

# Johnson signs, starts opening game

## Augmon, Anthony also begin NBA careers

by Ched Whitney

The five starters from last year's Final Four Runnin' Rebel basketball team have all gone their separate ways.

Larry Johnson, who the Charlotte Hornets made the first overall pick in this year's National Basketball Association draft, ended his holdout Wednesday when he signed a six-year \$20.1 million contract.

Johnson, whose only practice was a two-hour workout Thursday, started the Hornets' first game Friday against the Boston Celtics. Johnson scored 11 points in his debut, which the Hornets lost, 111-108.

In Saturday's 116-108 loss to the New Jersey Nets, Johnson scored 16—11 in the first half—and pulled down 18 rebounds.

Stacey Augmon and Greg Anthony, two more veterans of UNLV's back-to-back Final Four appearances the last two seasons, also began their pro careers Friday. Augmon, now with the Atlanta Hawks, started Saturday's game with the Detroit Pistons as he chipped in 10 points.

The New York Knicks' Anthony came off the bench to score seven in his debut but was charged with a fourth-quarter technical foul as the Knicks lost to the Orlando Magic 96-89. Anthony had 11 points and four assists in a loss to the Miami Heat Saturday.

The other two Rebel starters from a year ago are not currently playing in the NBA.

Center George Ackles, a second-round draft pick of Miami, has opted to play basketball in Spain.

Anderson Hunt, who gave up his final year of eligibility at UNLV when he declared for the NBA draft, became a free agent when he wasn't chosen. Hunt was cut by the Boston Celtics on Friday, but reports that the San Antonio Spurs are interested in him.

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—Brad Hovious, Ph.D.: Hovious is in his fifth year as athletic director at the University of Texas, El Paso (UTEP). Hovious oversees an athletic program that encompasses 15 sports. Previous to UTEP he served as athletic director at Delta State University.

—Donald Winston: Winston is currently serving as senior associate athletic director at the University of Southern California (USC). He is in charge of the athletic development office which includes all support groups, major gifts and endowments. He is responsible for the full endowment of 30 positions on the USC football team. Each position being worth \$250,000. His efforts have

resulted in an average of \$7 million per year in donations.

—Jim Weaver: Weaver is in his third year as associate athletic director at the University of Florida. Weaver is responsible for overseeing the school's NCAA compliance program. He had previously served as assistant athletic director for student services at the University of Florida.

—Dennis Finrock: Finrock is currently acting as interim athletic director at UNLV. He succeeded Brad Rothermel who resigned the position last year. Has actively worked on the UNLV NCAA compliance committee. He also serves as director for the Thomas & Mack Center.

# Lady Rebels kick off season

by Richard Munson

The Lady Rebel basketball team kicked off its season with a "Meet the Lady Rebels" program held at the Richard Tam Alumni Center.

The night was a series of awards from scholarships to the Women's sports foundation Outstanding Alumna Award.

The award was presented by Sylvia Maxson and was presented to Kathy Calloway, the first ever recipient.

"I would like to encourage them (Lady Rebels) to continue them

in academics and athletics. Recognize what you have and don't let the distractions affect you, that's what the alumni expect and you should for your self.

The rest of the program included the boosters announcing of the players and giving a short introduction of each.

The night was capped off with a song from *The Little Mermaid* by Lady Rebel sophomore Cherly Kosewic.

The Lady Rebels will open the season when they host Cuba, 5:30, Thursday.



photo by Morgan Fisher  
Kathryn Calloway receives outstanding Alumna award at "Meet the Lady Rebels" night.

## GRGURICH

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University Police. The easiest thing to do is ask, but no one did that."

According to Grgurich the class was running sprints and holding their hands in positions that resembled playing basketball and that is what they are seeing as a violation. According to KTNV Channel 13, the videotape has no audio, counter or date on it.

"To show how miniscule this is, the penalty for the violation is that Tim Grgurich would have to sit out one practice," Smith said.

According to Smith, Grgurich was harassed during the summer, his mail opened and he has been followed throughout the city.

"There is no end to this. The university has missed the entire issue," Smith said. "People just want to get stuff on the basketball team. The person going up there (to the air conditioning duct) was risking life and limb."

Dennis Finrock, interim athletic director, claimed that he knew nothing about the alleged video taping of Coach Grgurich.

"We have to be able to trust the people who work with us," Finrock said. Finrock was referring to the university coaches obeying the NCAA rules while the university is under probation.

"We can't afford to be on probation for another year so we have to walk a fine line and stay on that tight-rope," Finrock said.

Finrock said that he was not part of the communication loop between UNLV legal counsel Brad Boone and Police Chief David Hollenbeck and that he has no feelings about the future of Boone's job or his actions. Boone has taken responsi-

bility for authorizing the secret videotaping of the class.

"I knew that there might have been some violations of the NCAA rules and I checked with the coaches and warned them of the violations," Finrock said. "Because of the NCAA, we're under strict scrutiny as an institution. I think this is becoming a bigger deal than it needs to be," Finrock said.

NCAA officials declined to comment if the taping was justified.

Grgurich will continue to fight the implication of any wrong doing on his part.

"He will not plead guilty and we will go ahead with a hearing with the university and, if it is not worked out, we will file a lawsuit," Smith said.



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Assistant basketball coach Tim Grgurich (right), with his attorney Roy Smith.

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