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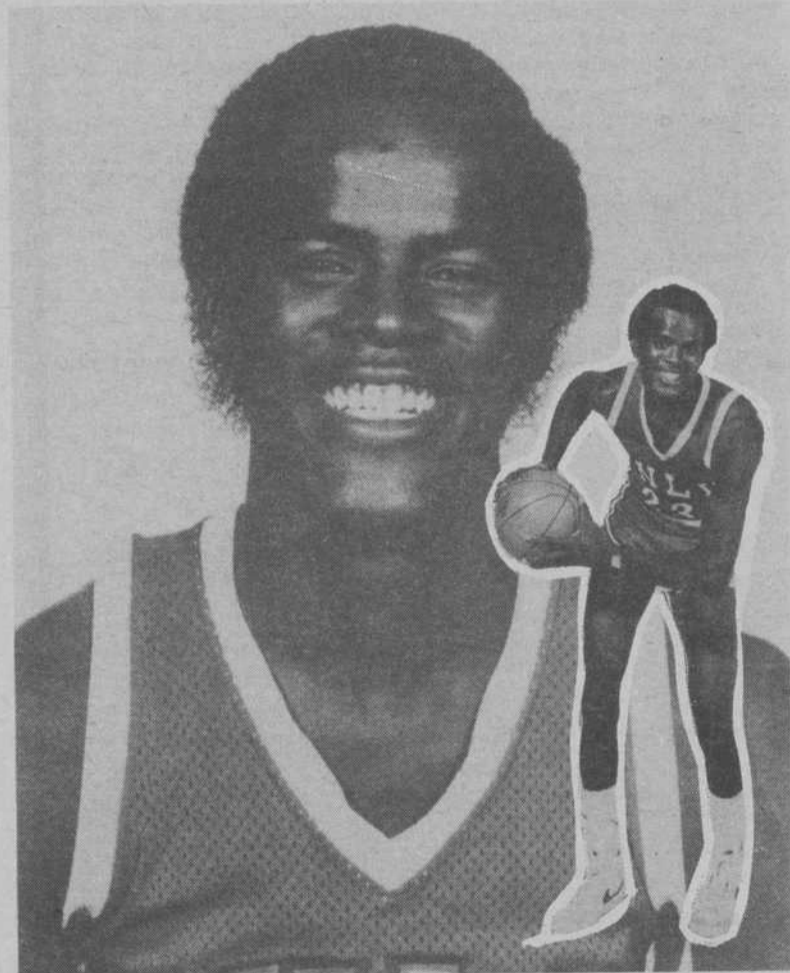
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NON-SENIOR CAGE STARS

BURNS, BOX UNLV CO-CAPTAINS



Michael 'Spiderman' Burns

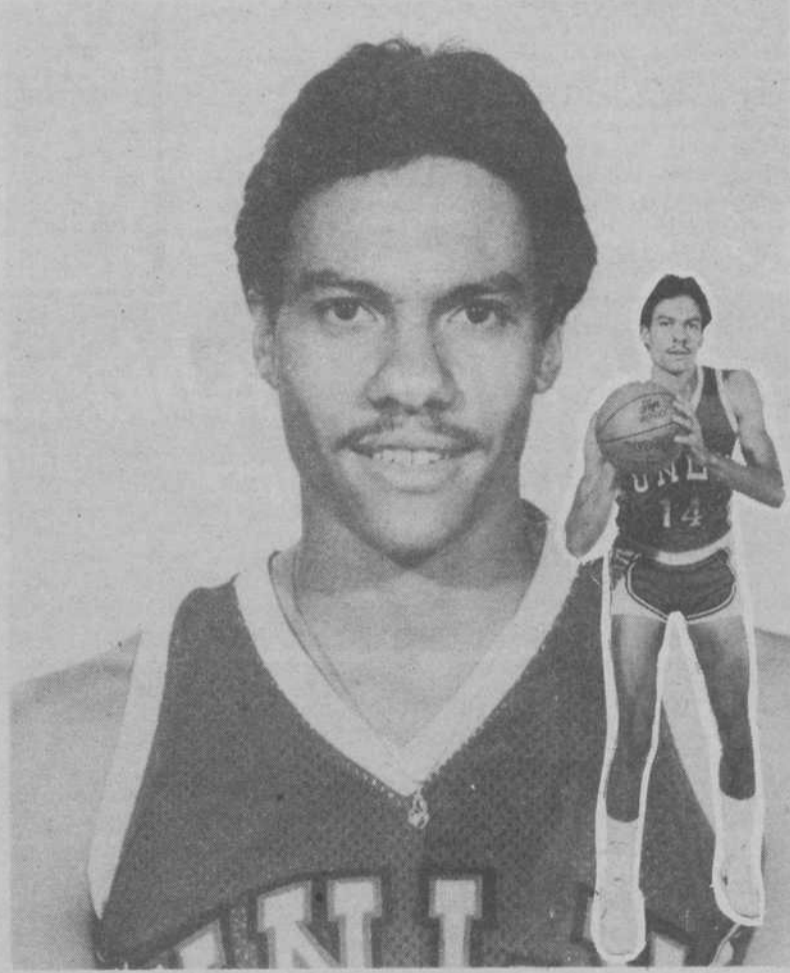
Juniors Michael (Spiderman) Burns and Richard Box have been named co-captains for the 1980-81 UNLV basketball season by Head Coach Jerry Tarkanian.

The Rebels have only one senior on their team this year.

Burns, who averaged 14.2 ppg and 7.3 rpg, is making the difficult transition this season from forward to point/wing guard. A graduate of Chaparral High and 1978 Prep Player of the Year, the Spiderman is a local favorite.

Box, a forward, averaged 10.8 points and 7.1 rebounds last year and is generally considered the Rebel with the most court sense. He is also the academic faction of the Rebels, carrying a 3.0 GPA in computer science.

UNLV's captain last year was Flintie Ray Williams, the only senior on that young team.



Richard Box

GREYHOUND RACES LAS VEGAS JAN. 15

That long sought-after dog racing appears to be off and running at Las Vegas Downs beginning Jan. 15, according to David J. Funk, vice president and managing director of the track. He appeared before the Nevada Racing Commission last week.

Funk outlined the operation of Las Vegas

Downs for the board, including the number of performances for the greyhound races.

The schedule will include 287 days of night racing from Tuesdays through Sundays and 97 matinees which will be on Saturdays and Sundays.

The tentative plan sets

up 10 races for the matinee program and 11 or 12 in the evening.

Funk, reporting to the Commission, said general admission will be \$1, reserved seats will be \$1.50 while parking will be \$1 extra.

Matinees will begin at 2 p.m., with racing starting at 8 p.m. on matinee

days.

The first seating section to open will be the clubhouse's section facing the finish line.

Don Lanners, former racing secretary at Wheeling Downs in Wheeling, W. Va., was introduced by Funk as the proposed director of racing at Las Vegas

Downs.

A totalizer system will be set up which will complete the odds and payouts at the track.

Funk also gave a breakdown of the take, which includes an 82 percent return to the bettor, three percent of the handle for the purse, two percent to the State of Nevada for the

general fund, one percent to the racing commission and one percent to the City of Henderson where the track is located.

The facility will include a dining room.

Funk is presently divesting himself of several other race tracks in Arizona which he owns.