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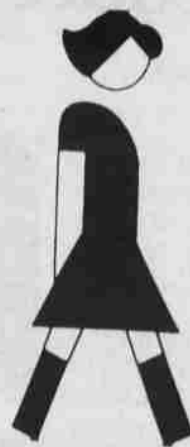
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## Lady Rebels head basketball coach resigns after 14 years

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Lady Rebels coach Jim Bolla announced his resignation, effective at the end of the season, Thursday at a press conference at the Si Redd Room of the T&M after 14 years in service as head coach.

"I am retiring from coaching for two reasons," a tearful Bolla said. "Number one, I have felt that I have taken this program as far as I can. It is time for me to step down and have someone else take it from here. Number two, there are some situations with my health that I have concerns with."

Bolla's announcement came on the heels of his worst season as a head coach. At the time of his announcement the Lady Rebels were 3-15 overall and 2-9 in the Big West Conference.

As the Lady Rebel's skipper, Bolla has compiled a 299-114 record (.724) which includes 11 20-win seasons and seven invitations to the NCAA Tournament. Bolla's .749 percentage entering the season

had him ranked 16th amongst active Division I women's head coaches.

Bolla guided the Lady Rebels to their most successful season during the 1989-90 campaign, compiling an overall record of 28-3, a No. 2 national ranking and earning the Big West Conference Coach of the Year honors.

"This wasn't a decision that was made in the last few days," Bolla said.

"This was a decision that started before (athletic director) Charlie Cavagnaro came on board."

Bolla's health concerns were related to the high stress of coaching.

"I had a lower GI (gastrointestinal problem) and a very arthritic knee situation," Bolla said. "At some point I am going to have to step down or not wake up in the morning. I have been advised by my doc-



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*Bolla breaks down at a news conference announcing his resignation. Assistant Athletic Director Lisa Kelleher consoles the tearful Bolla.*

tor to look into another job situation." Bolla is finishing out the final year of a two-year contract.

Cavagnaro stressed the fact that Bolla will continue to be an active part of the university and the athletic department. He will join the administrative staff next year and

help with marketing and promotions, Cavagnaro said.

"There are other things I want to do," Bolla said. "I like the marketing aspect of it. I like to get involved with the boosters and donors. I like my involvement with the faculty Senate. There is more to life than just basketball."

Entering his 14th season, Bolla is third in seniority among active UNLV coaches. Only baseball coach Fred Dalimore (23 seasons) and swimming coach Jim Reitz (16 seasons) have been here longer.

"(The announcement) was kind of a relief," Bolla said. "Now we just go and play and do whatever we want to do. The only bad thing is that I am leaving on a losing note. You need to know when to step away and it's time for me to step away."

Bolla blames his diminishing ability to coach for some of the Lady Rebel's downfall, but junior guard Loriessa Randle thinks he is just as good as when she came here four years ago.

"Coach Bolla is doing the same job he was doing when I got here and we were 24-7," Randle said. "We have the same plays but we have different personnel. He can't go out and play the game for us."

The season has also been marred by the loss of four play-

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## Titus educates Russian legislators

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Dina Titus, Nevada Senate minority leader and UNLV professor, and her husband, UNLV history Professor Tom Wright, returned last week from a 17-day visit to Siberia.

Titus was one of three American legislators chosen to attend the National Conference of State Legislatures in Tomsk, Siberia. She was chosen because of her experience as a legislative leader and her academic background as a university political science professor.

"Since I teach as well as participate in politics, they thought it was a good match," Titus said.

The purpose of the conference was to inform Russian legislators of the way federalism works in the United States.

"They are moving from a strongly centralized government under the Soviet system to try and send power out to the states and local governments," Titus said. "We tried to explain to them how that works in this country and how they might use some of those same principles."

"Just the fact that we were

there and having an exchange of ideas is a major step forward from anything they've seen in the past."

Titus is optimistic with Russia's progress toward democracy but conceded that they still have a long way to go.

"It's (the progress) not as fast as I thought," Titus said. "I think I was a little naive about it."

For example, Russia now has an independent press but it can't criticize candidates, Titus said.

"The legislature also owns its own newspaper and TV station, enabling them to send whatever message they want," Titus said.

Titus was excited when she learned she was chosen to participate in the conference.

"I wanted to do it because I thought it would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Titus said.

Though Titus said she enjoyed the experience, she admitted that she's glad to return to the United States.

"It was kind of a hardship trip," said Titus, noting the 40 degrees below zero temperatures. "It was also very different in terms of your ability to get around on your own, and lack of any kind of language skills."

She was also glad to return to a place where women have more rights.

"They were very sexist," Titus said. "All the members of the legislature were men, so they weren't used to having a woman legislature as their equal."

"They would address questions to the men and just ignore me," Titus said. "They'd greet them and just kind of look at me like I was in the way. It was real obvious."

The United States Information Agency, which funded the trip, wrote the Russian legislators a letter of protest reprimanding their behavior.

"They (the USIA) told (the Russian legislators) that's unacceptable, because we're not going to send women legislators over there to be treated like that," Titus said.

"If you think it's (sexism) bad in Las Vegas, you should've seen Siberia," Titus said.

Titus and Wright both agreed that experiences in Siberia will serve as educational tools for their classes at UNLV.

In her state politics class, Titus plans to discuss how the United States government

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## Campus hearing for Turner postponed

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The campus judicial hearing for the student accused in the December alleged sexual assault of another student has been postponed to Feb. 21.

Twenty-year-old Arthur Turner was scheduled for a Feb. 6 campus hearing, but according to Robert Ackerman, vice president of student services, the victim requested the hearing be postponed.

"She didn't return to school this semester, so she is working and was having difficulty getting time off from work," Ackerman said. "She had just started a new job."

Ackerman said Turner is charged with violating Section 6, subsection A, of the Student Conduct Code. "That section of the code deals with the interference with the rights of others, and that is the section he will be charged with."

Turner waived his right to a preliminary hearing in criminal court and agreed to a plea bargain. He pleaded guilty Jan. 30 to a re-

duced charge of false imprisonment, a gross misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of a one-year jail sentence and a \$2,000 fine.

Turner has not faced any disciplinary action at UNLV yet, even though he pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charge in Justice of the Peace Nancy Oesterle's court.

Ackerman explained that students can be suspended from school before a campus judicial hearing is held, if the student poses an immediate danger.

"It wasn't my view that Mr. Turner represents an immediate danger," Ackerman said. "There was no evidence in Mr. Turner's background that we were able to find, that an immediate suspension would have protected anybody. We weren't sure anybody needed to be protected."

"The fact that he did appear in court and he didn't run from it says a lot," Ackerman said.

The campus hearing panel is made up of two faculty members, one staff member and one student.