

Over 400 basketball tickets allegedly unaccounted for

by Victor Ingram
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The UNLV basketball program is in the news once again, not receiving accolades for its National Championship, but once again being scrutinized for alleged mismanagement.

The allegations arise from more than 400 complimentary tickets per UNLV basketball game last season that went unaccounted for. This unaccountability was due, said university officials, to irregular accounting practices used by the university athletic

department.

Further allegations involve the total dollar amount given by the university and the discretion utilized in the distribution. UNLV gave out an average of 2,061 complimentary tickets for each home game last season. This amount adds up to \$1.5 million for the season.

With tickets being considered state property, an investigation had been initiated as to the whereabouts of the 400-plus missing tickets and the appropriateness of giving such a large amount of complimentary tickets.

The investigation, initially conducted by the athletic department, was turned over to the university legal counsel. This investigation has subsequently been turned over to the state attorney general. This action is a direct result of an Oct. 18 emergency meeting of the University Board of Regents. It was at this meeting that university regents proposed this action to expose any criminal wrongdoing.

University of Nevada Systems General Counsel Don Klasic said, "I am concerned over the need to move very quickly in or-

der to preserve testimony." Klasic, who has also conducted an investigation into the ticket matter, said, "An immediate investigation is needed before those involved begin to change their stories or are victims of intimidation."

"At this point it looks like we're giving away the farm and I don't think the taxpayers are appreciative of giving away state property," commented UNLV interim Athletic Director Dennis Finfrock in an article in the Las Vegas Review-Journal, "There definitely are some legitimate comps, but I don't know if we can justify giving away those kinds of numbers. The volume of it is really overwhelming. All I can do is

make sure it won't go on in the future. But, at the same time, we can't afford to sweep this under the carpet."

According to a KLAS-TV report, the attorney general's office will investigate if the tickets were used for personal gain. The investigation has reportedly already begun. Alleged improprieties could include theft, bartering and ticket scalping.

During the emergency meeting, university officials were reluctant to comment on the outcome of the investigation. When asked about the results of the investigations, UNLV President Robert Maxson replied, "We absolutely hope that there are no improprieties."

The future looks bright for the women's tennis team

by Andrew Siracuse
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Three members of the tennis team made it to the third round of competition at the Riviera All-America Championships at Pacific Palisades, Calif. Many top 20 teams were there, including UCLA Arizona State, University of San Diego and San Diego State.

Debbie Higa, a senior from Los Angeles received a bye in the first round, defeated Kay Williams from Laman by the score of 6-4, 6-1. In the third round Higa fought hard and long but lost to Beth Choale of Arizona, 7-5, 4-6, 1-6.

Madeleine Jonsson, also a senior from Stockholm, Sweden, is one of three international players on the UNLV team.

Jonsson made it to the third

round of the tournament after receiving a bye in the first round and cruising by Jennifer Wall of UC Irvine 7-6, 6-3. She had trouble in the third round, losing to Julie Tullberg from USC 6-4, 6-1.

Janelle Barr, one of five freshmen on the team, made it to the third round. She crushed Heather Williams of Cal State Northridge 6-1, 6-2 in the first round, then whipped Kanari Galolo of Pacific 6-2, 6-2 in the second.

Like her teammates, she couldn't get past the third round. Sarah Mayuard of Cal State Northridge defeated Barr 6-3, 6-2.

Barr said she feels that she must work more on her serves and her returns, but that she feels good about her performance. She contends that the key to winning

her matches is to put the ball in play more than her opponent does. She stresses the mental part of the game.

Overall, the tennis team is very young. Of nine players, five are freshmen.

Coach Craig Whicher doesn't see this as a disadvantage. "Being that we are a young team and have played in only two tournaments this year, I'm encouraged by what I've seen," he said

Coach Whicher feels that UC Santa Barbara will be the team to beat in Big West competition. But he feels that his team has the tools and the talent to put up a good fight for the Big West title.

The next tournament for the women is the National Clay Tournament which takes place in mid-November in Florida.



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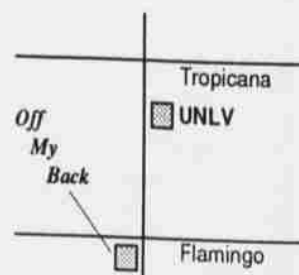
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