

## Scary—SJSU can eliminate Rebs on Halloween

by Anthony E. Zuiker

After three consecutive losses, being outscored 243-92 this season, and losing five more starters to injuries in last week's effort against Hawaii, it's only fitting UNLV's football season comes down to Halloween. It's simple. If the San Jose State Spartans defeat UNLV this weekend, the Rebels hopes for a Big West title are over.

The Rebels and Spartans will kick-off Halloween day at 1



p.m. this Saturday at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

Can the Rebels still contend for the Big West Conference title? Yes, if they win their remaining conference games and receive help from their confer-

ence foes.

The San Jose State Spartans lead the series with the Rebels 8-2-1 and have won the last six meetings between the teams, including a 55-12 triumph in San Jose last year. The last UNLV victory was a 30-15 decision in Las Vegas during the 1984 season.

The San Jose State Spartans return 10 starters, five offensive and five defensive. Although SJSU posted a 6-4-1 record last year, 6-1 in the Big

West Conference, Coach Ron Turner has done an impressive job considering the treacherous road schedule. This year, the Spartans only play at Spartan Stadium four of their eleven scheduled games. Of the two home games the Spartans have had this year, they've outscored their opponents 88-33.

Under quarterback Jeff Garcia, the Spartans have had to pull out three victories in the fourth quarter. With 1:59 remaining and 80 yards to negoti-

ate at Utah State, Garcia, with his 24th nationally ranked offense, directed a 65-yard drive to set up a game winning field goal by Joe Nedney.

Against Wyoming, Garcia had 34 seconds to go 77 yards. In the clutch, Garcia scrambled to Wyoming's 43-yard line and Nedney won the game on a 60-yard field goal.

At Minnesota, the Spartans went 76 yards in the final 6:14 of the fourth quarter to preserve a 39-30 lead.

## Weaver says Hawk gone after Dec. 31

by Ched Whitney

UNLV Athletic Director Jim Weaver announced Wednesday that he was accepting the resignation of Joe Hawk, UNLV's sports information director, effective Dec. 31.

"I visited with him after considering the facts," Weaver said.

Hawk resigned last Thursday morning, allegedly after a dispute over who would host last Sunday's "Jim Strong Show" on KVBC-TV. Strong was en route from the Rebels' Saturday game at Hawaii and unable to host the show.

Hawk later rescinded his resignation and met with Weaver this week in an attempt to preserve his job.

Hawk said the dispute was not with Strong, and he

issued an apology.

"I extend a heartfelt personal apology to Coach Strong, his staff and players for my act," Hawk said in a prepared statement. "They shall continue to have my undying support."

In his decision, an unpopular one with many in the local media, Weaver cited a similar incident from last year.

"(This move) is in the best interest of the university," Weaver said. "I felt it was in (Hawk's) best interest to change directions at this point, or, if he wants to stay in sports information, to change environments."

Hawk, an award-winning reporter for the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, became sports information director in August of 1990.



Former Rebel Larry Johnson leads the Charlotte Hornets in an exhibition game with Portland at the Thomas & Mack Center Friday.

## Johnson returns to T&M

by Nick Haley

Former UNLV basketball player Larry Johnson will return to his alma mater Friday night when he leads the Charlotte Hornets against the Portland Trailblazers at the Thomas and Mack Center. The 1992 NBA Rookie of the Year makes his first appearance at the Thomas and Mack since becoming the first selection of the 1991 NBA draft.

Johnson, a two-time consensus All-American at UNLV, was the leading rebounder (11.0) and second leading scorer (19.2) for the Hornets in his rookie season. He played all 82 games, recording a team record 46 double doubles. The Hornets had their best season ever since their inception in 1988.

This year, Charlotte Coach Allan Bristow will attempt to

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## Massimino debuts in Midnight Madness

The 1992-93 UNLV Runnin' Rebel men's basketball team kicks off the season in a big way on Saturday



Massimino

with the first-ever "Midnight Madness" at the Thomas & Mack Center. Festivities start at 10:30 p.m.

Rebel basketball head coach Rollie Massimino makes his debut. With the new coach, J.R. Rider and the Rebel basketball team will also make their appearances.

Former North Carolina State coach Jim Valvano will make his first public appearance since he was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year.

UNLV posted an amazing 26-2 record last year, winning

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its final 23 games.

Celebrity coaches at this year's event include Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda. Also, Motown singers The Good Girls will perform as well as the acrobatic antics of the Phoenix Suns' Gorilla.

Admission is free. Canned food donations for the needy will be accepted at the door.

**Football seats still available for San Jose State-UNLV game**

All full and part-time students can still pick up their tickets for the UNLV vs. San Jose State game on Oct. 28 and 29 in front of the Moyer Student Union from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Students

may bring a maximum of two validated IDs to pick up the tickets.

Tickets will also be available at the Thomas and Mack Center Box Office from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

On Saturday, tickets can be picked up at the Silver Bowl (south box office) after 11 a.m.

**Lady Rebel basketball returns**

Jim Bolla returns for his eleventh season as head coach of the UNLV Lady Rebel basketball team. Bolla has compiled a 238-70 lifetime record with UNLV. Last year, the Lady Rebels posted a 16-10 overall record and tied for second place in the Big West with a 13-5 mark.

The Lady Rebels return to practice Sunday.

**Cross Country travels to Aloha state**

On Saturday, the Lady Rebel Cross Country team will compete in the Big West Conference Championships at the Pali Golf Course in Honolulu. The meet begins at 7:30 a.m.

Schools that have a full team competing in the Big West Championships are Cal State Fullerton, Hawaii, Long Beach State, Nevada-Reno, New Mexico State, Pacific, UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, UNLV, and Utah State. UC Irvine captured the 1991 team championship held in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

In the team standings last year, UNLV placed ninth out of 10 teams.

Returning for her second appearance in the big West Championship, Dianne McCarthy is the one to watch. Coming

off a third place finish in the 1991 championships, McCarthy remains the leader of the Lady Rebel team as she won the Bronco Invitational, place fourth at the Biola Invitational, and placed eighth at the Cal State Fullerton Invitational.

**Golf team finishes second**

At the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate Golf Tournament last Tuesday, the UNLV golf team placed second in Shoal Creek, Ala. Chris Riley finished second with a 214 score.

For the Rebels, Edward Fryatt and Warren Schutte both tied for fourth place with a 216 score.