

# McGowan Nominated for Scholarship

The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and the Walt Disney Co. have announced that UNLV's Howard McGowan heads the list of twenty football finalists for the Annual NACDA/Disney Scholar-Athlete Award.



Howard McGowan

first-team Academic all-Big West, received the UNLV Big West Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award.

The NACDA's Blue Ribbon Committee will review the finalists and select 10 winners who will each receive a \$5,000 grant to be used towards postgraduate studies, a total of \$50,000 in scholarships, funded by Disney.

McGowan's 3.88 grade point average allowed him to be chosen from 58 nominees, all football players. Ten of the finalists are from Division I-A institutions, while 10 are from non-Divisional I-A institutions. Fifteen additional finalists, representing sports other than football, will be chosen in April.

McGowan, a four-year letterwinner, played guard and is seeking a BS in biology. He is also a two-time first-team all Big West selection, received an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Award, was two-time

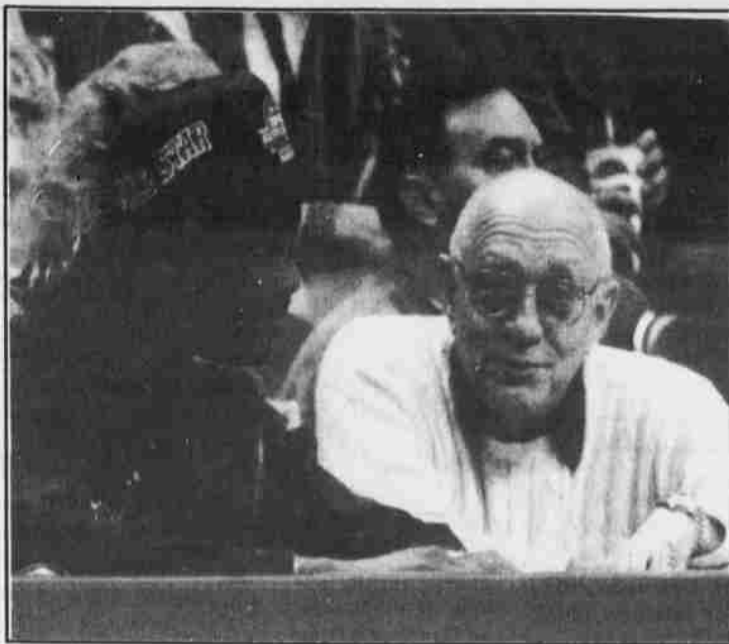
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The winners will receive their awards at NACDA's Annual Convention, June 18-21, in Las Vegas.

The spring game this Saturday concludes the Throw-in' Rebels football practice schedule. The game, which features a matchup with the offense and defense, is open to the public and free at Rebel Park.

Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

—Kevin C. Lewis



Sidney Green and Jerry Tarkanian chat at a recent Rebel game.

## Corner

continued from 11 was at it again on national television this week. RUN "Cle" MC showed on ESPN Monday that he can sport more gold with his chains than Larry Johnson and Patrick Savoy have in their mouths.

Sporting the gold rather than the more conventional neck tie may prove to backfire for the "Fashion Plate." Some would

even say that Cle's fashion faux pas is an embarrassment to the university. Maybe next time he'll don a big clock around his neck, ala Public Enemy's Flava Flav.

Rumors have been flying that former Runnin' Rebel basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian will run for public office—perhaps even mayor.

"I'm thinking very strongly about running for mayor," Tarkanian said. "But I haven't real-

ly declared yet. I still have some time."

And though Tark has been keeping himself busy with his weekly radio talk show as well as various speaking engagements and clinics, he said he is ready for it.

"Obviously if I ran for mayor," Tark said, "or if I was elected mayor, I wouldn't be doing all those things. I'd have to adjust my schedule."

And though he was brief (just like a politician) when asked his political agenda, he was anything but that when asked about the current state of affairs at the Thomas & Mack Center.

"There's been a lot of distractions," he said. "I just think a combination of those things have just built up. It's just unfortunate."

Many former Runnin' Rebels have expressed more than a slight interest in helping out the program in an assistant coaching capacity—among them, Reggie Theus, Glen Gondrezick and, as *The Rebel Yell* reported two weeks ago, Sidney Green.

Green hinted that his number being retired under Rolie Massimino and Robert Maxson may have alienated Tarkanian and hurt his chances at landing the position.

"If Sidney wanted to be an assistant coach and wanted to do what it took," Tarkanian said, "he'd be tremendous, absolutely tremendous. But being an assistant coach is different than what a lot of people think. It's not sitting on the bench with a suit and tie and coaching the team during the game. It's what you do the other days - getting the kids up for class, go meet with their instructors and find out what they need to do. There's just so many aspects about being an assistant coach ... if they're willing to do that, I think Sidney would be a great choice."

Two years ago, junior guard Damian Smith was languishing on the bench next to such luminaries as Clint Clausen, Jason Brooks and Sean Loughran. Now Smith's practically carrying UNLV, albeit without the wins. But it shows how hard work and patience can pay off.

The call here is for Tim Grgurich to return to the Rebel sideline for the Big West Tournament, the Rebels' lone hope for NCAA action, quelling rumors that he will bail on the program.

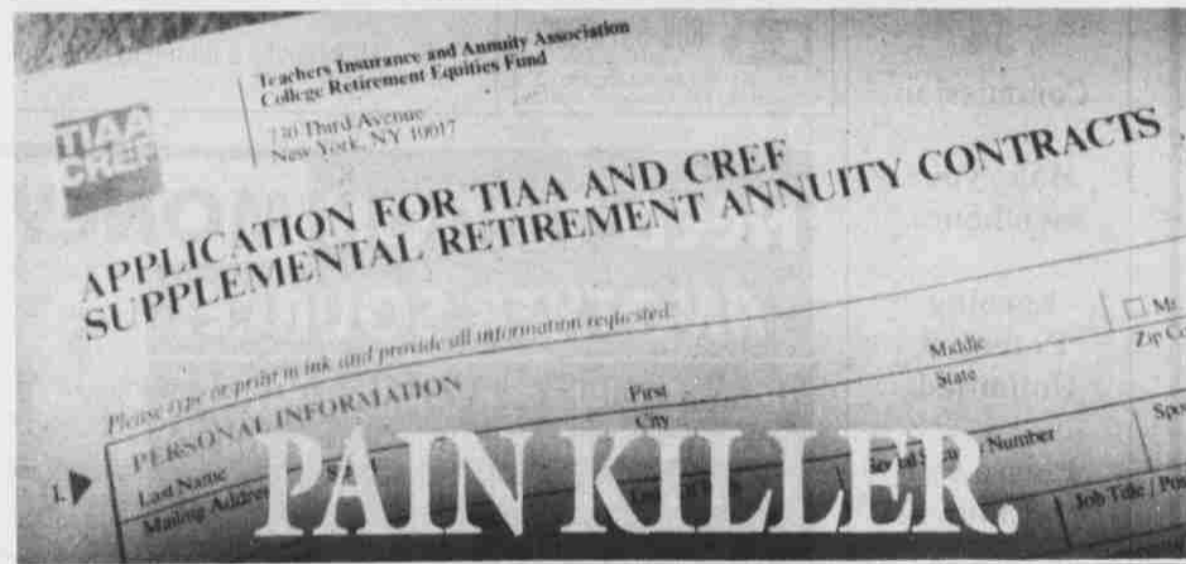
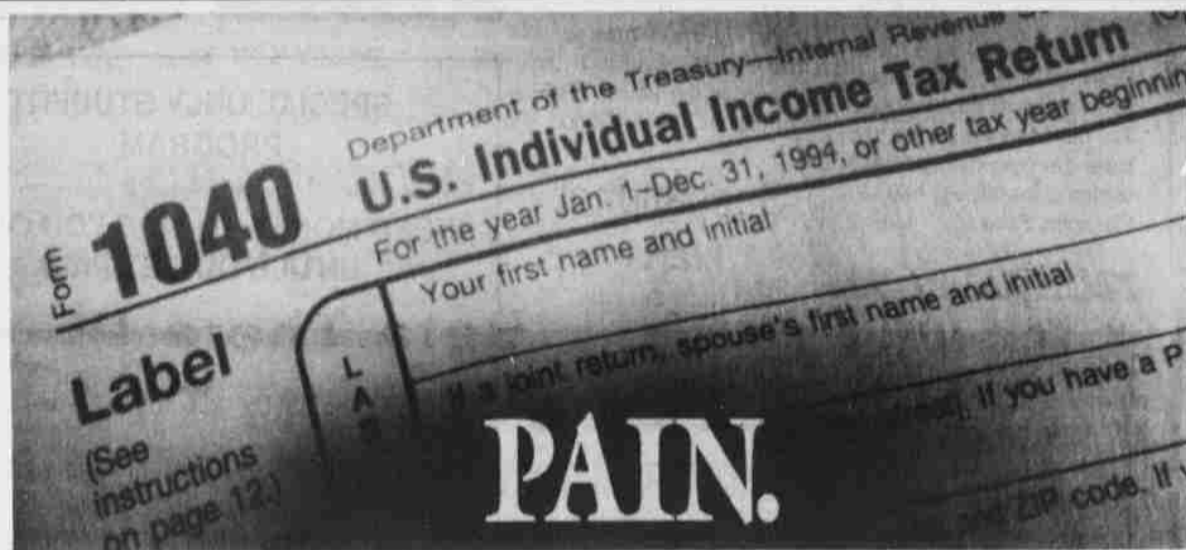
Sunday's loss at the South Gym had to be one of the most frustrating this year for the Lady Rebel basketball team. The Lady Rebels had hoped to send seniors Gwynn Hobbs, Celeste Robinson, Tracy Titus and Gypsy Williams out with a win in their final home game. UNLV was close, but a late turnover cost the Lady Rebels a chance to win the game.

Several players were teary-eyed. But the Lady Rebels still have a chance to defend their Big West Tourney title when the competition begins next week.

And last but not least, don't blame Jermaine "Sunshine" Smith for UNLV's loss at Pacific Monday. Sure, he should have attempted a 3-pointer instead of driving the lane for a deuce, but the Rebels blew many opportunities early on. Sunshine didn't lose the game for the Rebels, he simply didn't tie it up.

—Paul Gutierrez is the Sports Editor at *The Rebel Yell*.

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