



Weaver ready for athletic directorship

by Richard Munson

Jim Weaver will take over as the new athletic director, effective January 1st and he's not afraid of what he is stepping into. Even with the constant turmoil that the athletic department has gone through over the years and the latest "cam-scram" taping, he is ready, willing and able to take over for Interim Athletic Director Dennis Finrock.

Weaver, who has been employed for nine years at the University of Florida and is eager to come to UNLV and help enhance the program, especially the football program.

"I think it's important

for the university and the community to get football going. Basketball is outstanding and we need to get people to the Silver Bowl and increase football attendance," Weaver said. "I think it will help the financial situation (of the athletic department) with better football attendance."

Weaver would like to take a hands-on role and get the community of Las Vegas involved more with Rebel Athletics.

"Jim Weaver is going to come to town to get to know people. I don't anticipate the community to be any different than from around the country or in Florida," Weaver said.

As for the new basketball coach when Jerry Tarkanian retires, the university will not form a committee to select a new coach. Weaver said that he and University President Robert Maxson have decided that he would select the new coach.

"Jim Weaver will be the committee. I talked to Dr. Maxson and he concurred with my beliefs. As AD I am here to serve at the pleasure of the president's approval. And he must agree with what selection I make, it is not (solely) my decision," Weaver said.

With the current controversy of the videotaping, and the continuing battle

with the NCAA Weaver said that he feels confident in the NCAA and the actions they will take when handling cases with UNLV. He said that he has no fear that the NCAA will hold anything against relating to UNLV's prior dealings with the governing body.

"I think the NCAA people try to deal fairly in each case," Weaver said.

Maxson has suggested to the board of regents that Weaver would receive a five-year, \$105,000 contract. Weaver said that the details of the contract had not been worked out yet and that he had only spoke to Maxson about it once when he was in town to accept the position.



photo by Jay P. Morgan

Lady Rebels past and present set to play in Alumni Game

by Brian Hurlburt

Misty Thomas, Sonia Lykes, Geannine Jordan and Rochelle Oliver. For any of you who have followed Lady Rebel basketball over the years you will recognize these names of great players in the history of the school.

These players along with other alumni will take part in an exhibition game against the 1991-1992 edition of the Lady rebels.

"This game is great for all of the fans who have followed us over the years," Head coach Jim Bolla said. "This is a chance for the fans to see their favorite players one more time. This game will also give this year's team good competition and will help the team."

The main attraction of the game may be Misty Thomas. Thomas is considered to be the best player in school history. She is UNLV's all-time scoring and assist leader and has also played the on the Canadian Olympic team.

The game will be played Saturday at the Thomas and Mack Center.

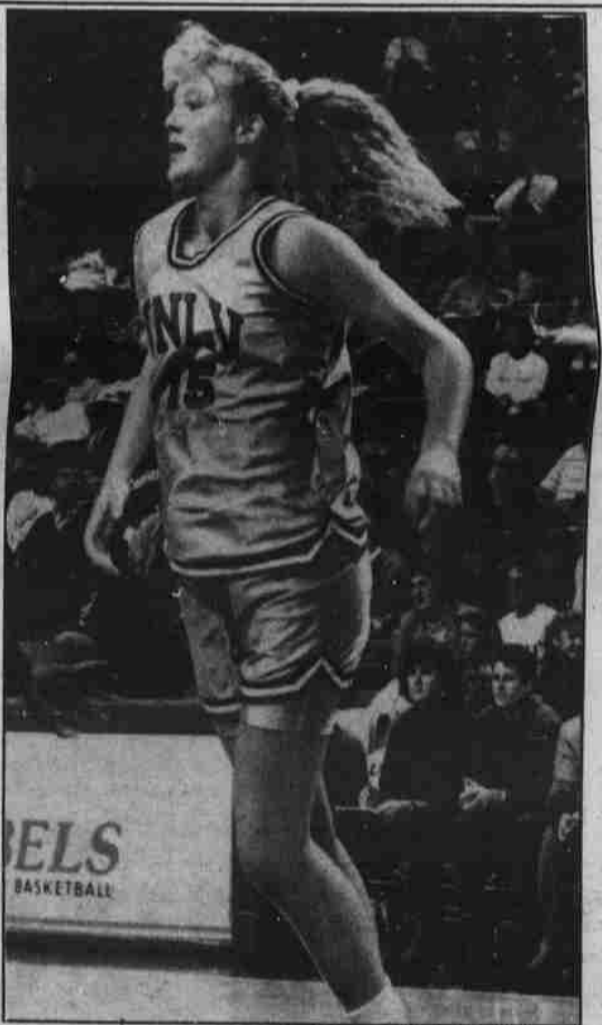


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Merlynn Lange will play center against the alumni team on Saturday.

Golf team finishes third in Rebel Classic

Schutte finishes one shot back

by Ched Whitney

Brett Dean and All-American Phil Mickelson both shot 209 to tie for the individual title at the Rebel Classic golf tournament Monday and Tuesday at the Desert Inn Country Classic. They led Arizona State to a 10-stroke win in the team competition.

UNLV junior Warren Schutte shot 210 to finish third, one shot behind Dean and Mickelson. Schutte's second-round 67 was the low

round of the tournament.

The Rebels shot a final-round 285, an improvement

over their first two rounds of 300 and 291, and finished in third place 15 shots behind Arizona State and five behind Oklahoma State, the second-place team.

Rebel Darin Osborn finished tied for ninth with a 220. Other UNLV scores include: Monte Montgomery, 222, tied for 16th; Edward Fryatt, 224, tied for 21st and Brandon Goethals, 233, tied for 39th.

The golf team now has two months off before heading to Hilo, Hawaii, for a tournament Feb. 14-17.

Runnin' Rebels hit the road during break

by Richard Munson

While most students will be at home during the holiday break, there will be some that won't get that chance as they will be traveling around the country representing the university. The Runnin' Rebels, Lady Rebels and Rebel swim team will be in action.

The Runnin' Rebels will begin the holidays with a trip East to face the Dukes of James Madison University Thursday. The Dukes were 19-10 last season including a 89-65 loss against the Rebels in Las

Vegas, last season.

The Rebels next east-coast stop will be in New Jersey to face the Rutgers Scarlet Knights. Rutgers also went 19-10 last season with a 115-73 loss to the Rebels in Las Vegas.

The Missouri Tigers will face the Rebels Dec. 14, as the Rebels make their way to the Midwest. The Tigers went 20-10 last season. The Rebels are 0-1 against the Tigers, their only meeting took place in 1988, with a 81-79 loss in Las Vegas.

Michigan State will host the Rebels in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Dec. 21. The

Spartans earlier this season upset No. 2 ranked Arkansas in the Maui Invitational.

The Rebels return home to the Thomas & Mack Center to host three home games on Dec. 23, 28 and 30. The Lamar University Cardinals will face the Rebels on Dec. 23, led by sophomore Atiim Browne who averaged 15.4 points last season. The Rebels are 1-0 against the Cardinals, their last meeting was in 1978 in Las Vegas. The Rebels won 89-88.

State rival Nevada-Reno Wolfpack will come to the T & M Dec. 28. Last year the Rebels embarrassed the Wolfpack 131-81

in Reno. The Rebels are 38-10 in the lifetime series with the Wolfpack.

The San Diego State Aztecs come to town to face the Rebels on Dec. 30. The Rebels hold a 13-4 lead in the series. The Aztecs are led by senior Keith Blazer who averaged 14 points last season.

Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine will host the Rebels on Jan. 2 and 4. Fullerton is led by junior Joe Small who averaged 21 points last season. Irvine is led by senior Gerald McDonald who averaged 8 points last season.