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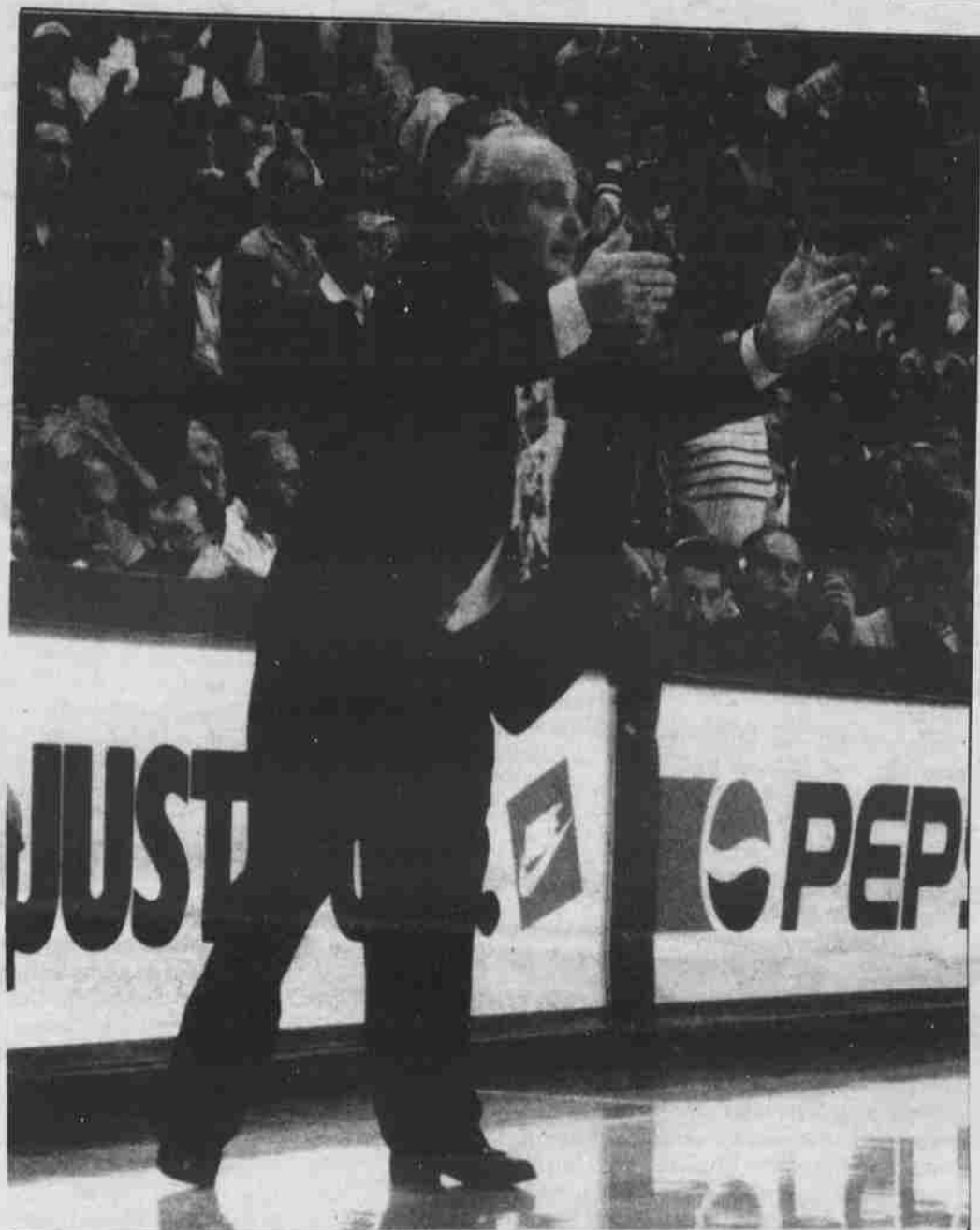


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## Rollie's Rebels

Rolie Massimino faces his arch-rival John Thompson Saturday as the Rebels look to extend their nation's longest home-court win streak to 57 games against Georgetown.

## Band's 'Godfather' theme draws fire

Athletic department officials may require editing of new basketball theme.

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With the departure of Jerry Tarkanian as head basketball coach, the UNLV Pep Band has ceased to play the theme from *Jaws* to a dramatic crescendo before tip-off of each home game and replaced it with the theme from *The Godfather*.

In a recent article, *Sports Illustrated* said UNLV "may have stepped over the line of good sense," by using of the *The Godfather* theme.

"I don't understand why they (S.I.)

think that is stepping over the line of good sense, it's movie music," said Tom Leslie, director of bands. "All we tried to do from the beginning of the year when we were told we weren't going to be using the *Jaws* or shark theme this year was try to come up with something that was Italian in honor of Rollie that also had sinister sounding chords and harmonies to it that would fill in the gap of music that led up to the

tip-off. We're not trying to suggest for one instant that the image of UNLV should be *The Godfather*."

Leslie said a committee met in the beginning of the year to discuss what music to play at the games and agreed upon *The Godfather*. The committee wanted to change the image of UNLV basketball because Tarkanian was gone, he said.

He also said an overwhelming amount of people have approached him and said they really like the new theme.

"We have had some concerns on this issue," said Keith Tribble, senior associate athletic director. "If it's something we need to address, we'll address it."

"Before the gamelast night (Texas A&M), we had a conversation with

Trib (Tribble)," Leslie said. "He said maybe if we were to extract some of the few measures that might be suggestive like the 'Halls of Death' (a section of the arrangement) and keep everything else that Tony (LaBounty, assistant director of bands) wrote, maybe that would be the answer, although nothing was decided."

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"It seems to me there are just so many more important things to do than worry about what the band plays at basketball games. For God's sake, it's just college kids playing movie music."

Tom Leslie,  
director of bands

## Economy, foreign policy Clinton's top challenges, poll says

In a 'Rebel Yell' poll, 44 percent tab the economy as President Clinton's most immediate challenge; 40 say foreign policy.

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UNLV students sent President Clinton a message loud and clear: You must do something about the economy and you must do it now!

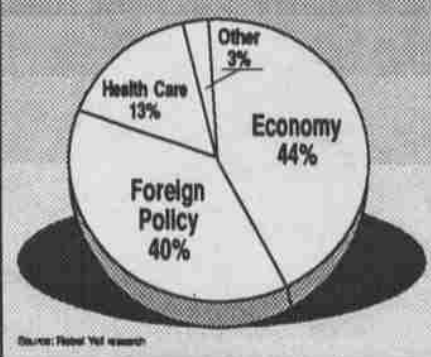
In an informal poll, conducted by *The Rebel Yell* on campus Tuesday, students said the economy is the most immediate challenge President Bill Clinton faces on his first day in the White House. This reaction by students comes despite increased tensions in the Persian Gulf as well as the ongoing plight in Somalia.

The economy is not a new concern for UNLV students. In fact, an on-campus poll conducted by *The Yell* at the beginning of last semester named the economy the most important issue of last year's presidential election. It should be no surprise then that students now want economic action out of Clinton.

*The Yell's* survey asked 231 people what they saw as "Bill Clinton's most immediate challenge," now that he is president. Four possible answers were given to those surveyed: foreign policy, the economy, health care and other.

### Clinton challenges

Students polled Tuesday picked the economy and foreign policy (102 and 94 votes, respectively) as the most pressing problems facing President Bill Clinton.



Nearly half the responses, 44 percent, chose the economy. Foreign policy was a close second, garnering 40 percent and health care rounded out the top three with a meager 13 percent of the total. The last 3 percent was split among six alternate student selections.

Vellanee Myers, a 20-year-old junior majoring in communication studies did not agree with the majority.

"Foreign policy is the most urgent crisis now. By taking care of the current foreign policy situation he (Clinton) will be free to take care of the other long term problems we face," said Myers.

This opinion echoes the feelings of many

## Clinton proposes new college loan program based on community service

A new plan outlined by President Clinton may ensure equal access to higher education, based not on need.

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Now that the presidential inauguration is over, students may wonder what the future has in store for their education.

President Bill Clinton and his administration have outlined a substantially different college loan program from what is currently in place.

According to the Clinton administration, the existing federal aid programs are inadequate, unfair, and help only a few needy students.

The administration criticized the Pell



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Grant program as lagging far behind the soaring growth in college costs, putting college out of reach for many, and forcing others to borrow heavily.

Clinton has proposed a plan to ensure equal access to higher education by imposing a National Service Trust Fund, which would not work on the basis of means testing, like existing loans and grants, but on the

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of the students who answered foreign policy on the survey. The consensus was Saddam and Somalia present a more "immediate challenge" than any other issue. Mark Wilson, a 21-year-old hotel major, also disagrees with the majority of

those polled. He thinks health care should be on the top of Clinton's priority list.

"The economy will take care of itself. Health care is a mess, it is out of control

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