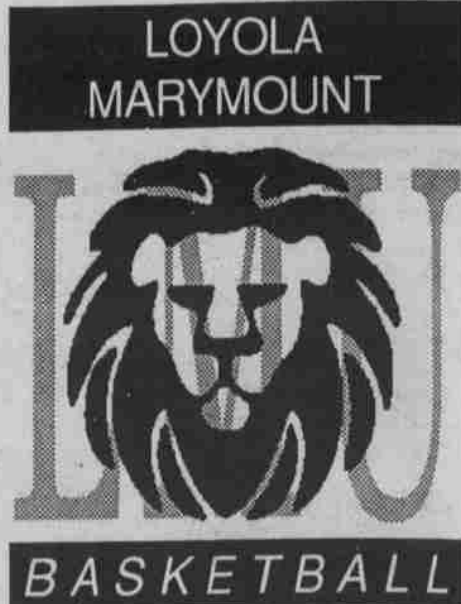




Basketball regular season opens

Men Rollie-ing Along



by Tony Llanos



photo by Wray Halterman

Coach Massimino battles his former, Villanova protege LMU Head Coach John Olive in a non-conference match-up.

And the Rollie Massimino era begins. The 23rd-ranked Runnin' Rebels, 1991-92 Big West Conference champions, return to regular season action this Saturday in a non-conference game against the Loyola Marymount Lions (1-0) in Los Angeles.

The Rebels finished last year 26-2 overall and 18-0 in the conference. The team's 23-game winning streak is also on the line Saturday.

The match-up pits the new UNLV coach against John Olive, the Lions' rookie head coach. Olive was a former player and assistant under Massimino at Villanova last season. After his collegiate career, Olive played briefly with the then-San Diego Clippers from 1978 to 1980.

The Rebels return 6 foot 4, senior guard Dexter Boney, 6 foot 7, senior forward Evric Gray, and 6 foot 5, senior forward J.R. Rider from last year's squad. Dedan Thomas, a 6 foot 0 junior, will start at point guard. Ken Gibson, a 6 foot 3 junior transfer from Air Force, will

start as a guard.

On the other hand, the Lions have two newcomers in their starting line-up this season. Zan Mason, a junior transfer from UCLA, will start as forward. Cerri-

to try to push the ball up the court more, and defensively, we're going to try to extend our pressure out a little further to create the turnover."

In their season opener, LMU survived a late run from Division II foe College of Notre Dame Tuesday night. The Lions, who led their opponents 39-29 at the half, defeated the Irish from Belmont, Calif., 80-77, at home. Mason led the Lions with 21 points and Harris also added 17 points. Junior guard Ross Richardson nailed four 3-pointers. Last season, Richardson shot 31 percent from the 3-point line.

The Runnin' Rebels possess a 25-9 record in their season-openers and have won their last seven in a row. UNLV is 16-4 lifetime against the Lions. Their last meeting was in 1990 when the Rebels defeated LMU 131-101 in the NCAA West Regional Final in Oakland, Calif. UNLV eventually went on to win the championship that season.

Saturday's game will be played at Albert Gersten Pavilion on the campus of LMU. Game time is 7:35 p.m.

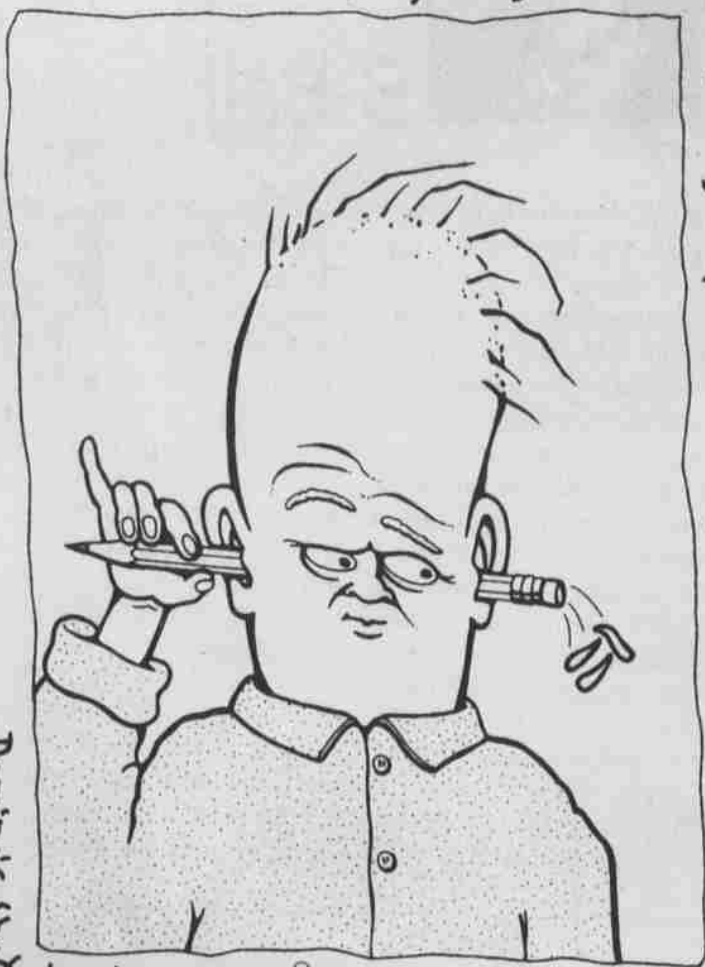
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Los Angeles, Calif.
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UNLV leads 16 - 4**

tos College junior transfer Bill Mazurie received the nod at the guard position. Other returnees include senior forward Brian McCloskey, junior guard Rahim Harris, and sophomore guard Robin Kirksey.

Both teams' lack of height is a concern. However, Coach Massimino must compensate for the lack of tall players.

"I think we're going to be a quick basketball team," said the first-year UNLV coach at the Big West Media Day in Los Angeles last month. "We're going

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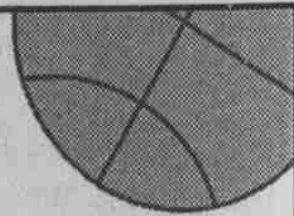
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