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Pauline Jordan honored at first game

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Former Lady Rebel standout Pauline Jordan's jersey was retired in a half time ceremony during the Lady Rebel's 90-58 loss to the Perth, Australia Breakers at the Thomas & Mack Center on Thursday.

Jordan was humble during the ceremony and gave a lot of

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the credit of her success to her teammates.

"This is a team sport, and I couldn't do it alone," she said. "Unfortunately, this is a single award and not a team award.'

Jordan set six records at UNLV. She set the marks for most rebounds in a game with 27 against Northern Illinois. most blocks in a game with 11, most blocked shots in a season

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with 105, most games played in a season with 34, most rebounds in a career with 1,094 and most blocks in a career with 286.

She also set several NCAA and Big West Conference records.

She led her team to a fifth place national ranking during the 1989-90 season and three NCAA Tournament appearances. She was named a Naismith All-American in 1990. The award is given to the top five players in the nation.

Jordan is currently a member of the professional team from Moscow and led her team in scoring last season with 20 points per game. She has the highest free throw percentage in the league shooting 93 percent from the charity stripe.

She becomes only the second Lady Rebel to ever have her jersey retired, joining Misty Thomas.

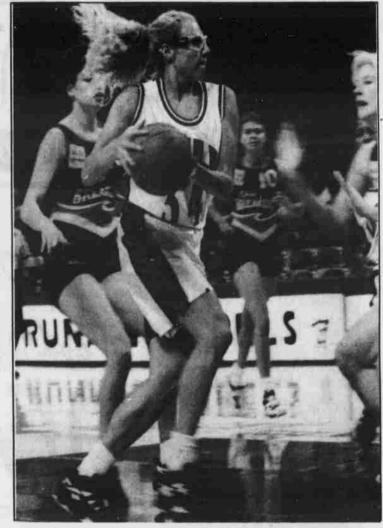


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No. 34 LeAnn Kazmer looks to pass the ball in Thursday's exhibition game against Perth, Australia

Lady Rebel a two-sport star

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The Lady Rebels' version of Dieon Sanders comes in the form of two-sport star LeAnn Kazmer. Kazmer is a senior forward for the basketball team and one of the team leaders. She is also a UNLV track star who won the Big West Conference high jump championship last spring with a 5'5" jump.

"I like the competitiveness of athletics," Kazmer said. "I like the show of it. There are a lot of rewards involved in being a Lady Rebel and a member of the track team."

Kazmer, who hails from Hartland, Wisc., chose UNLV because it offered her a chance to be involved in both sports. She first became involved in track in the third grade and four years later she became a member of her first basketball team. At Arrowhead High School in Hartland, Wisc., Kazmer led her team to the state title her senior year. She led her team and conference in field goal percentage that year. In junior college at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, Calif., she averaged 19.7 points and 10.6 rebounds her last year. She was named the school's female "Athlete of the Year" and was the team's cocaptain. She was named Orange Empire Conference Player of the Year and was an All-State selection. Kazmer averaged 11.2 points and 5.7 rebounds per game last season and scored 19 points in three different games. Her field goal percentage was .570.

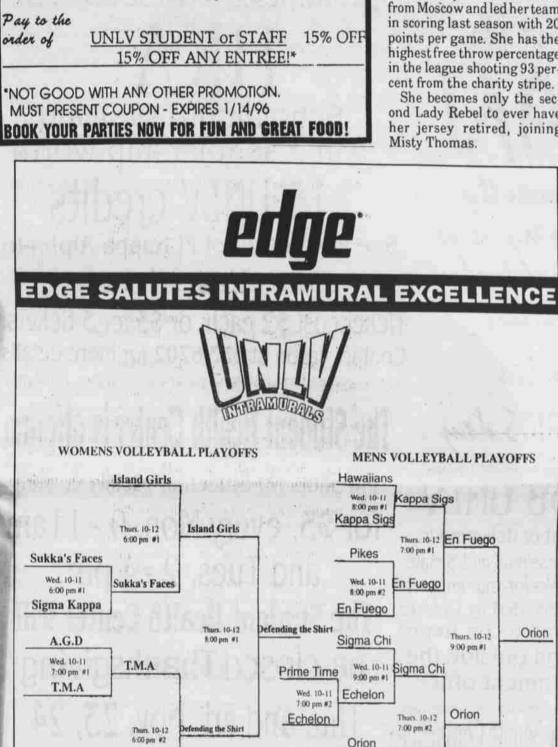
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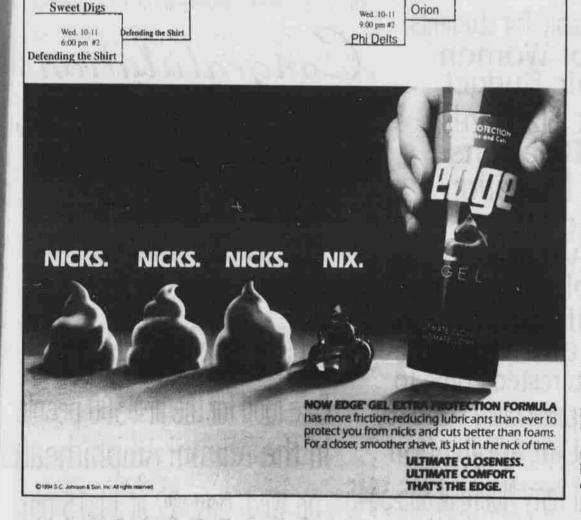
'It might be difficult getting off to a strong start with all of the injuries and the fact that we are so young," she said. "Our whole team is just trying to learn everything and right now it is difficult."

With a whole new team that has to learn to work together, Kazmer hopes to be the glue that bonds the team together.

"I hope I am someone who the younger players will look to for inspiration," she said. "I want my actions to show that I work hard. Our whole team has a good relationship. Because we get along really well, I think that can carry us further.'

Although happy with her chance to be involved in women's athletics, Kazmer seems somewhat resentful towards





This season Kazmer hopes to improve her marks and hopes the team can overcome early-season injuries to be a the favoritism shown to the men's programs.

"During our game at the Thomas & Mack there is a board that keeps track of players points and fouls. I looked up to see how many fouls I had and it wasn't even turned on for us," she said. "The men's gym is the North Gym and it is just their practice gym. Everything is new. Our gym is where we play 90 percent of our games and we don't have a floor that is even close to theirs. We have only two glass back-boards while they have six." Kazmer has a dual major in

communications and elementary education and is considering pursuing a master' degree in education after graduation. If she is offered a good job in Las Vegas, she may con-

sider staying here. "Being a Lady Rebel will definitely help (after graduation). A lot of times (employers) are looking for people they know can work on a team." she said. "It shows leadership."