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Jermaine Webster and Quincy Sanders received suspensions for their roles in the brawls in Saturday's UNLV vs. UNR game in Reno.



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For those who couldn't attend the Halloween weekend concert line-up, Staff Writer Danny Kim and Photographer Hyun-Ho Han have it covered. See "A tale of two concerts," in A&E, pg. 9

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UNLV student's family hopeful

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"She's a fighter," said Lucille Mosca in the waiting room at the University Medical Center Monday morning.

Lucille Mosca was speaking of her youngest daughter, Lorraine Mosca, a senior mechanical engineering student at UNLV. The 23-year-old was critically injured in the Oct. 7 robbery of the Wherehouse Entertainment store where she worked, when she was pushed to the ground by 18-year-old Andre Colon of North Las Vegas.

Mosca's head hit the pavement, leaving her in a coma for nearly a month. Although she remains in serious condition, UMC's nursing supervisor said Tuesday Mosca is improving.

"She's not completely out of the coma," said Lorraine's older sister, Denise Mosca. "She's responding, though."

"She has a tube in her throat, so she can't talk, and her hand is strapped down so she won't try to pull the tube



Lorraine Mosca

out of her throat," Denise continued, "but she'll make it."

"She's pulled out of major fights in her life before," said Lucille Mosca, referring to the fact that Lorraine Mosca was born with a fractured skull.

"She was given less than 12 hours to survive initially (after the robbery), and now her signs are improving."

A resident of Vegas for 11 years, Lorraine Mosca graduated from Clark High School in 1990. Now a senior at UNLV and a three-year Where-

house employee, Lucille Mosca has no doubt her daughter will graduate.

"Lorraine's very smart," she said. "She takes school very seriously and has always been a hard worker."

According to Lorraine's family, she is an avid concert-goer who loves music. As of this week, her doctor has allowed Lorraine to listen to her favorite music, hard rock, in the privacy of her room. "I know she understands," said Denise Mosca, "because they (the nurses) offered her country music and she made a disgusted face."

"She knows we're there," the sister continued, "because she moved her hand to touch my face. She's aggravated, though, because she can't talk still."

Lucille Mosca described her daughter as a young woman who hates injustice. "They (the criminals) have more rights than the victims do," she said. "That's just not right."

"I think Lorraine was meant to come through this and be an advocate for people who work very hard for what they have, and to stand up to people who do these kinds of things," she continued.

The Mosca family is hoping for maximum sentences for those convicted of the Wherehouse robbery. "We want them all to be tried as adults," Lucille Mosca said of the seven in custody. "Even if they get 15 years, it's not enough."

"We're angry and we want justice ... real justice. We don't want just a slap on the hand."

Senior Engineering student Michelle Slichko has organized potential members of the engineering honor society, Tau Beta Pi, in a letter-writing campaign to Nevada District Attorney Stewart Bell.

Students, faculty and community members are encouraged to write to Bell at 200 S. Third St., seventh floor, Las Vegas, 89155. Slichko's campaign will request Bell seek harsher penal-

ties for violent criminals.

"It should be an eye for an eye," said Denise Mosca. "They've (the Wherehouse robbers) taken time away from her life. She (Lorraine) has to start all over again because of these people."

Despite the difficulties faced by the Mosca family since the incident, they've been quick to acknowledge the many students, faculty members and university officials who have shown their support in Lorraine's time of need.

"We never knew Lorraine had so many friends," Lucille Mosca said.

UNLV's Vice President for Student Services Robert Ackerman has visited numerous times with the family. "My purpose of going down there (to UMC) was to be supportive of the family."

"We want to let them know that we're thinking of them and that our prayers are with them," Ackerman continued. "When the time comes to make decisions about Lorraine's schooling, I'll work with them in any way I can. They don't need to worry about that now," Ackerman said.

"You're never aware of this (violence) until it hits home," Lucille Mosca said. "It's going to be a long struggle, but she'll make it."

Game Coverage

In-state rivalry turns into intense emotional feud

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The "Battle for Nevada" was fought before, during and after the record attendance game Saturday in Reno.

A state record crowd of 33,391 watched Rebel and Reno Wolf Pack players engage in a huge post-game brawl at Mackay Stadium after UNLV was defeated by the University of Nevada, Reno 55-32.

The incident erupted immediately after the game when UNLV's Quincy Sanders threw his helmet at Reno head coach Chris Ault as both teams walked to greet each other.

Ault said Sunday in the *Reno Gazette-Journal*, "All that had nothing to do with football." Reports have also surfaced that UNR president Joe Crowley discussed the matter with UNLV pres-

Rebels lose more than game

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RENO—The Rebels played their best game of the season Saturday in front of a Mackay Stadium record crowd of 33,391 in a 55-32 loss to state rival UNR Wolf Pack.

The game, which saw UNLV come as close as a field goal late, intensified the rivalry for years to come. A series of brawls erupted before and after the game.

During pre-game warm up drills, players from both teams clashed on the UNR side of the field and UNLV linebacker Rossie Johnson was the first to throw punches. The incident resulted in a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against the Rebels.

ident Carol Harter.

The brawl was the climax of an emotionally charged day. During the game, several UNLV fans had been harassed

or assaulted by their northern counterparts. In addition, there have also been reports of bottles thrown by Wolf Pack fans at UNLV coaching staff

and players.

The fans seemed to have expressed most of their contempt towards UNLV head coach Jeff Horton, who had

requested additional security prior to the game. Donned with tee-shirts stating "Friends don't let friends go to UNLV" and signs reading "Better dead than red," Reno fans continuously taunted Horton throughout the game.

Fans also taunted the UNLV kicker as he warmed up before the game. As he scored practice field goals, Reno fans retrieved the ball and threw it outside the stadium towards the parking lot.

Outside the stadium, the mood wasn't much more cordial. As one walked through the maze of parked cars, one could witness UNLV tailgaters return verbal assaults by Reno fans.

According to UNR police, there were six arrests and more than 20 ejections from the game.

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