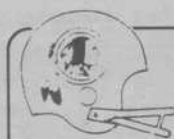


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## ELEVENTH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY PARADE A HUGE SUCCESS

With over 150 floats, and thousands of spectators along the two mile parade route, the Martin Luther King Committee hosted their largest parade ever.

(Photos by Savoy LVS-Voice)



Entertainer JOE WILLIAMS  
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### REMARKS BY SPARKS REBELS SPEAK OUT

By W.G. Ramirez

If it's not one thing it's another when it comes to the UNLV Men's Basketball program.

First, the NCAA invades with all of their allegations; Next, the university decides to do some "secret videotaping," (maybe the U. should team up with Rich Little); Now, regent Carolyn Sparks speaks out regarding the recruitment of UNLV players.

(For Carolyn Sparks' comments on the situation, see Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams' column on Page 2).

After the Runnin' Rebels dismissed the Fresno St. Bulldogs, Thursday evening, 58-50, at the Thomas & Mack, some of the players had a chance to explain their feelings on the situation regarding Sparks' comments.

Dexter Boney, who led the Rebels to their victory, said that he has tried to ignore the comments. "I don't let things like that get to me," said Boney. "(Head) Coach (Jerry Tarkanian) keeps tellin' us just keep playin' ball, 'cause you're gonna here things like that throughout the season."

"When I first heard about it, I was mad," explains J.R. Rider. "I couldn't believe a lady with such high authority would go in public and say that about our team; And she probably doesn't know one individual on the team." Rider also commented on the university. "I know how the U. is, it didn't shock me. They don't like the way Coach Tarkanian recruits, majority Blacks." The

comments, the coaching change (at the end of the season) and the whole environment could cause J.R. to transfer. "I'm gonna go with the flow. I'm gonna wait and see what happens," says Rider.

"That ghetto comment was absolutely ridiculous," exclaims guard H. Waldman, "the players that have come through here (UNLV), Larry Johnson, Sidney Green and J.R. Rider... they grew up in a hard neighborhood, they are just getting a chance to get out of there and get an education. A lot of coaches won't give these guys a chance and that's why the guys want to come here and play," concludes Waldman.

Forward Bobby Joyce took credit for the idea of taping photographs of Sparks, to the backs of the players' shorts during practice last Tuesday. "I felt it was wrong what she said," says Joyce, "the team was really hurt."

Evric Gray says he was upset and that it is too late for an apology. "These things happen all the time," explains Gray. "What she says is what all of them (regents) mean. She just happened to be the one to say it," added Gray.

"Obviously it was a poor choice of words that was used, she said she was mis-quoted, I don't know, it's hard for me to comment," said Coach Tarkanian.

Sources have revealed that if Tarkanian were to accept a position at another college, that many of his players will follow.

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