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Tarkanian rescinds resignation

by Richard Munson

"I am rescinding my resignation," said Jerry Tarkanian, at the Zion United Methodist Church Sunday.

Tarkanian said early in his speech he didn't know if he could take another year. But he may not be given the chance.

Don Klasic, general counsel for the university system, released a statement soon after Tarkanian's announcement.

Klasic said Tarkanian resigned as head coach of men's

basketball and as assistant athletic director, effective the day after the men's basketball season ends. He resigned employment at UNLV at 12:01 p.m. July 1, 1991.

"Under Nevada Statute his resignation is irrevocable—the matter is closed," Klasic said.

UNLV President Robert Maxson released a statement saying the matter was closed and there would be no more discussion on Tarkanian's situation.

"Jerry Tarkanian submit-

ted a legal and binding resignation," Maxson said. "The university accepted the resignation and the matter is closed. There is no need for any additional discussion."

Tarkanian found it very hard to say, but his coaching next year is not the reason he is trying to rescind his resignation.

"For me coaching next year is not the issue," he said. "The issue is to find out why the basketball program was dismantled from inside."

Tarkanian said he could not understand why the university kept digging for minor violations when the NCAA, in their years of investigation, couldn't find a major violation.

"We went through four and a half years of investigation by the NCAA. Not only that, our people didn't find one major violation. Each coach has a clause in their contract (that states) if they knowingly know of a major violation taking place they're fired," he added.

Tarkanian said after what

he has done at the university "you usually get a raise, not fired."

After stating he would resign if the team was allowed to play in next year's NCAA tournament he said he felt good about the whole situation in dealing with the university.

"I really felt good. After that I felt relieved and I felt good," Tarkanian said.

Tarkanian said he felt indebted to this year's team after

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New book will offer Tark's side of the story

by Bonar Tucker

With updated stories circulating daily concerning the "Tark and Maxson feud," a new book has hit the shelves at what some call "the prime time."

Shark Attack: Jerry Tarkanian and His Battle with the NCAA and UNLV, was released Monday. Its author, Don Yaeger, will be at area bookstores to sign copies along with Tarkanian beginning March 7.

"We wanted to get the book out by the final game," Yaeger said. "From concept to completion, all 320 pages were done within four months. That's a lot of work."

Yaeger, told *The Rebel Yell* he got to know Tarkanian while in the process of writing his first book, *Due Process*. He formerly worked for newspapers in San Antonio, Dallas and, more recently, in Florida

as the Capitol Bureau chief political editor. Maxson, he said, was interviewed 11 times for the book.

"We're anticipating a fairly high volume of sales," said Robin Greenspun, owner of Culture Dog Bookstore in Green Valley. "We've ordered 500 copies and the press run will be fairly huge so we can order more if needed."

Greenspun, who said the store has the book in stock, looks forward to the book signing.

"We all have our versions of all this," she said, "and Jerry's (Tarkanian's) version has certainly been presented in a clear and concise manner in this book."

Excerpts from *Shark Attack* claim "University President Bob Maxson made it clear he wanted to fire Tarkanian." It says "Finrock instituted a policy that allowed staffers to open and inspect mail that came

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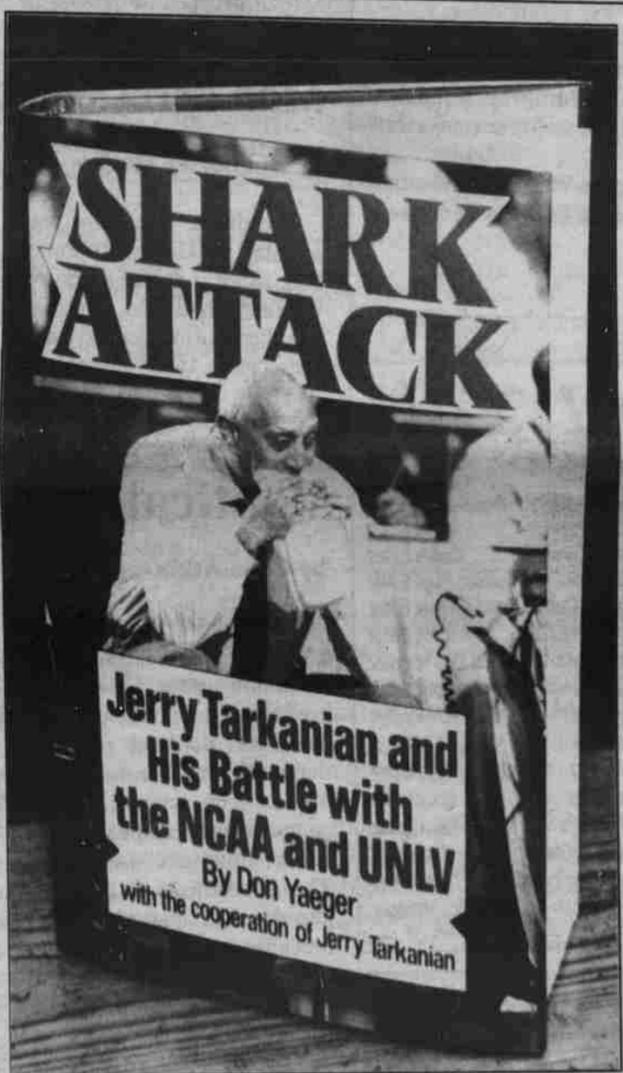


photo by Morgan Fisher

Don Yaeger's new book 'Shark Attack' was released Monday.

"We owe it to our students to keep our emphasis on academics. If we don't, their degrees will be worth nothing."

— UNLV President Robert Maxson

Maxson reacts angrily to basketball mess

by Richard Munson and Rick Nielsen

"Enough is enough. I've tried to turn the other cheek, but I've had my fill of ridiculous charges and lies against my administrators and against me by people who really don't care about the university or its students and who will stoop to any level to avoid accepting responsibility for the messes here which others are trying to clean up," said President Robert Maxson, in an interview Monday morning.

Maxson stated that the

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Tark attorney: Contract breached

by Richard Munson

Coach Jerry Tarkanian's lawyer, Alan Jones, will file as early as this week to have Tarkanian's resignation rescinded on the grounds that the contract made between Tarkanian and the university has

been breached.

Due to the negative publicity that came from the the university administration—legal counsel Brad Boone, then interim Athletic Director Dennis Finrock and University President Robert Maxson—Jones said Tarkanian's civility

clause in the agreement had been broken.

Jones cited four areas broken in the agreement:

— Maxson did not make it public that Tarkanian did not resign because of involvement with convicted sports fixer Richard Perry.

— Finrock gave the IRS and FBI information and leaked to the press they were under investigation.

— Boone produced the secret videotaping.

— Boone tried to discredit

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