Regents vote to loan athletics \$500,000

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The Board of Regents approved a \$500,000 loan Friday, to the UNLV Athletic Department to balance the \$9.9 million budget.

After deliberating for twohours on the different aspects of the budget, the Regents finally settled on a plan to make cuts in the athletic programs as well as give the loan. In all, the athletic department will receive \$800,000 to balance the budget. The regents did not have any problem with voting for the \$500,000 loan.

The cuts will come from the 14 varsity sports individual budgets and was solely based on the availability of funds each program has.

"It was not an equal opportunity decision," UNLV athletic director, Charles Cavagnaro said. "It was based on the availability of funds to deal with."

The budget problem has been viewed by many as a good test for three of UNLV's newest administrators. Cavagnaro, UNLV President Carol Harter and UNLV vice president for finance, Norval Pohl are all new additions to UNLV.

There was concern, however, when Cavagnaro detailed a plan that would take monies from the donation funds for certain sports and use that to supplement the athletic budget. The plan was to take \$85,000 from the donations and unclaimed scholarship money, as well as a .5 percent across-the-board spending cut and freezing all part-time

Cavagnaro believes that the budget crisis should be aleviated soon with the way the Runnin' Rebels have been playing, which adds pressure to first-year coach Bill Bayno. The Rebels are 1-1 on the year, with a blowout home win against Cal State Nortridge

and then struggling against Loyola Marymount.

Pohlalso explained at the meeting that the department will not need the money until midway through the spring semester.

After the first motion to approve the loan, Regent Carolyn Sparks added that the remaining \$300,000 should be adressed at a later date. Remarks made by UNR President Joe Crowley swayed many of the Regents though, and the majority voted against the second part of the motion.

Along with Sparks, only Regents Mark Alden, Joe Foley, Dorothy Gallagher and Nancy Price voted for the motion. Other Regents voted to give a larger loan to the athletic department but was declined by Harter. She was afraid that borrowing too much could lead to problems in the academic programs.

Horton

from pg. 9 not the athletic departments'.

So many people want to look at the aberrations of the season; the record, Kwame Cole-man, or the UNR brawl, Maybe he did screw up. Maybe he had an overmatched team high on a crest of emotion that propelled them to level of play they could not otherwise enjoy. Maybe that same atmosphere was conducive to the chaos that game included.

Perhaps we should scold Horton.

But you know before I do that, before I label him, I'm going to broaden my focus and look at the bigger picture. I know this man has and will do what is best for everyone. Sure there will be problems and incidents. We have to expect that. We didn't hire the Messiah to coach. (He wants the Dolphins job.)

Instead, we hired a man concerned with doing things right as well as winning. And no matter the score, the record. or whatever way you want to measure it, your analysis won't be complete. They just don't make a yardstick that can total integrity, esteem, and heart.

Maybe it's just quicker to call him a winner.

> -Kurt Divich is a Staff Writer at The Rebel Yell.

Golf

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The Rebels lost some ground on the second day, falling one shot on the leaderboard with a two-day total of 590

Still 14 shots off pace, the Rebels needed a miracle, and that's what they received.

With solid golfing from all

the Rebels on the third and final day, UNLV stole the title right out from under the Horned Frogs.

Chris Riley and Chad Campbell finished with a three-day total of 219, and Mike Ruiz concluded with a 227.

The gray team, or second team, was also in action as they took 13th in the competition. Mike Vance led the gray

team with a 227, and Gilberto Morales shot a 231, finishing in 50th place in a field of 75.

The Rebels concluded their fall schedule on a high note by winning two of five tourna-ments for the season.

The Rebels will be out of action until February when they start their spring schedule at the Taylor Made/Big Island Classic in Hawaii.

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Bench

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The Rebels won the game, 80-56, and scored 42 in the second half while allowing Northridge 20 points.

It was this way in the two pre-season games against the Mexican National team and Marathon. In both of those games, UNLV played in spurts, showing signs of maturity, experience and intensity that was last seen in the Tarkanian days. Yet they would also fall back into old rhythms, playing undisciplined basketball at times and allowing teams to get back into the game after being down by

10 or 12 points.

Like Johnson said after the LMU game, the Rebels did not play that well but were still only down by three points at the game's end, and Loyola knew UNLV could have won that game.

So what do the Rebels need to do to get it going?

They must get play at a higher intensity level and keep it there for 40 minutes. This has been the focus in practice for Bayno and the Rebels and it still isn't where the coach would like it.

The Rebels will have to sustain that intensity for 40 minutes on both ends of the court t, because if they played poorlyand only lost by three, just

imagine how well they would have done if they played like they played in the last five

> -Michael Melissa is the Sports Editor at The Rebel Yell.

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