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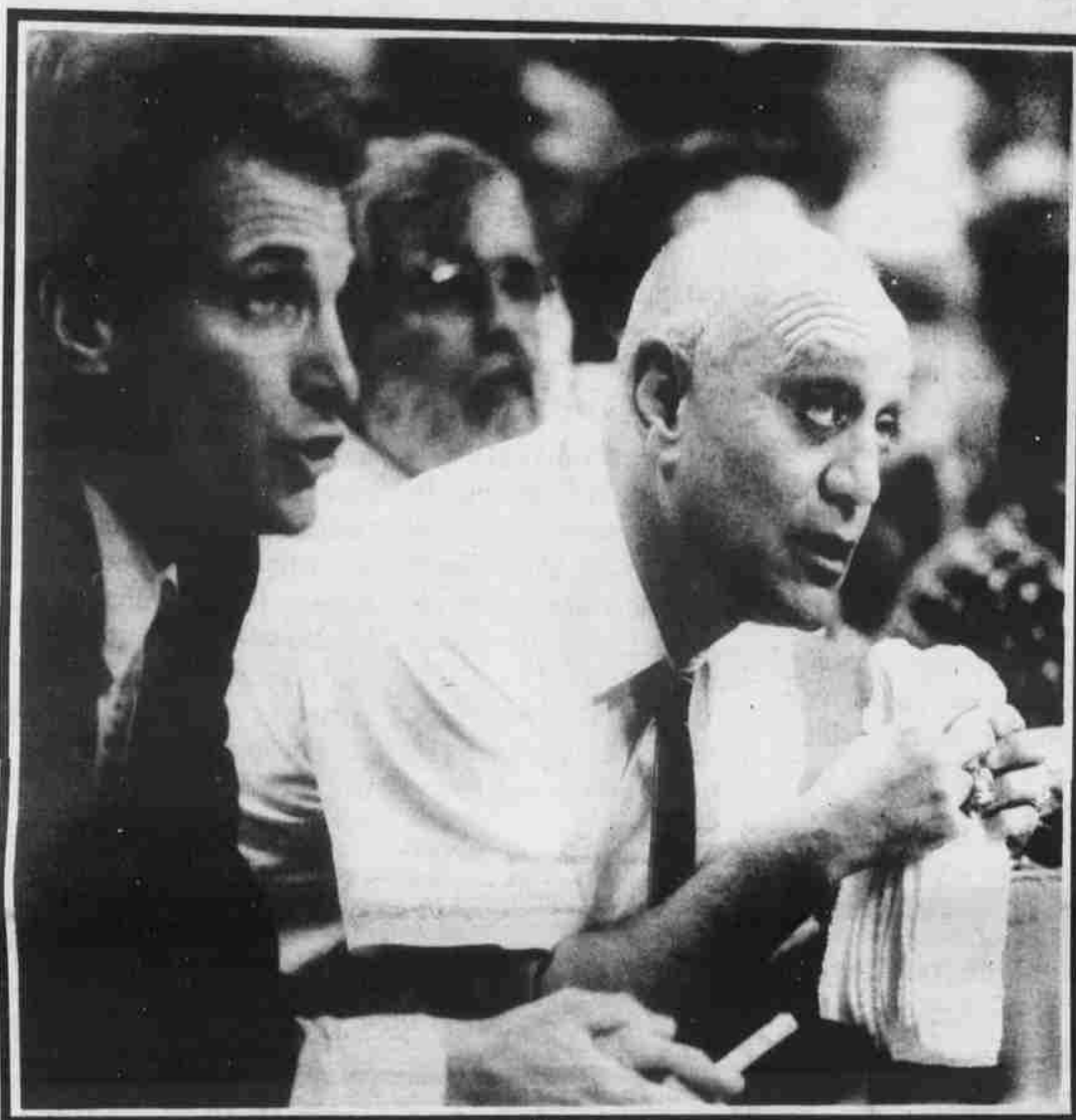
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## University under 'Shark Attack'



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UNLV is under a Shark attack - again.

The suit that former Runnin' Rebel coach Jerry Tarkanian filed against university officials was not all that surprising, Athletic Director Jim Weaver said.

"We're never looking for negative publicity," he said. "But I figured that if Coach Tarkanian were going to file a suit, he would do it in conjunction with the NCAA case."

As the university prepared to go before the NCAA Infractions Committee and lump the alleged violations incurred under the Tarkanian rule along with the ones accused of happening last year under Rollie Massimino, Tarkanian decided he would not let UNLV speak for him and his program. So he filed suit.

"As an institution, we want

to put the NCAA case behind us," Weaver said. "We're not dealing with the individuals involved."

"I don't know what's going to happen. But it's something that can go on for a long time. And that's something neither the institution or the community needs."

The recent revelations bring more controversy to an oft-troubled program, said UNLV Director of Media Services Dick Fishback.

"I'm just sorry that the whole situation keeps coming up," said Fishback, whose hiring was seen as a way to clean up UNLV's negative image. "The people I'm worried about are the kids involved now. It's too bad that the kids have to be involved."

UNLV President Robert Maxson, legal counsel Brad Booke, and former Athletic Director Dennis Finfrock are named as defendants in the

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Former head basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian filed a lawsuit against the university Friday.

## International health services receives poor diagnosis

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A compulsory requirement for all international students at UNLV is that they have health insurance coverage. Following increased claims in 1992, the mandatory Blue Cross Blue Shield coverage prescribed by International Student Services is becoming more and more expensive.

International students have no choice but to pay these extra expenses.

Student Health Service representative Patty Azila-Porter confirmed that the cost of this insurance has increased from \$192 to \$234 for the 1993 fall semester. She explained this was due to "a bad claims experience" earlier this year.

No such explanations were given to internationals, however.

They remained unaware of these changes until they registered for the fall semester and found their overall fee to be suspiciously high.

The Blue Cross Blue Shield has done little to justify this increase. Rather than improve upon itself this semester there has been a 100 percent raise in the deductible from \$100 to \$200, and as with many insurance policies, students are required to pay 20 percent of the overall medical cost.

Other clauses in the student policy exclude "any services classified by the policy as experimental, preventative, or unnecessary" such as unexpected pregnancy or the treatment of substance abuse. Services for injuries or diseases related to your job in any way are also excluded, even for internationals who are compelled to work on the univer-

sity campus.

When asked if the policy had improved in any way to accommodate for this 25 percent raise, Lori Winchell, director of Student Health Services warned of drastic future increases.

Winchell said, "federal law may soon require international students to enter the country with a minimum of \$50,000 (insurance)."

This implies that Federal Law does not even recognize Blue Cross Blue Shield as sufficient coverage, since this policy will only allow medical expenses of up to \$25,000.

Is such an amount (\$25,000) adequate to cover the cost of a serious operation? Also, the policy will only cover students for up to 30 days convalescence in hospital, provided you haven't used up the set allowance first.

Other exclusions in the student policy are dental treatment and x-

rays. Any mental health problem that may occur is not covered either. The only counseling available to students, especially internationals, new to America is available at the Medical Health Center, for a cost of \$10.

The medical center is a center point of inefficiency. Student walk-ins can wait as much as one and a half hours before seeing a nurse.

Patients are also advised to make arrangements to see a doctor well in advance. The next available appointment on Monday Sept. 13 was Wednesday Sept. 22.

Upon getting this appointment students are then required to pay \$20 before seeing a doctor or nurse. This constitutes the fee for the use of the health center for the fall semester. International students however had already

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