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## Massimino ushers in new basketball era

### Former Villanova coach ends speculation

by Richard Munson

The Jerry Tarkanian era at UNLV is officially over. Rollie Massimino was named the new head basketball coach for the Runnin' Rebels Wednesday and plans to keep the Runnin' in the Rebels' name.

"We (Villanova) run but we don't run like the Rebels," Massimino said. "Now in this place we'll run like the Rebels."

Before the announcement, Athletic Director Jim Weaver said it was a special day for the institution, city and state. He said it takes time to get the very best and in his mind he had found the very best.

Massimino, who was greeted by a packed room of media, students, faculty and administrators, joked that the turnout was more than what he got at Villanova basketball games. He added he was proud to be part

of a strong athletic and academic program.

"I'm very honored and proud to have the opportunity to be part of such a high-profile program," Massimino said. "I'm excited to be a part of this institution."

Massimino said he liked the administration made up of Maxson, Weaver and legal

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counsel Brad Booke.

"I'm really looking forward to working with the administration; I'm also looking forward to being a part of the student body," Massimino said.

He complimented Tarkanian on the job he did at UNLV.

"He (Tarkanian) has built a tremendous basketball tradition and we hope we can con-

tinue that tradition," he said.

Massimino also spoke highly of the university and Weaver's job of recruiting him.

"This is the place the Massimino staff and family want to be part of," he said. "Four or five days ago, he (Weaver) asked if I would like to come to UNLV...I thought, 'why not?' It was instantaneous success."

Massimino said the job will be a great experience and a tremendous challenge and opportunity.

His contract will be for five years at a base of \$106,000 but will total \$386,000 per year in university compensation.

The first thing on Massimino's agenda is to meet with the players. He said he would get out into the community, meet with the faculty and visit all 55 high schools in Nevada.

While leaving Villanova was difficult, Massimino said it was something he really wanted to do and he wanted to accept this challenge.

Massimino, who stands behind academics and has gradu-



photo by Wray Halterman

Athletic Director Jim Weaver (back) introduced Rollie Massimino as UNLV's new head basketball coach Wednesday.

ated every player that has completed in his program, had strong words about the bad reputation that has arisen from some players' actions.

"No way will any student athlete ever, ever embarrass this university," he said.

Massimino coached at Villanova from 1973-1992.

He took Villanova to post-season play 16 of 19 years and won the NCAA national championship eight years ago yesterday, defeating highly-favored Georgetown.

## Arson the suspected cause in library fire



photo by Wray Halterman

Fire fighters responded to fires set in the library Wednesday.

### Books set aflame on two floors

by Tricia Ciaravino

Students were evacuated from the James R. Dickinson Library Wednesday after an unknown subject allegedly set fire to books in the older portion of the building.

Clark County Fire Fighters, Section 18, said there were three points of origin, on the first and third floors, suggesting arson.

Because books are hard to set on fire—they are like chunks

of wood, according to one department official—and the subject did not use flammable substances, the fires were and extinguished quickly.

Officials were concerned for the safety of people in the older, circular portion of the library.

Fire fighters said the fire alarms could not be heard in the danger portions of the building. There is no sprinkler system in the older section.

According to Dan Chacchia, the night building supervisor, two patrons noticed the fire and alerted a staff member. Evacuation procedures were put into

effect but the staff had trouble getting students out of the building.

"It was really hard to get people to leave," Chacchia said. "They just wouldn't leave. They'd be mad if they were charred remains tomorrow."

Chacchia said all students were safely evacuated and no injuries resulted from the fire.

The Clark County Arson Investigator was unavailable for comment.

## Student Government defeats course repeat proposal

by William Holt

On March 26, the proposal to change the course-repeat policy was voted down unanimously with no abstentions. The proposal suggested averaging the repeat grade with the first grade instead of replacing the grade. The Academic Standards Committee will now recommend at the next Faculty Senate meeting to maintain the current policy.

On March 12, Faculty Senate member Allan Miller, as suggested by Kenneth Hanlon, Academic Standards Committee chair, proposed that the current course repeat policy be changed so students could no longer have a chance to replace bad grades.

At this meeting, Miller argued that UNLV's policy was way out of synch with the standards found at most other universities. Hanlon argued that

UNLV is making it too easy for students to earn a grade.

During the following meeting on March 19, it was proposed by Miller that UCLA be used as a model for UNLV's new policy, but changing the course repeat limitation from 16 to 18 credits. Representatives from Student Government argued that while the UCLA policy dictates only 16 credits can be repeated, this school also has a pass/fail option which

UNLV no longer has.

Senate member Stanley Cloud said Miller's motion to model UNLV after UCLA could not be sustained because Miller is not a member of the committee.

CSUN representative Becky Spray used her own example of the University of Utah. Its policy allows a student to use the most recent grade received from a course to be averaged in his/her G.P.A.

"This policy is more liberal than UNLV's," Spray said.

Student Government also argued that changing the policy in this way would further complicate the registration system as well as add a burden on this committee.

"Two separate faculty members called both Sen. Bud Benneman and myself, requesting that we fight against this change in the course repeat policy," Spray said.

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