diego, said, "I am outraged by the NCAA's decision...no matter what happens, when I get a call from Kansas City, it's always bad news."

Tarkanian said, "Players on this team, as well as most of the students attending UNLV, were six and seven years old when this began. They are paying the price of the NCAA's vindictive decision."

The decision was made public at 10a.m. PDT on Friday, although President Maxson and UNLV Counsel Brad Booke knew of the ruling a few hours earlier. President Maxson relayed the news to the press, and appeared obviously upset at what he was having to say.

The sanction by the NCAA Infraction Committee is the final chapter in a story that began 13 years ago. In 1977, UNLV was sanctioned and put on probation for two years for alleged recruit-

ing violations.

The University was also ordered to suspend Coach Tarkanian, but he fought the suspension with a court injunction, claiming he was denied due process by the NCAA.

In 1988, the Supreme Court handed down a decision stating that the NCAA did not have to provide due process since it is a voluntary member private organization.

But it did state that the university had to provide due process, therefore the injunction held up against the university suspending Tarkanian.

The players most directly affected by the decision are the returning seniors Larry Johnson, Stacey Augmon and Greg Anthony along with new recruits Shon Tarver, Ed O'Bannon and Elmore Spencer.

Maxson said, "I believe Stacey and Larry stayed in school because of the affection this community showed them. The coached obviously were the deciding factor."

Alex Gillum, who coached Johnson in the Dallas summer leagues when he was younger said, "Number one, he's fallen in love with Stacey Augmon, UNLV, and the city. He loves the gym and the people he knows."

Gillum said Johnson told him, "I love Las Vegas and the way the coach has treated me and I want one more year with Coach Tark."

Shon Tarver said, "I just found out about it. I'll probably

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ROTC closes UNLV unit

By Bonar Tucker
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Under an Army plan to reduce the service, the campus Reserve Officers' Training Corps has been selected as one of 50 units within 27 states that will close.

The closings will become effective at the end of the 1990-91 academic year and will affect about 55 University of Nevada, Las Vegas Students.

The Assistant Army Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Kim Wincup said this move is necessary to comply with the Army's plan to cut its overall active-duty strength by 20 percent over the coming five year period.

As Congress reshapes the nation's defenses to keep in line with the decreasing Soviet military threat, the elimination of the 50 ROTC units will save the Army an estimated \$23 million a year.

"Unfortunately," said Wincup, "this will cost the jobs of 740 Army personnel."

University President Robert Maxson said he wanted to be sure the Army had considered the potential for growth in the UNLV program.

"I just want to make sure that we're not taking a snapshot of how universities are right now vis-a-vis where they will be five years from now," he said.

The elimination of UNLV's program will not be a problem for seniors. They will be completing their ROTC work before the cut off.

There is discussion now about compressing two years (into one) into one to allow juniors in the program to be able to finish as well. If this is not possible, students would have to transfer to other universities to finish their ROTC program.

Freshmen and sophomores will no longer be participating in the ROTC work at UNLV.

Maxson said he hates to see the university lose such a good program.

Students work to make UNLV-TV a reality

By Joseph J. Wheeler
Staff Reporter

UNLV-TV marks its first month on the air this week, but the young cable station is not about to relax. Laurel Fruth, general manager of UNLV-TV, announced plans to expand the format.

"We're looking to increase our programming

schedule," she said. "We've only been on the air (about) a month, but by August we're hoping to have more of a comprehensive schedule."

UNLV-TV airs on Prime Cable Channel 31, and features gavel to gavel coverage of the City Council and Clark County Commission meetings.

An example of the type of program to be included in the expanded schedule is a documentary

produced by a UNLV student several years ago. "Computer Imagery—Visions In a Mind's Eye" was written and produced by Michelle Serra. UNLV-TV will broadcast the program several times.

Fruth is quick to point out what UNLV-TV is—and what it is not.

"We want to be a government/educational channel. We're not going to be running hour-long commercials for stop smoking programs," Fruth said. "You won't see 'How To Groom Your Dog' kind of programming, either."

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Dan Lovil Production Manager of UNLV-TV, watches the monitors, during a taping of the Clark County Commission.