

# Maxson and Tarkanian should resign

by La Rae Bringhurst

The forces of UNLV President Robert Maxson and basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian, combined as they are in a struggle against each other, are both doing harm to the university they say they are concerned about and have only the best intentions toward.

If what has been reported in the papers is correct, Maxson has not wanted Tarkanian

to be the basketball coach since he became president of the university. Reports say he brings shame and strife to UNLV with the shortcuts, if not illegal actions, he has adopted to lure basketball players to UNLV.

Maxson himself is not in the clear if he caused the pictures of basketball players with sport's cheater Perry to be sent to the Las Vegas papers. This has not only hurt Tarkanian, but has blackened the name of

UNLV to a point where it cannot be repaired. If Maxson and Boone have the welfare of UNLV at heart, they certainly wouldn't leak the news that some say they have. The only conclusion a person can come to is that they don't care about the university, and they want to protect their jobs or their reputations at any cost. If Maxson had the welfare of the university in mind, why did he keep Boone on after Boone ordered the clandestine taping of the

conditioning class? This is not the action of a clear-headed leader.

However, if there had been no pictures of Rebel basketball players with convicted sports fixer Richard Perry, they could not have been leaked to the press. If all the other infractions of the basketball program had not occurred, they could not have been reported on. Tarkanian, as the coach, has to take responsibility for the

things that have happened. If he did not know of them, then he was not guiding a tight enough program to stop such actions. If he did know of them, there is no excuse for him.

Even though both Maxson and Tarkanian have done much for the university, each in his own way, the damage they are doing to it now dictates that they both resign and allow the university a new start under other leaders.

By Ray Collins

## Boulder Dan & Dipstik Duck



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

As a graduating senior here at UNLV, I can't take it anymore. I finally have to make a statement about this idiotic "Tarkanian vs. Maxson" story that will only cheapen the degree that I've worked four years to earn.

I came to UNLV because it is one of the best places in the country to study hotel administration. Although I was not an avid basketball fan, I quickly became one upon entry to UNLV. As the Tark's final game (?) comes closer though, I am beginning to wonder if I even want to go.

Since Tarkanian has been at UNLV, he has made our basketball team one of the best in the world, increased the school's publicity, and raised innumerable funds for the school. These facts are indisputable.

They are not worth a sacrifice of integrity though. The fact of the matter is that for the last few years the publicity that Tark has created is all negative which reflects badly on the school and its graduates. I will not accept the accusations that President Maxson "leaked" anything that would reflect badly on UNLV. Even those who dislike President Maxson would agree that he is too smart to attempt to disgrace the very university he has worked so hard to promote.

I find it very hard to believe that it is necessary to note the incredible number of good things that President Maxson has done for this university. He has made UNLV what it is today. He has promoted the school on both the academic and athletic level.

Although there are those who would take issue with me, an important point is at hand: As the battle rages on, the students at UNLV are the losers. When I graduate in May,

my interviewers will be thinking of the corruption at UNLV instead of the fact it is one of the finest hotel schools in the country.

Brian D. Petro, Senior Hotel Administration

Dear editor,

This brief note is in reference to the official opinion of *The Yell* as stated in the Feb. 25 issue.

I agree, CSUN and its officials have a few hurdles to overcome before they are an effective and respected part of this campus. I believe, based on the evidence presented in this paper, that Mike Quick has stolen from the students of UNLV and deserves to be tortured to death slowly (after he pays back the money).

What I don't believe is that Mike Quick's drinking habits are either newsworthy or necessary. By simply reading the facts about Quick's deception, he has destroyed his own reputation and credibility. He does not need your muckraking to help him with this feat.

In short, the people of this university do not need to know about Mike Quick's drinking habits to determine that he is a flake.

Another thing: I believe you folks at *The Rebel Yell* have done yourselves an injustice. The article in reference outlines an ongoing feud between *The Yell* and the Mike Quick, Scott Fisher and the CSUN team. This same article seems to be a vengeful attack and a malicious threat against your "enemy."

The last two paragraphs of the piece invite Quick and Fisher to visit the office any time they wish to contribute more "newsworthy information." Although worded to appear as an invitation, it can easily be construed as a

threat to these men, daring them to confront the paper and promote more muckraking. (Do notice that I never use the word libel.) Invitations such as this do not speak well for the trustworthiness, credibility, or approachability of this paper.

I remember a blurb a few weeks back about how one of your reporters was threatened by the infamous Mr. Quick. It's sad to see that this paper would drop to the level of a thieving liar like Mike Quick.

Robert J. Williams Junior, English

Editors note: The invitation is sincere and Sen. Fisher has already made use of it.

Dear editor,

In response to the Feb 27 article concerning the proposition by James Deacon to dismantle our basketball program, I have a few points that some students may find interesting.

First of all, when Deacon told *The Rebel Yell* he "had not been contacted by either the administration or athletic department," he presented the idea that all of the students who saw him and Maxson meet in the student union for an extended period of time on Feb. 24, are so naive that they can't put two and two together and won't come forward.

Perhaps it was just a coincidence. Maybe he and Maxson were discussing why, in over 30 years at the university, neither Deacon nor his department has ever brought the school the international notoriety that the Rebels have.

I took Deacon's environmental science class last semester. When I expressed my disgust over the video taping episode he expressed his support of this act and animosity toward the team in a clear and direct manner.

When Deacon states the success enjoyed by the Rebels reflects a "bizarre perception of reality," what immediately comes to my mind is his lectures on how Christianity, its thoughts and principles, are responsible for the world's environmental problems. I always considered this perception a bit bizarre.

I'm not a betting guy, but I'm laying 5-1 favoring that this irresponsible suggestion will be passed by the Faculty Senate. The odds then go to 10-1 that Maxson will deny the resolution. Yes, that's right. He will give us that rhetoric we have all grown to know and love, and make himself out to be the hero that stood up for our basketball team against this dastardly deed. A Disney ending to another battle in this endless fiasco. How stupid do you think we are?

Anthony Didonna Elementary Education

Dear editor,

The plan to raise tuition fees by \$7 per credit will cause more harm than good. It is sensible to have the mandatory \$20 health fee voted into effect. It will benefit the students who want the very medical essentials of campus life, i.e. the various medical services offered at the Student Health Center beginning Fall '92.

It is also acceptable and sensible to mandate the students to comply with the new system of Student ID cards by making them pay \$5 for a new edition.

However, this proposed \$7 credit fee should be postponed until January 1, 1993. There should be other alternatives to cope with the state university budget. By saying yes to all three imposed fee increases, this will discourage enrollment. I would like to start a petition against the \$7 credit fee increase, or I plan to start an election campaign to vote "NO" to the semester credit fee