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UNLV's Jim Strong Gears Up For Second Season In Big West

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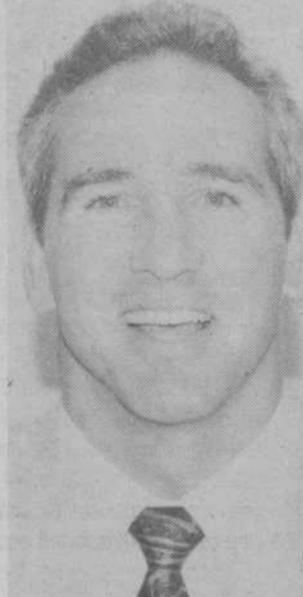
Coach Jim Strong, leader of a rebuilding Rebel Football Program, is geared up and ready to go, as his second season is about to begin.

The question seems to be, can he turn the program around after only one year with 31 returning letterman? The answer is probably no, but there is much hope for a season better than last years (The Rebels have been 4-7 for the past three seasons).

Coach Strong's first year was spent getting to know the system. The goal of the second year is to put a good team on the field. The third year will be spent winning more games, and the fourth will be the year to win the Conference Championship.

However, Strong is a believer in making things happen before they are supposed to.

UNLV is picked to finish 5th in the league, but with a few breaks along the way, it is possible to finish higher in the standings.



JIM STRONG

The team, as a whole, has high hopes, but the key to winning this season, is a lot of hard work, and that includes a lot of overtime.

Coach Strong is definitely a man on a mission, and with a little "luck of the Irish," he'll get the job done with a smile.

How steroids affect the body

Anabolic steroids are synthetic derivatives of the natural male hormone testosterone that develop muscle mass. But the drugs also affect other parts of the body:

How are they taken: Orally or injected. Dosages vary and can cost between \$20 and \$400.

Brain: Increases hostility, aggression and can spur depression and suicide. Use by teens can result in stunted growth.

Face: Can cause acne; deepens voice.

Heart: Causes elevated blood pressure and dangerous cholesterol levels.

Chest: Can cause breast development in men.

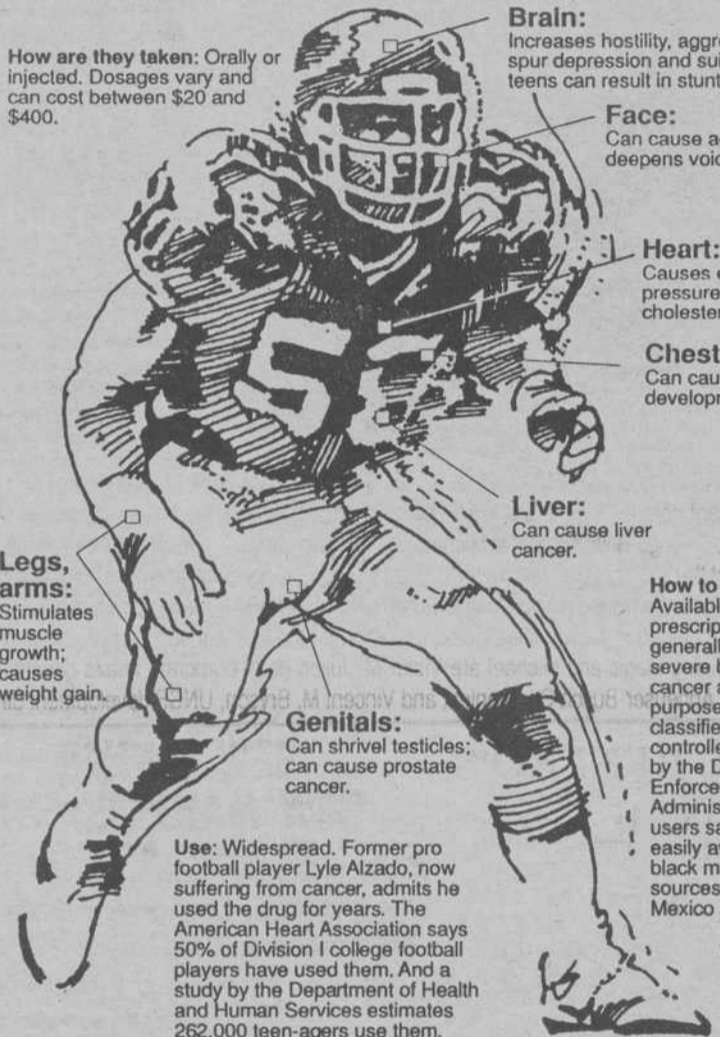
Liver: Can cause liver cancer.

Legs, arms: Stimulates muscle growth; causes weight gain.

Genitals: Can shrivel testicles; can cause prostate cancer.

How to obtain: Available by prescription and generally prescribed for severe burns, breast cancer and other purposes. They are classified an "illegal controlled substance" by the Drug Enforcement Administration. But users say they are easily available on the black market. Primary sources: Canada, Mexico and Europe.

Use: Widespread. Former pro football player Lyle Alzado, now suffering from cancer, admits he used the drug for years. The American Heart Association says 50% of Division I college football players have used them. And a study by the Department of Health and Human Services estimates 262,000 teen-agers use them.



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More than 2,000 sports collectors of all ages and sizes will pile into the Showboat Baseball Card Show scheduled here in the famous Memphis Room on

Sunday, August 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The show, now in its third year, historically attracts a wide assortment of collectors — from high-powered, serious buyers in the hunt for cards which were distributed in the 1890s to the young, wide-eyed pre-teen in search of Frank Thomas rookie cards.

Practically all of the Las Vegas baseball card shops will have tables at the event including Baseball Cards of Las Vegas, Hit and Run, Final Score, RBI, Al's Stars, Bobby Bair's All-Star Cards, Bill Kesgen's Ballpark Cards, Joe Stenger's Batters Box, The Dugout of Henderson, Grand Slam, Homeplate, Batter Up, Rick Nara's Play Ball, Kard Kingdom, Baseball Cards and More, the Dugout in Boulder

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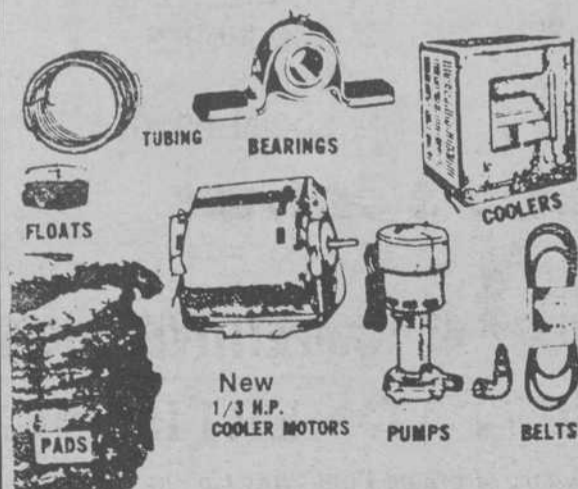
Plus, famous independents such as Will Davis of California. Phil Spector of The Scoreboard in Cherry Hill, N.J. will also be at the show.

Local independents will include Danny Colfran, Scott Hosey, Gary Jacobsen, Ed Gunther and Andy Los.

"The hottest cards will be the newest ones, the Upper Deck football cards. My phone has been ringing like crazy for those and I expect we will have wax and cases available at the Showboat show," said Dave Frederico, owner of RBI Cards which will have two tables at the Showboat.

Many collectors will be in search of the Frank Thomas rookie card in 1990 DonRuss (See Card Show, Page 15)

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