

# SPORTS

## National Youth Program

Adhering to the philosophy that the third time is indeed, the charm, the UNLV Department of Physical Education will conduct the National Youth Sports Program once again at the Paul McDermott Physical Education Complex from July 24 through August 25, it was announced Monday by project director John Bayer.

Bayer, who is the chairman of the UNLV Physical Education Department, commented, "We have had two good years with this program and look forward to another rewarding experience. Many needy and underprivileged young people are aided by the NYSP, which provides sports training, athletic competition and exposure to the benefits of higher education on an unprecedented scale, and we are happy to again be a part of the program. We provide expert instruction and competent supervision along with the use of superior facilities which many youngsters might not have a chance to use and enjoy otherwise. It makes us proud to be one of only 145 universities across the country conducting a program this summer."

The NYSP provides a constructive outlet for the summertime energies of the nation's youth, at no cost to the qualified participants.

The program is a partnership by the Community Services Administration, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and selected institutions of higher education. All of the partners provide funds for the NYSP.

To assist in the sponsoring of this program for underprivileged youth, the United States Congress granted the NYSP \$6 million in the summer of 1976, thanks to the passage of House Joint Resolution no. 890. This will be the ninth summer the NYSP has been in existence, and, the third time a program has ever been offered in Nevada.

Instruction is made available to boys and girls, aged 10 to 18, in a variety of physical recreational activities. The teachers are outstanding college and high school instructors from the Las Vegas area, plus several UNLV athletes who will work as staff members.

Each participant in the well-rounded program receives a complete medical examination, is covered by liability insurance, gets a free breakfast and lunch each day, health education and counseling in study and career opportunities.

Dr. Robert Doering, the director of activities for the event, explained the eligibility requirements for the program, "In addition to being eligible because of participation either of the last two years, students who are enrolled in the Clark County School District Free Lunch program or who live within the following area in Las Vegas which is bounded by Carey on the North, Highland Drive on the West, Sahara on the South, and Eastern on the East."

Doering also reported that free bus transportation to and from the daily sessions will again be offered and the pick up schedule will be announced shortly.

Among the activities which will be taught at the NYSP at UNLV this summer are swimming, tennis, dance, canoeing, wrestling,

basketball, volleyball, and racquetball. Instruction will also be in softball, tumbling and skin diving.

Elaborating on the philosophy behind the program, Doering reiterated, "This program is one of total involvement by campuses and communities throughout the country. It allows college and universities to more fully participate in community life while solving a few of a community's problems. And, it is good for the youngsters. Sports do much for the young--in building good habits, directing the competitive urge towards new goals and in satisfying the human desire to belong and participate. We have worked very hard to develop a solid and productive NYSP program at UNLV and we hope that the response from the community this year is indicative of that fact."

Enrollment is limited and anyone who has not put in an application to attend the NYSP at UNLV is urged to contact the UNLV Department of Physical Education (739-3291).

The daily program this year will begin with lunch at 11:30 and conclude with a sport instruction from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

## New Coach Named

John Lowry, a veteran of 22 highly successful coaching seasons including the last nine at Antelope Valley High School in Lancaster, Calif., has been named an offensive line coach for UNLV, replacing the recently resigned Ron Smeltzer, it was announced Thursday by Rebel head coach Tony Knap.

"We are sorry to see Coach Smeltzer leave us," said Knap, "especially on such short notice. But under the circumstances we feel very elated that we were able to hire such a very capable and experienced coach as John Lowry. He has a tremendous coaching background and will be very valuable to our program."

Smeltzer, who was a six-year coach for UNLV, has decided to return to school and will be attending the University of New Mexico working for his doctorate degree.

During the past nine years at Antelope Valley High School, Lowry has coached six league championship teams and seven times his teams have been named Valley Champions (an area including nine schools and three different leagues).

Lowry, whose son Bob is a junior defensive back for UNLV, is happy about his decision to join the UNLV program. "It's an exciting move for me," he comments, "the program is exciting and growing."

Although he did spend two seasons (1958 and 1959) as an assistant coach with Northern Arizona University, Lowry has been high school coach for 20 of his 22 coaching seasons since leaving the University of Arizona, where he was a four-year linebacker for the Wildcats.

Lowry got his bachelor degree from NAU in 1956 and his master's from NAU in 1958 and was the head football and track coach at Camarillo High in California for two years before returning to coach two seasons at NAU.

He coached two championship teams in five seasons at Azusa (Calif.) High (1960-65) and worked with a growing program for four years at Estancia High (1965-69) before going to Antelope Valley.

His great coaching career at Antelope Valley High has included the last seven years where he has coached his squad to a brilliant 52-2-1 record in league play.

About making the move, Lowry comments, "I've been attracted by the college situation for some time, and always hoped an offer like this one would arrive."

After nine super seasons at Antelope Valley, Lowry obviously had some concerns about leaving there. He commented, "I have some mixed emotions about leaving Antelope Valley. I have some mixed emotions about leaving Antelope Valley. I have some mixed emotions about leaving Antelope Valley."

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