

The Publisher Speaks



Ten seconds into the game and the kid from the Westside threw up one of his patented bombs from about 30' and the Rebels of UNLV took the lead against the much publicized University of San Francisco.

UNLV has on its basketball team athletes from all over the country; in fact, last year one of its players was from a foreign country. But none of the stars are as exciting as the young man from Las Vegas, Sam Smith. His skinny legs, his canon shots, his ball stealing have in only two years set the tone of whether UNLV was to have a good game or a great game. The difference was Smith. All opposing coaches in discussing how they would fare against UNLV said it depends on how Sam Smith is hitting.

Last Saturday, in Tucson, as I watched UNLV clobber University of San Francisco, I continually thought of how we should hear more about the Sam Smiths of the world. He learned to shoot his rocket shots by hard so little of the hard-working Sam Smiths of the world. He learned to shoot his rocket shots by hard work. By practice. It is too bad that we hear so little of the hard working Sam Smiths of the world and so much of those who do so poorly. Sam is someone that should make us all proud, especially when we realize that he has accomplished so much this year on a set of skinny legs that had two knees that hurt every step he took. Sam Smith is not only loaded with talent, but also guts.

One last comment on the game. The ticket situation was disgraceful. Most Las Vegas were given the worst seats available. We deserved better. Why so many seats in the rafters? I didn't see any Utah, USF or St. John's fans in the bad seats we from Las Vegas had. The UNLV athletic department should, in the future, fight harder for better seats. If the seats remain as bad as those in Tucson, there won't be as many cheering for the Sudden Sams of the future.

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Just the FACTS

All of us in attendance at Rebel San Francisco "wipe out" will agree that our triumph was one to remember.

There were approximately 4,000 Las Vegas fans rooting for the most fantastic team effort displayed this year. The enthusiastic reaction of the crowd was overwhelming.

We should also thank and praise our Host the University of Arizona for their warm hospitality.

Congratulations to your Rebels. You are "Numero Uno" in our book.

Gwen Etell

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

By: Charles E. Belle

Building Black Capital

The easiest and lowest possible credit arrangement for poor people is at their credit union. The millions of credit union members around the country can attest to that statement. The problem for the poor is the limitation on the amount, time and type of credit provided by credit unions.

This column does not need to reiterate the effects of racism through redlining by banks and savings and loans on poor people trying to obtain home loans. Now Congress has come up with a bill to give credit unions greater latitude in writing secure and unsecured consumer loans. This is a cure not only for redlining, but an opportunity for capital formation for small business entrepreneurs.

Too many white controlled banks and savings and loan associations will not loan money for blacks to purchase homes in the heart of their cities. This proposed bill will allow our church and work credit unions to provide mortgage money for poor people to purchase homes anywhere in town.

The bill, being considered by the House Banking subcommittee on financial institutions, deserves a letter of support to your congressman. Current law effectively prevents credit unions from lending for home mortgages because it generally limits the term of credit unions to ten years.

This new bill would raise that limit to 30 years and to 15 years for home-improvement loans and for purchasing mobile homes. C. Austin Montgomery, chief of the National Credit Union Administration, with its 33 million members, thinks this will offer a long sought after service for credit union members and will contribute to the availability of mortgage money for consumer members.

The exact sentiments of this writer. Blacks and other poor people control their church and other sponsored credit unions. These community controlled organizations will not deny a qualified person the funds to purchase a home. Another provision of the bill would eliminate the existing \$2,500 limit.

Black loan officers are not as reticent to risk funds for their own community development. This will create an easy source of capital for the small business person unions. The federal agency that regulates credit unions has endorsed the proposed legislation. Clip this article and mail it to your Congressman or call him and say, let's get behind this credit union bill, it will help cure some of this hidden racism going on.

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don't risk it!



The family of Rosetta May wishes to express our most sincere thanks for the kindness shown to us during the illness and bereavement of our beloved wife and mother. May God Bless and keep each of you in His care.
Edd May and children.