

Students express sorrow over Rebel ruling

by Tricia Ciaravino

Disappointment washed over the campus Wednesday as students realized the Runnin' Rebels' season is over.

"I think that it's a big disappointment," said Leonel Franchez, a freshman majoring in Spanish and a "big Rebels fan." "It's just a sad thing to see the Rebels go through. We'll see what happens next year."

Jason Duckwith, a political science junior, said he expected the verdict.

"I kind of felt it was a losing battle from the beginning," he

said. "It was a last hope (for the Rebels). They knew nothing was going to come about. All they can do is get ready for next season."

Several students were upset that today's Rebels were being held accountable for violations that happened long ago.

"It's unfair toward the players. They're getting punished for something that happened years ago," said Ed Herrera, a sophomore majoring in hotel administration.

Regardless, students are resigned to waiting impatiently for next year.

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sports have become such an "integral part of our daily lives," that they should be debated by legislation.

Morgan said the NCAA would take the suggestions into consideration, which has evolved since the time this case was first talked about in 1977. Morgan also said all he or the NCAA could hope for now was that the ruling would bring everything to a close.

"I think it (NCAA) was good in the mid '70s and it has radically improved since then," Morgan said. "It's in our interests to mold the rules of the association. And now the only hope you have is that of closure."

UNLV President Robert Maxson said it was unfortunate that the players who have had such a good season had it end this way.

"It is unfortunate that our student athletes have to suffer

penalties imposed by the coach years ago," Maxson said. "They have had such a wonderful season under very trying circumstances. This whole affair has been tough on them and I'm sorry for that."

Tarkanian was in Los Angeles at a dinner benefiting the City of Hope National Medical Center at the time of the announcement.

Softball takes two of four from Aggies

Harrigan and Smith pick up wins

by Nick Haley

The UNLV Lady Rebel Softball team fell to 13-6 on the season, beating Utah State University 2-1, 7-0 Monday, then losing both Tuesday games 3-0, 1-0 at the Lady Rebel Softball Diamond. Senior pitcher Lori Harrigan won the first game, allowing only one run and junior Kim Smith shut out the Aggies allowing four hits.

In the opener, Harrigan retired the first two batters, then yielded a walk and three straight hits, giving Utah State an early 1-0 lead. But Kim Smith, playing as UNLV's designated hitter, countered by batting in the tying run with an early double and the winning run with a sixth inning, bases-loaded walk. The victory makes

Harrigan 5-2 for the year. Utah State's DeAnna Earsley was the losing pitcher.

The Aggies were not quite so close in the second game. Infielder Tricia Reimche, who would go five of six on the day, led off the batting with a single, then stole second. With two outs in the first inning, infielder Erika Swanson and Smith each drove in a run off of Aggie errors. Freshman infielder Cyndi Parus followed with a double to add another run, giving the Lady Rebs a 3-0, first inning lead.

UNLV would add two runs apiece in the third and fourth innings, yielding the final score. Smith (3-1) the winning pitcher, was not prevented from reaching base all day. Utah State's Debbie Corbett (2-1) took the loss for the Aggies.

Utah State was much more successful in the second straight doubleheader on Tuesday. Aggie pitcher Earsley avenged her Monday loss by pitching two back-to-back shutouts covering 15 innings and allowed only five

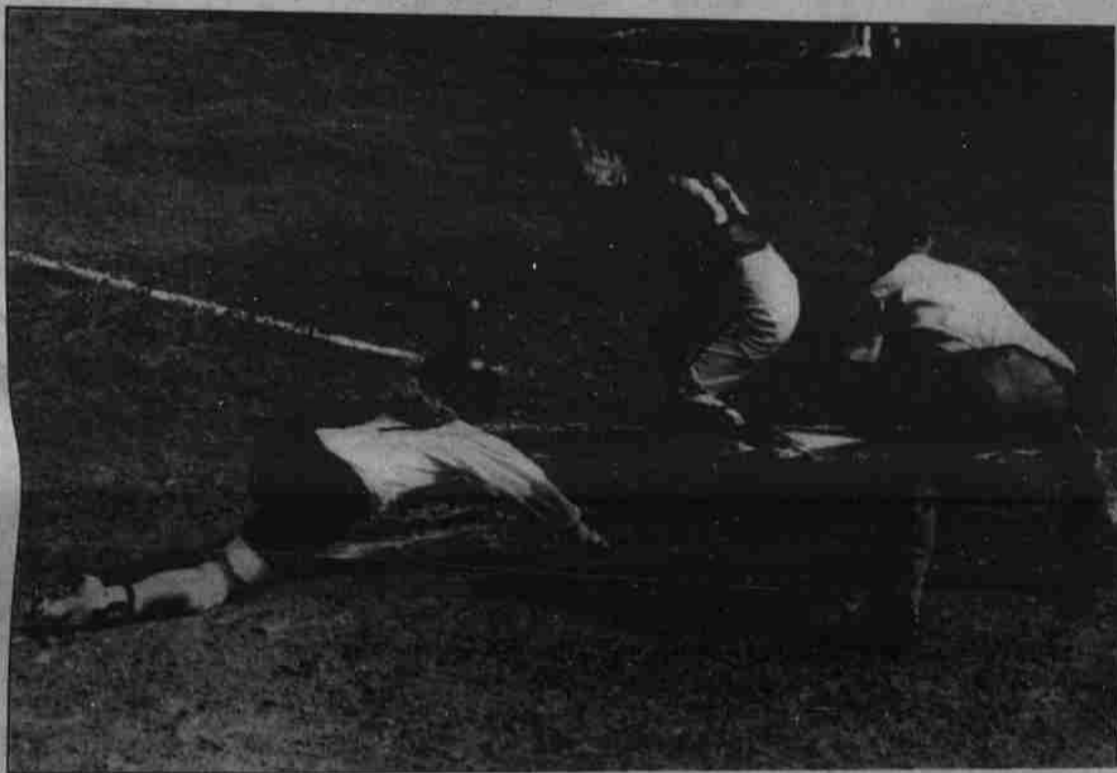


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Utah State's Stacy Young slides home as Felicia Benjamins waits for the ball.

hits all day to hand the Lady Rebs a pair of losses. UNLV freshman Amie Stewart (3-1) picked up her first loss of the year in Tuesday's 0-3 opener. Cyndi Hewitt (2-2) also a freshman, took the second loss in eight innings 1-0, after shutting out the Aggies in the first seven and allowing only three hits and a walk.

The Lady Rebs left four runners on base through the first three innings of game one, but only produced a single runner in the last four innings. Game two saw only one scoring opportunity for UNLV, when bases were loaded off of two Utah State errors and a walk. All three, however, were left stranded. Utah State knocked

in the only run of the game in the eighth inning off a deep hit to left by Aggie shortstop Stacy Young.

UNLV was scheduled to host San Jose State last Sunday, but the doubleheader was postponed due to rain. UNLV will host Fresno State team Friday at 1:00 p.m.

Rebs host Spartans in Big West opener

by Tony Llanos

The Spartans of San Jose State led by Head Coach Sam Pirarow will march their way into the desert this week for a three-game series against UNLV starting today at 7 p.m. at Roger Barnson Field. San Jose State is 11-5 overall and 3-0 in the Big West.

The Spartans collected victories against the No. 5-ranked Stanford Cardinal and No. 22 California last month in non-conference play.

This year's Spartan caravan includes the return of Rob Andrakin, one of the team's most prominent and effective pitchers. The 6-foot-1 hurler from Saratoga, Calif., sat out the 1991 campaign with a broken right wrist. The right-hander has accumulated National Co-Player-of-the-Week and Big West Pitcher-of-the-Week honors as well as compiling a conference leading 2.55 earned run average during the 1990 season.

Also included in the Spartans' squad is Junior College

transfer outfielder Dean Madsen, twin brother of UNLV slugger Dan Madsen.

Last season, the Spartans accumulated a record of 7-14 in the Big West and finished 25-30 overall, their first sub-.500 season under Coach Piraro.

The Hustlin' Rebels, meanwhile, have parlayed recent wins against San Diego State in a non-conference game Friday and an exhibition contest with Keio University of Japan on Monday.

Students may attend the games at Barnson Field free of charge with a validated Spring 1992 I.D. card. Game times are 7:00 P.M. for today and Friday night and 1:00 p.m. for Saturday.

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Rebel golf now ranked No. 3

GolfWeek magazine's latest poll has UNLV ranked third in the nation, behind only Arizona and Arizona State. The Rebels next tournament comes this Friday as they travel to Houston, Texas to compete in the Golf Digest Invitational at The Woodlands Country Club. The No. 3 ranking ties the highest ever by a UNLV golf team.