

Students say free football parking not enough to increase attendance

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Owing to an agreement reached between Student Body President Joel Kostman and Athletic Director Jim Weaver, students will now be able to park at Rebel football games free of charge with a valid parking sticker.

Based on 1992 statistics, the savings to students is an estimated \$20,000 per year.

In addition, an area has been set aside for Student Government to host tailgate parties. Kostman said other plans are being proposed, also aimed at increasing student home-game attendance.

Kostman stated there were two main objectives behind the initiative:

"No. 1, I wanted students to be free of the tax. That \$3 fee was one more tax the students had to pay.

"No. 2, I thought we could draw more students out there without charging \$3 a carload."

The move was certain to please students who attend games regularly, but is it enough to attract the casual fan who otherwise might not go?

Though students' reactions were mixed, most interviewed agreed the initiative was a good start but that it would take something extra to attract more students.

Marc Baruch, a senior, said free parking would mostly please those who already attend games, but doubted its impact on a student who is otherwise unenthusiastic about attending.

"The people who go normally go," Baruch said, "they're going to be happy, but as far as drawing more people out there (Sam Boyd Silver Bowl), I don't think it will make a difference."

Several students suggested alternative routes for attracting the student body to games. Tailgate parties, shuttle services, entertainment and theme days (like at baseball parks) were all proposed as a means of making games more attractive to casual fans or those who don't follow the sport.

"The casual fan would rather stay home and watch a game on television than having to drive all the way to the Silver Bowl and fight traffic," said Cody Cox, a freshman. "If there were a shuttle to take students to the game, that would better help at-

tendance." A member of the Greek community on campus also had ideas on increasing student involvement. Gal Eilat of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity said he was uncertain whether or not free parking would fill seats but believes pre-game activities could.

"I hope (free parking) works, they've got to try something," Eilat said. "I think traffic will be worse though. We (Eilat's fraternity) would usually go two or three to a car (to save money).

Eilat said a larger area of the parking lot should be designated for students wishing to hold tailgate parties.

"You only have that little fenced-in area," he said. "Bring in the radio stations or maybe some different live bands."

But of those surveyed, there was one sure-fire crowd-pleaser that nearly everyone agreed would work.

"People want to see a winning team," said Sam Smith, a junior. "If they had a winning record and maybe went to some sort of bowl, then maybe people would go see them."

Kappa Epsilon in the shootout of the IFC title game, 2-1. KS won 2-of-3 tournament games against TKE. In their first matchup, Kappa Sigma won via shootout, 3-2. Teke salvaged the second game, 3-0, forcing a third meeting between the rival fraternities in the double elimination tournament.

In the Women's Division, the Untouchables (3-0) defeated the Island Girls, 7-4, in the title contest to secure its second outdoor soccer championship in as many years.

Kerri Gilligan, Maria Conca and Ronna Nitzkin each scored multiple goals for the champion Untouchables, who outscored their three opponents handily, 22-5.

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—Hack N Meg coach David Flores.

Kappa Sig tied the contest on Levy's goal midway through the second half.

To reach the Championship tilt, undefeated Hack N Meg beat Tark's Buds, 2-1, for the Independent Championship. H-N-M outscored its five opponents, 16-3.

Kappa Sig's route to the Men's Overall Championship game wasn't as smooth. The Kappa Sigs narrowly defeated Tau

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sudden death shootout.

H-N-M's Mike Croake kicked the game-winner in the fifth shot of the shootout to win the intense championship final.

"We didn't think the frats were going to be as good as they were," Hack N Meg goalie/coach David Flores admitted.

Kappa Sig did not display mutual respect for the champions after the championship game.

"We played like we thought we should play in this tournament, but we came into it thinking (Hack N Meg) was better than that," Kappa Sigma player-coach Levy said. "They weren't. They were overrated."

Hack N Meg, which attempted 12 shots-at-goal compared to KS's four, inaugurated the scoring in the first half on a Eric Dornak goal.

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Dircks finishes 26th at NCAA's

Senior Colin Dircks finished his swimming career this weekend in Indianapolis at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

With a time of 56.48, Dircks finished 26th in the 100-yard breaststroke on Friday. He also competed in the 200-yard breaststroke and finished with a time of 2:03. This was the third year Dircks has competed in the national meet.

Dircks was the 1991-1993 captain of the UNLV Men's Swimming and Diving Team which placed second at the Big West Championships. He is also the 1993 Big West Champion in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Lady Rebs close NIT with victory

After dropping their first two games in the National Women's Invitational Tournament, the Lady Rebels closed the 1993 season with a win over George Washington, 71-70. UNLV ends the year with a 24-7 record.

Senior Teresa Jackson, who led UNLV in scoring in all three NIT games, ended her collegiate career with a 27-point, seven-rebound effort against GWU. Cherie Hogg was the second leading scorer, dropping in 20 points. Juniors Trudie Hopgood and Vivian Johnson were the leading rebounders, pulling down eight apiece.

In their tournament opener, the Lady Rebels lost to Southern Methodist 76-74. Jackson had the best performance of her career— 38 points, eight boards.

In the second round, UNLV fell to Butler 74-71. Jackson scored 22 points.

Hustlin' Rebels win two in Colorado

At the Colorado West Coors Classic, UNLV baseball tallied two victories before getting rained out. UNLV beat

Cal Poly Pomona 5-3 on Friday followed by Northern Colorado 7-0.

Dennis DeMartini (1-0) chalked up his first victory of the season against Pomona.

Kirk Kline (1-1) picked up the win against Northern Colorado, allowing only two hits.

Gray to compete in dunk competition

Former Runnin' Rebel star Evric Gray will be one of eight college basketball players competing in the slam dunk contest as part of the Fifth Annual College Basketball Slam Dunk and Three-point Shooting Championships April 4.

The competition will be held in New Orleans at Tulane University's Fogelman Arena.

All participants must have completed their college eligibility to be able to compete.

A panel of on-site celebrity judges will narrow the eight dunkers down to two finalists. Viewers will then choose the winner based on a phone-in poll.

Dick Vitale and Brad Nessler will co-host the event on ESPN which will air live from 9:30-11 p.m. EST.

Judokas place in local competition

Three members of the UNLV Judo Club competed in the Las Vegas Judo Tournament this weekend with all three placing, head coach Bob Cornely said.

Darrel Matsuyama placed first in the brown belt division while George Rodriguez took second. Rod Barnhill placed second in the white belt division.

More than 100 competitors representing Nevada, Arizona, and Southern California were present at the meet, Cornely said.

The Rebel Judokas will participate in the Nevada State Championships Saturday at Garside Junior High School.

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