

## Rebels Additions

Freddie "Machine Gun" Thompson and Michael "Spiderman" Burns, two of the most outstanding prep basketball players in the history of Nevada, have signed national letters-of-intent to play for UNLV, head coach Jerry Tarkanian announced Tuesday.

"Freddie Thompson and Michael Burns are the two finest players to come out of Las Vegas schools since I have been here," said Tarkanian. "Their strengths are exactly the things we are looking for, they have extreme quickness and mobility which will really help our program the next four years. We think that UNLV is the place for local players to go and we are glad they both agree with us. These two kids are the ingredients that can make us the Runnin' Rebels again."

Thompson, listed on about everybody's All-America picks, was an outstanding player for Sherrill Stephens at Las Vegas High. This past season "Machine Gun" averaged 30.1 points per game overall and 29.2 in 14 league games. He was twice selected to the all-conference and all-state teams in addition to be picked two years on prep All-America teams. Scholastic Magazine will list him as one of the top 50 seniors this year. Thompson is a 6-4, 185 pound guard-forward type.

Burns, also a two-time all-conference and all-state player, prepped at Chaparral High School in Las Vegas where he was coached by Lloyd Booth. "Spiderman" averaged 23.4 points per game in 25 games last season, including a 21.9 average in 15 league games. He is 6-6, 175 and has great leaping ability according to area coaches.

His final decision between UNLV and the University of New Mexico, Burns did admit that UNLV always had the edge. Thompson, also very highly recruited, went down to UNLV and Arizona State as his choices and both players cited coach Tarkanian and not wanting to leave home as primary reasons for picking UNLV.

Burns and Thompson join 5-10 Los Angeles Dorsey High's Michael Loyd as new Runnin' Rebel recruits for 1978-79.

Tarkanian praised Thompson again, saying, "He is a great athlete and a good student, and a very popular young man."

Tarkanian and Rebel assistant coach Ralph Readout both complimented the new Rebels' high school coaches, saying, "Both coach Booth and coach Stephens were very cooperative and in no way tried to influence their player's decision. They just gave them great coaching the past three years."

The Rebels still have several other prospects who are deciding if they will attend UNLV, but declined to comment on who they might be.

## Healthy Growth

Unlike other species, man needs more than sufficient food and shelter to insure healthy growth.

How to achieve a more fulfilling life will be the subject of a course at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas starting June 14.

Co-sponsored by the Department of Educational Foundations and Counseling and the Division of Continuing Education at UNLV, "Dilemmas and Conflicts of Growth" will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays until Aug. 16.

The course will examine the environments in which we live and work, ways to have a more satisfying life and more meaningful relationships at home and work.

Instructors Dr. James and Susanne Whan have conducted seminars and group study together for the past three years.

Dr. Whan is certified in family medicine and has had special training in psychiatry. Ms. Whan received her nursing degree from St. Michael's School of Nursing in Toronto and has worked for many years in general, psychiatric and industrial nursing.

For more information or registration, contact the Division of Continuing Education at UNLV's Frazier Hall.

## Lulu Roman

Can "getting religion" really change lives? Lulu Roman, funny gal on television's country western "Hee Haw" program is living proof that can. She'll sing and tell her experience in concert at the Fourth Annual International Charismatic Convention to be held at the Ceterama Building of the Las Vegas Christian Center beginning at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 29th--Memorial Day.

Raised in an orphanage where "we had religion stuffed down our throats," Lulu vowed that once she got out, she was going to do everything she could "at least once."

And she did. Not once, but many times. A pill popper while still in high school, she quickly went to smoking pot, to hanging around with beatniks and "partying" on weekends. Then the bottom fell out of her life. She was fired from the first job she ever had for "bad mouthing" the customers. Out on the street, with no way to buy groceries or pay for the rent, she started hanging out in bars.

One day a go-go dancer took Lulu into the club where she worked. Lulu started clowning around with her, imitating every movement and gesture the dancer made. She had the hangers-on roaring in their drinks. "Hey, gal," the owner said, "if you'll do that for the regular crowd, I'll pay you a dollar a pound."

"I couldn't afford to turn down that offer," Lulu said. "At that time I weighed nearly 300 pounds." It was fun for a week or so, then her Baptist "brainwashing" began to sicken her soul. She rebelled inwardly at the work and the environment. Caught in a trap she thought she couldn't get out of, sick with discouragement and despair, she took an overdose and tried to end her life. A friend came in, finding Lulu well on the way to oblivion, shot her with a hit of speed. From all the way down, Lulu snapped out of it and went all the way up. "Wow!" she thought, "If anything can make me feel that, I'm going to have more of it."

Somewhere in the middle of her life's mess, she received a call from one of the men who worked on "Hee Haw." He had seen Lulu perform and recognized her natural ability as a comedian. He was offering her the job as Hee Haw's answer to Goldie Hawn on "Laugh In." And that's about as opposite as you can get, Lulu says.

The Hee Haw people didn't know about Lulu's personal life. They weren't aware of her involvement with drugs, but when the law enforcers stepped in, Hee Haw stepped out. They couldn't afford that kind of publicity.

But the worst was still to come and when the knockout hit, Lulu found herself in a position from which there was no escape. Through one of those strange, unexplainable "coincidences," a girl she had known picked Lulu up, cleaned her up and dragged her into the presence of her Maker.

It's been a complete turn around for Lulu. From trying to destroy lives, she's now spending her time trying to save them. "If God can do this for me, He can do it for you too," she tells dropouts, addicts and young people in prisons. They listen. And many of them have come clean. And Lulu's back on Hee Haw too. Singing all the way from the depths of her heart about the God that set her free.

The public is invited to come on Monday, May 29th (Memorial Day) at 7 p.m. to hear her sing and share at the Centerama Building, 3900 Paradise Road.

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