



## Blacks and Baseball

As the highest ranking black administrator in major league baseball, I've been asked many times in recent weeks to respond to statements made by Al Campanis of the Los Angeles Dodgers. When asked why there were no black managers or general managers in baseball, he said blacks may not have "some of the necessities" to fill those positions. Within two days Campanis apologized and resigned his position as vice president of the Dodgers.

There was irony in that this was said on a television program paying tribute to Jackie Robinson, who broke the major league color barrier 40 years ago. The entire 1987 baseball season is dedicated to Robinson's memory. Forty years may seem like a long time ago. But even today, I'm constantly reminded of how I got where I am. It's only because of Jackie Robinson.

Even when I broke into pro baseball a few years after Jackie made it with the Dodgers, it was still tough for black players. I played for a minor league team in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1953. Along with Felix Mantilla and Horace Garner, we were the first blacks to play for a southern minor league team. Everything but the locker rooms was segregated. I was young and wanted to play baseball and this was part of the price that had to be paid.

Those days are thankfully over and now a fourth of the major league players are black. That's on the playing field. In all of baseball history, there have been only three black managers and one black general manager. There are none now.

The only black general manager was the late Bill Lucas of the Atlanta Braves. Bill was my brother-in-law, and I've always considered him one of the greatest students of the game I've ever known. He worked very hard at his profession. He knew talent. He knew that in order to have a great ball club, you have to build through the farm system. That's why so many of the players on the Braves division championship team in 1982 came through his farm system. Bill Lucas certainly demonstrated that he was capable of running a major league team, that he had the 'necessities,' to use Mr. Campanis' word, to be a good general manager.

In a way, I think Mr. Campanis unintentionally did everybody a favor by calling attention to the problem. Even before this controversy, I had discussed the problem with baseball commissioner Peter Ueberoth. I believe he is committed to this issue.

The problem is obvious now to everyone. I believe the solution is equally obvious: hire more blacks. That's all there is to it. Give a Joe Morgan or a Frank Robinson a team to manage. Open up the front offices. Being the only black vice president of a major league team is a distinction I would just as soon lose. **ii**

Hank Aaron is the top home run hitter of all time with 755 homers. A member of baseball's Hall of Fame, Hank is vice president of the Atlanta Braves.

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## UNLV

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tees and four (two male/two female) former UNLV student/athletes.

Following induction at the Hall of Fame dinner on October 2, and introduction to the community at the UNLV vs. Reno football game, plaques honoring the inductees will be enshrined in a specially constructed wing of the Thomas and Mack Center.

"We are inviting nominations from the community," Ireland concluded. "We invite everyone to become a part of this project which will help to form the history of our great University."

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For any additional infor-

mation or nomination forms for the UNLV Athletic Hall of Fame contact the Sports Information Office at 739-3207. Applications are also available at the Athletic Director's Office and the UNLV Information Office.

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Members of the selection committee include:

President Robert C. Maxson  
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Brad Rothermel

Primary Women's Administrator Tina Kunzer

Alumni Director Fred Albrecht

Hall of Fame Executive Director Bill Ireland

Seven Presidential Appointees: Dick Calvert, Dick

## UNLV basketball stars to shine for anti-drug festival

As a check against drugs and decay in their Westside neighborhood, College Heights homeowners are staging a backyard festival featuring a host of UNLV basketball players who will urge neighborhood youths against drug use.

Freddie Banks, Armon Gilliam and Gary Graham, all recently drafted by the National Basketball Association, and other past UNLV standouts are scheduled to appear at a July 11 rally in the neighborhood, which has been plagued for several years by a persistent drug trade.

The event, part of a revitalization effort by residents and a developer who is renovating and reselling many of the homes, also will feature North Las Vegas city officials at the afternoon bash, said MCM Properties developer Robert Mouer.

Mouer said the afternoon

### UNLV Publications Honored

Four UNLV Athletic media guides will be honored as among the best in the country at the national College Sports Information Directors of America convention in Portland, OR.

The four award winning publications were edited by three sports information staff members, who will receive certificates to commemorate the awards.

The award winners are:

Women's Softball, Best in the Nation, Michael DiChiara, Asst. SID.

Men's Soccer, 3rd in the Nation, Michael DiChiara, Asst. SID.

Men's Basketball, Best in NCAA District 8, Joyce Aschenbrenner, SID.

Women's Basketball, 2nd in NCAA District 8, Jim Gemma, Asst. SID.

NCAA District 8 consists of all Universities and Colleges in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, British Columbia and Yukon.

Gregg, Tom Armour, Bill Morris, Louis Whitley, Carolyn Sparks, Davey Pearl  
Elected Former Student Athletes: Bob Rather, Curtis Watson, Terri Corrado, Ema Jean Major.

festivities at 2013 Balzar St. will include food, drink and a band in an effort to attract youngsters to the party's anti-drug theme. Banks, who grew up near the neighborhood, and the other players will sign posters admonishing youths to "Stop Drugs."

"We're trying to characterize in the minds of the young people that their heroes and 'Stop Drugs' are all one thing," Mouer said. "We think we'll be besieged with young people. It's just a way for some of these guys to give something back to the community."

In addition to the recently drafted stars, past UNLV great Reggie Theus and New York Knicks star Patrick Ewing, who will be in town for an exhibition game between alumni of UNLV and Georgetown University, also are scheduled to attend, Mouer said.

## Jones' 230 claims title

It cost Jenny Jones of Kansas City, Mo., \$125 to enter the National Amateur Bowlers Inc. tournament this week at the Showboat Lanes.

She put together scratch games of 172, 208 and 199 to reach the finals.

She said having a chance to bowl up the ladder helped



Diane Smith/Review-Journal

Jenny Jones

Take away a few dollars for expenses and you can be sure she is going back with a considerable amount of coin.

With a 230 game — 212 scratch — Jones won the final match and the \$25,000 first prize. She had to climb the ladder, qualifying fifth.

her. "I think it's a big help. You can get the feel of the lanes. It's nice getting that game under your belt," she said.

The "B Nationals" are open to men and women.

She works for AT&T in Kansas City.

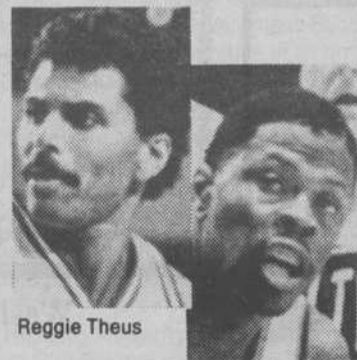
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Friday, July 10

#### SHOWDOWN:

UNLV Alumni vs Georgetown Alumni



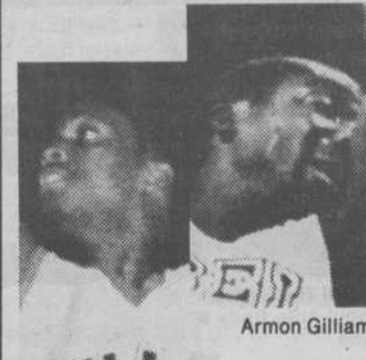
Reggie Theus

Patrick Ewing

Saturday, July 11

#### Duel Of The DECADE:

'82 UNLV Alumni vs '87 UNLV Alumni



Armon Gilliam

Sidney Green

Don't miss the famous Rebel light & fireworks show!!

Games Start At 8 pm

### UNLV's Thomas & Mack Center

Tickets: \$12, \$8 & 5 for kids under 12 (\$2 off Saturday's game with Georgetown game ticket stub)

TICKETS: Thomas & Mack Center Box Office  
Nellis AFB and all Ticketron outlets.

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