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COMING TUESDAY...

Football hosts Utah State Saturday at 1 p.m.; men's & women's basketball vs. Cuba

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The Yellin' Rebel

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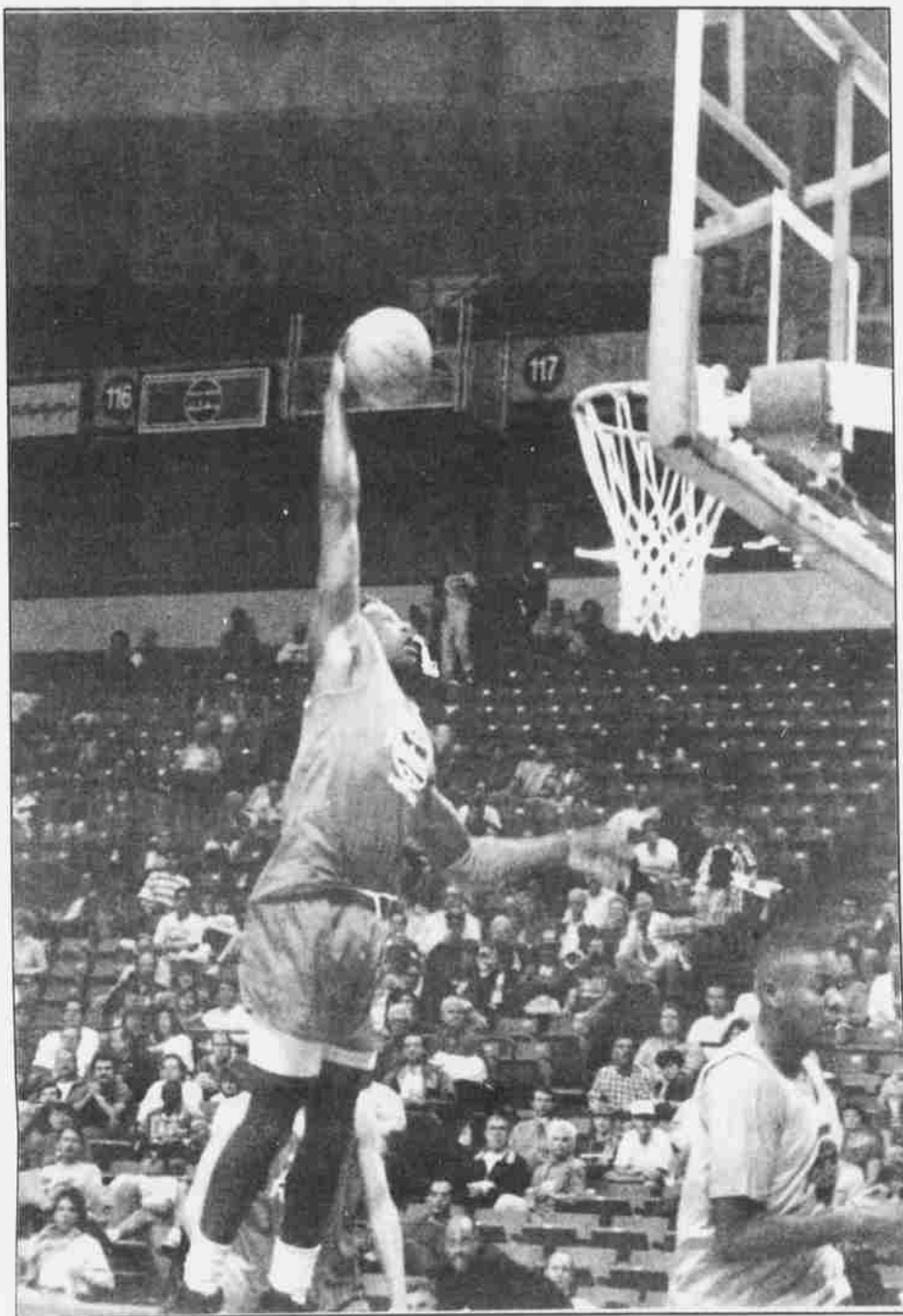


photo by Ched Whitney

Forward Evric Gray will play a key role for the Runnin' Rebels this season.

## Tarkanian pleased with scrimmage

by Richard Munson

This year's Rebel basketball season is a season like no other. There are so many new faces that Tarkanian has had trouble remembering the names. But one name and face will stick out to Tark, that of J. R. Rider. Rider led all scorers with 30 points in the Scarlet and gray scrimmage. The first-team scarlet won 121-88.

"Overall, I'm happy, but we still have a long way to go especially on defense," Tarkanian said.

Rider wasn't the only Rebel that shined. Tarkanian was impressed with the performance that Melvin Love, J.R. Rider and Elmore Spencer turned in.

"Elmore played really

well. J.R. plays more like a freshman than the real freshman, but he's got ability. Melvin played well but he has to get better."

Senior forward Evric Gray scored 29 points, while putting on a dunking clinic. Tarkanian will look to Gray to lead the team.

"Evric will be the key, he has the experience. He's the best passer on the team, other than our point guards," Tarkanian said.

Even though the team is young and inexperienced Tarkanian said that they would come around in January. If this is True, who knows what might happen when the Rebels host LSU, Nov. 30.

"There is not a lot of drop off from our first five to our second four. We will be

subbing a lot, but it's not because we're deep," Tarkanian said.

Junior college transfer Dexter Boney gave the crowd a show with his high flying antics, ala Anderson Hunt, Stacey Augmon. Boney scored 18 points in his debut at the Thomas & Mack.

"I was nervous the first time I got out on the floor. It was my first big game in front of this many people. In Junior college there may be 500 people, but it felt good.

The attendance was 1,509. If the shootout was a big game for Boney, he will have to wait until the regular season starts to find out what a really big game actually is.

### Weekend sports

## Football team begins homestand

by Richard Munson

The Rebel football team will return to the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl for the first of three home games. Saturday they will host the 2-6, Utah State Aggies.

The Rebels, 3-5, face an Aggie team that upset conference leading and No. 25 ranked Fresno

State 20-19 in Logan, Utah Saturday. The Rebels coming off of another drubbing 55-12, this time at the hands of the San Jose State Spartans, will look to salvage their season as they return home.

The Rebels managed only 237 total yards against the Spartans. The only Rebel highlights came on two passes from Derek Stott to

John Ma'ae in the second half.

Aggies placekicker, Sean Jones kicked his first collegiate field goal with 51 seconds, to give the Aggies the one-point upset victory.

The Aggies hold the series edge six games to four and the Rebels last

## Basketball teams host Cuba

The men's and the women's basketball teams will host the Cuban National Teams tonight at the Thomas & Mack Center.

The Lady Rebels will kick off the doubleheader at 5:30 p.m. and at 8:05 p.m. the Runnin' Rebels will follow.

The Runnin' Rebels are beginning their 34th year of intercollegiate basketball and have compiled 31 consecutive winning seasons.

The Rebels this year will be led by senior center Elmore Spencer and senior forward Evric Gray, both with one year of Rebel experience.

The Lady Rebels are beginning their 17th season, their 9th under head coach Jim Bolla.

The Lady Rebels are led by seniors Merlelynn Lange and Sharon Hargrove who both averaged better than 10 points per game last year.

## Soccer team closes out season

The UNLV soccer team will play its final game of the season when it travels to San Diego State, 1 p.m. Sunday, to face the Aztecs.

The Rebels, 10-6-2, are coming off of a scoreless tie with California State-San Bernardino Sunday. The Rebels, who had eight shots on goal, allowed only seven for San Bernardino.

The Aztecs lead the overall series 9-5-2. The Aztecs are led by forward Brian Craft-Negrete, defenders Andy Marrone and Patrick Merrell.



Daniel Barber and the Rebels close out their season at San Diego State on Sunday.

## Finfrock likely selection for AD

by Richard Munson

Interim athletic director Dennis Finfrock's name was given to President Robert Maxson as the search committee's selection for the permanent athletic director position.

The committee first selected Jim Weaver from the University of Florida. A debate between members followed and the committee's report states that Finfrock was given the nod after a second vote. Committee

members did not specify why there was a second vote.

Maxson said he will probably make his decision at the December Board of Regents meeting.

"I was unaware of that (the second vote). By policy, the Board of Regents must approve that (Finfrock's) appointment," Maxson said.

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