

# Tark holds full-court press conference

by Rick Nielsen

Coach Jerry Tarkanian continued to claim foul on the administration at a press conference at Piero's Restaurant Monday. As the clock ticks down for what could be Tark's final performance as head coach tonight against Utah State, he still stressed his only motive in rescinding his resignation is to illuminate the truth.

Tarkanian regurgitated his feelings on Ann Mayo, former academic advisor, and Dennis Finfrock, former interim athletic director, laying much of the blame for generating negative press on their shoulders.

In a room packed with TV cameras from every local station and reporters from coast to coast, Tarkanian said, "We've heard a lot about academics versus athletics, and that is just a smoke screen, there is absolutely no truth to that. There has never been one time when we haven't supported anything the university has done in the area of academics."

Tarkanian said the basketball team itself has made great concessions in academics

through academic advisors, tutors and a graduation record that betters that of the general student body, including eight players from last year's team on the president's honor roll and two Rhodes Scholar candidates.

Tarkanian also said the Rebels have just concluded four and a half years of intense investigation by the NCAA, and it was not near the level of investigation undertaken by the university. He rehashed the list which included the cam-scram, student spies, and opened mail.

"And we don't even know if that's everything, but what we do know is that there is not one major infraction relating to me or any of my staff," Tarkanian said.

He did take total responsibility for the Lloyd Daniels affair, admitting he made a mistake.

The book *Shark Attack* was mentioned briefly. Tarkanian emphasized the entire book was gathered and written from extensive tape-recorded interviews, evidently to underscore its factuality.

"I think an independent

investigation is the only way to get the truth out," Tark said. "When I announced rescinding my resignation last Sunday that was the reason. The important issue is that everybody, in Southern Nevada particularly and anybody around the country who is interested, has the right to know what happened to Rebel Basketball."

"I love that university, I've spent 19 years of my life at that university, I've got four kids that have gone to that university. I've seen that university grow from an auditorium that holds 2,000 people to a packed arena playing on national TV. I have a deep, deep love for that university."

Lloyd Purcell, a contributor to the Independent Citizen-Alumni Association's study of UNLV academics, was in the audience to help defend his organization's work.

Armed with 200 pounds of university documents, Purcell refuted the televised allegations by Maxson that the report was inaccurate. He reassured the press that it was indeed a factual report, and that he did not do it alone. He also said his re-



photo by Rick Nielsen

Jerry Tarkanian talked to reporters yesterday afternoon.

search group had 240 different reports on 240 different universities, which are part of a 50-year-relativity study on academic review.

"I'd like to dispel the report that I have ever met you, (Tarkanian) and that this is just some flimsy report by some individual," Purcell said.

Tarkanian concluded the conference by saying, "The foundation of the university is morals, ethics, honesty and truth, and if you don't have those you really don't have a university. And that's what I want to get out in the open, I want every aspect of the UNLV basketball out in the open."

## Student Government business

# New council hopes to take stronger student pulse

by Karen Splawn

Student Government voted unanimously to establish a council which would give students an opportunity to voice their opinion about academic issues.

Named the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Education Policies Council the group will, according to a proposal, review and make recommendation reports to the Senate, the Executive Board and the Nevada Student Affairs (NSA) director concerning academic policies.

The council can also draft resolutions for senatorial approval, and will make monthly reports to the Executive Board and Senate.

One of the creators of the council, Senate President Pro Tempore Bud Benneman, said he and Senate President Mike Kennedy decided this would be an effective way to let students have a say in issues such as tuition increases.

Last month's proposed hourly credit fee hike, supported by some administrators and an ad-hoc student committee, was also a primary factor in the

council's creation, Benneman said.

"(Mike Kennedy and I) were talking informally one day, and said, 'Yeah, that would be a good idea,'" he said.

To find out just how students feel, Benneman said the council will conduct surveys, perhaps with the assistance of the Office of Student Information.

The council will consist of a chairperson, a vice chairperson, between three and seven voting members and the NSA director, who will not vote.

The senate voted to appoint

four members to the Elections Board, headed by Mike Bunin. They are Sen. Steven Amend (student development); Harry Fagel, a senior majoring in criminal justice who said he was "sick of the tom foolery in the elections"; Marie Howard, an engineering major and Cynthia Salinas, a sophomore who said, "I pride myself as being as objective as I possibly can."

In other business, the Senate:

- Approved spending \$3,500 for an Entertainment and Programming-sponsored reggae

- concert
- Allowed \$3,000 to be spent on an E and P comedy show
- Approved a bill stating contracts with external agencies must be submitted to the Senate secretary four working days prior to a meeting and that no contracts can be submitted to the Senate via an emergency motion

- Approved raising the stipend of Appropriations Board director Brian Cox from \$150 to \$200
- Approved a \$100 stipend for February, and a \$300 stipend for March and April, be paid to the Elections Board director.

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Student Government officials presented Rebel Head Coach Jerry Tarkanian with a plaque Monday honoring him for his final game. Pictured left to right: Heidi Smith, Andre Lagomarshino, Todd Weber, Jamie Nalder, Tarkanian, Roderick Colebrook and Kevin Briggs.