

Speaking for Joe Fan

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fan, this is a sports column dedicated to you. We have no axe to grind with our paper, no one to answer to, and no "policies" to adhere to. We are concerned only with giving the public a reportorial commentary. This column is your chance to ask questions, address grievances, and of course, insert announcements of general sports interest. We may step on some toes and ask some embarrassing questions, but we do it out of love for sport and not for any self-serving or vendetta motives. We will strive to print the true background on sports issues, as well as we can determine, and offer this column for any reader's retribution or comment.

THIS IS THE YEAR FOR THE REBELS... Well at least, that's what everyone thought. John Bayer's quintet was billed as the greatest team since the Elbert Miller era. A team that was supposed to overwhelm everyone in sight. But, alas, a strange thing happened on the way to the Convention Center. The Rebels weren't winning and the team lacked a leader. The fast break was a thing of the past. The defense was practically nonexistent, and worst of all, the team had no unity. The fans who had bought the largest number of season tickets ever (at least 3200) no longer recognized their team. The final blow was seemingly cast, when during the Holiday Classic, coach John Bayer was booed by the HOME fans. "Now just a minute buster, you say...no local fans boo their coach." But its sadly true.

Why was John Bayer booed? Many reasons perhaps, but none of the obvious ones in the opinion of this column. We just don't believe our fans, or the majority, are fair weather fans, or even close to it. Las Vegas fans have a long history of supporting high school and UNLV athletic programs. No one boos a young coach and his teams inadequacies just to be

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Movie Time

BY MIKE TELL

"The French Connection" who'll fight all who get in his way. He fights crime to the fullest.

This week a math teacher by the name of Gary Pearson of Roy Martin Jr. High, who also happens to be the manager of the Red Rock 4 Theaters, invited me to "The French Connection."

I might add that the Red Rock 4 Theaters is soon to be a 6 theater combination.

The star is Doyle the Cop.

Doyle, also known as Popeye, is the type of policeman who doesn't care how long he works,

a "Boo-Bird." This sort of outcry is generally reserved for pro teams, who, like politicians, are subject to the intense scrutiny of the public.

On the contrary, Las Vegas fans were being asked to support the Rebels, but not to have anything to say about its problems. Bahhumbug we say. There is no reason for any credibility or communication gaps to exist between coaches, players, press and fans, not necessarily in that order.

Now we don't want anyone to presume that a coach has to be loved by his players. On the contrary, most coaches aren't hired for that purpose. But there should be a MUTUAL respect which builds cohesion and prevents dissension. Well, anyway, the team was losing and John Bayer wasn't explaining...at least not to the satisfaction of local fans.

So what happened? We adopted Gary Radunich as our symbol of contempt for coach Bayer's "slow-down program." And why do we emphasize slow down? For the simple fact that when John Bayer was hired, he espoused a love for run and gun ball. Well sports fans, that just "ain't been happening." At least not until the Pepperdine game which we won easily...BECAUSE OF THE FAST BREAK, and a few other factors such as "playing against a tribe of pygmies" (thank you, G.L.)

The Rebs came right back to rack up Loyola as you all know, with some fine, unexpected help from unheralded Warren Walk and another outstanding game from Robert Florence, the WCAC's Player of the Week. We sincerely hope that these two fine games are an omen of things to come and that the team will begin playing the type of ball we were led to believe at the start of the season.

In next week's column we shall discuss the UNR and L.A. State games and also talk about leadership, Booker Washington and Al Clise, and last but not least, more about John "Bear."

each other, the scene switches to Christmas time in Brooklyn. The picture has humorous incongruities like Santa Claus, in the streets of Brooklyn, roughing up some heroin pushers after giving kids a pep talk on what they want for Christmas.

Our friend Doyle and his policeman partner go into a restaurant to have a drink after work.

To make a long story short, they spot notorious gangsters plotting to smuggle a half million dollars worth of heroin in the Lincoln Continental of a famous French actor who is in on the plot.

The actor is arriving on a luxury liner with his car aboard. The mobsters believe no one will search a famous actor's car.

Good ole Doyle intercepts the entire plot and throughout the movie is following and chasing all of the suspects until he knows through wire-

tapping exactly where the heroin is supposed to be transferred.

Doyle picks up the car and after four hours of stripping it finally finds the heroin in the motor mount. He returns a brand new Continental and stashes the heroin back in the motor mount of the new car. The deal is consummated and everyone is driving away as the police surround all the mobsters.

Doyle's whole goal throughout the movie is to catch the suave leader of the French gang who keeps evading him. He is nick-named Frog #1. It is drawing towards the end when all the people are being captured and murdered. Does Frog #1 get captured or killed or does some very unusual ending happen?

I've already told you too much of this movie so you will have to see it yourself to find out. I hope you enjoy it, I think you will.

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