

Commentary

X-mas list for UNLV

I was planning to join the hordes of Christmas shoppers this weekend and buy presents for my fellow Rebels.

Here is my list so far, and hopefully I won't have to ask for a loan from the Board of Regents to buy these gifts:

•**Charles Cavagnaro and the UNLV Athletic Department:** A calculator and a personal budget planner. A class in economics might also find its way underneath their tree.

•**Fred Dallimore, UNLV Baseball Coach:** Another can of Bull—t spray for his next talk with Cavagnaro. It seems the local media used up the last one.

•**Quincy Sanders, UNLV Football player:** Free quarterback lessons from Dan Marino so that the next time he throws something on the football field it will hit its mark.

•**UNR:** (I am trying to show no ill-will to our "friends" to the north.) The phone number to a couple of security agencies in Reno for the next time UNLV plays up there. Also a few phone numbers to bodyguard agencies down here for next year's game.

•**Offensive and Defensive lines of UNLV Football:** A year's worth of Big Ass Ham, that way they can bulk up over the winter and spring.

•**Jeff Horton, UNLV Football Coach:** A video of Stuart Smalley's "Daily Affirmations." This way when the media gets rough he can recite the lines, "I'm good enough, I'm smart enough, and dog-gone it people like me."

•**Bill Bayno, UNLV Basketball Coach:** A tape recorder and a 10-pak of tapes. During games, instead of yelling and screaming out the plays and phrases he can just hit the play button on the recorder and use a pre-made tape for games. This way he can save his voice for those fiery half-time and post-game speeches.

I think I will also give him the number to a good cardiologist as well as the number to alcoholics anonymous, more than likely he will need one of those numbers by the end of the year.

•**Runnin' Rebel Basketball Team:** The CD

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Off the Bench

MICHAEL MELISSA

Rebels face Trojans in weekend battle

Basketball: UNLV looking to regain a fire lost in LMU

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Class is going to be held Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the Great Western Forum when UNLV basketball goes back on the road to face the USC Trojans.

And coach Bill Bayno hopes his guys will pass the test.

"It will be a good test for us," Bayno said Tuesday at the weekly Rebel Athletic Club Luncheon at the Artemis Ham Hall. "(USC) is a good NCAA team, and we will be able to see if there is any progress with our guys on Sunday."

There is plenty of progress to be made after the loss to Loyola Marymount on Saturday, 70-67.

"We were a profile of a young, inexperienced team (against LMU)," Bayno said. "But I was happy with the way they executed in the last five minutes."

UNLV has not been the only team to have trouble with LMU, the Trojans (2-1 on the year) also lost on Tuesday to the Lions, 86-83, in the final

minutes. However, Bayno is still quick to say that USC is a good basketball team.

"This USC team is more talented than Loyola Marymount is," Bayno explained. "They let Loyola get back into that game. We got to come out and play UNLV basketball."

Bayno believes that if the Rebels come out and play with intensity and swarm on offense they should be okay against the Trojans. The Trojans are no slouches on the court, however, as they have four players averaging over 10-points per game. The two main shooters are forward Stais Boseman, with 16.5 points per game, and 6.0 rebounds per game; and center Avondre Jones, with 16.0 points per game and 9.0 rebounds per game.

USC has been averaging 78 points per game while allowing 75 points a game. This may work for the Rebels who have been scoring 73.5 points per game through the season and preseason.

However, what the Rebels put in is sometimes taken away just as easily, as they are turning the ball over an average of 21.5 times per game, yet they force the opponents to turn it over a couple of times more in a game (23.5

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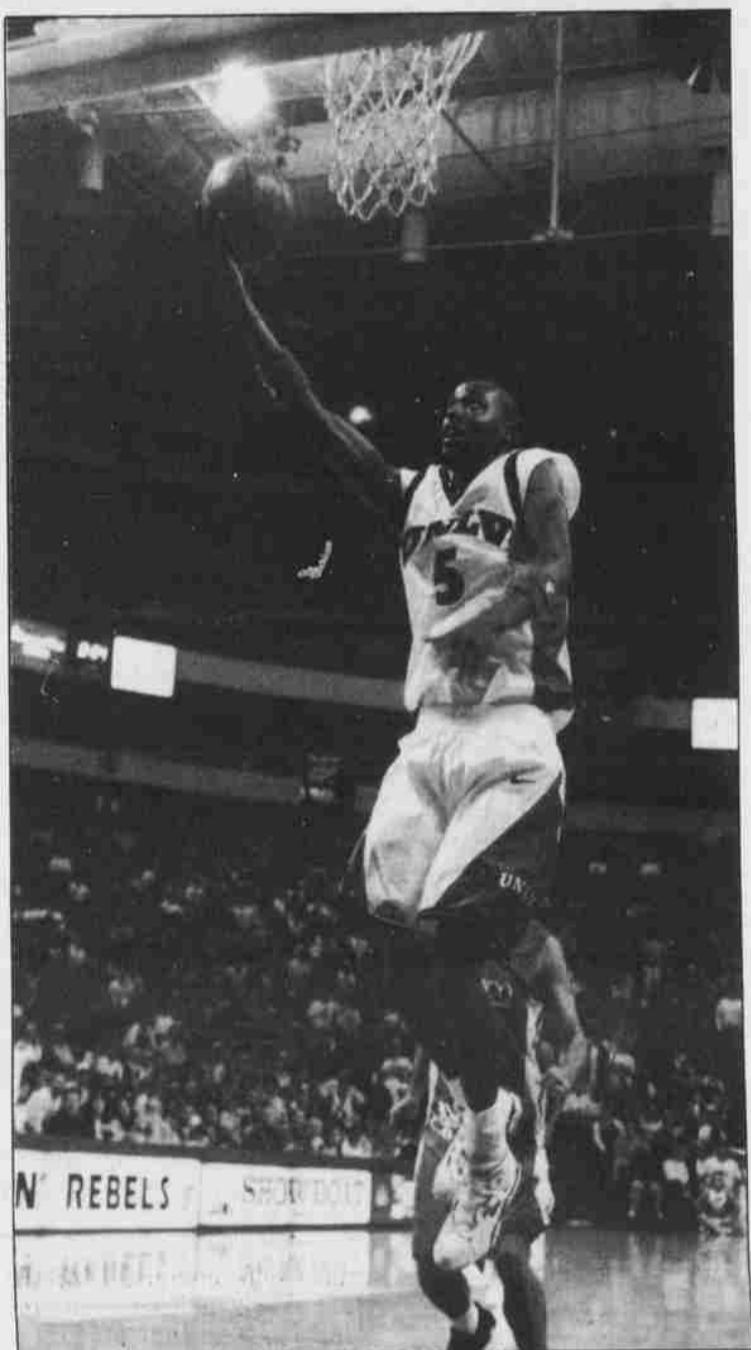


PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN
UNLV center, Eric Lee, and the rest of the Rebels hope to get back the intensity against USC on Sunday.



Horse 1, Cowboy 0

PHOTO BY MICHAEL LACY
The excitement of the 1995 National Finals Rodeo continues through Sunday. Here, a cowboy dives for safety.

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The Chiefs? Best record in football?

Something has been bugging me.

It is early December and my favorite NFL team, the Kansas City Chiefs, is 11-2 with the best record in football. Despite the best record in team history and a 6-0 record in the toughest division in football, the AFC West, all I hear about is the San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys and how no team in the AFC can come close to them.

Guest Column

JEREMY MARTIN

I completely disagree. I have been a Chiefs fan since I was 10-years-old and I see something in this team that I have never seen in any other Chiefs squad. They may not have the strongest starting line-up in the league but they may have the deepest team in the NFL.

Kansas City has been in every game this year. In the Chiefs two losses, against the Browns and the Cowboys, they had a chance to win in the fourth quarter but

turnovers cost them the game.

In the Cowboy game, which may have been a Super Bowl preview, the Chiefs had a chance to win late, but fumbled their chance away in Dallas. The media was quick to talk about NFC domination but they tend to forget that the Chiefs were coming off of a seven-game winning streak, playing on the road, and looking ahead to the most important game for the fran-

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