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## PREPARATIONS FOR LAS VEGAS BOWL II COMMENCES

### Sentinel-Voice

While Mid-American Conference champions Ball State (8-2-1 overall, 7-0-1 in the MAC) prepares to play Big West Conference representative Utah State (6-5, 6-1), final details for the week of festivities are being put in place for Las Vegas Bowl II. The game will be held on Friday,

December 17 at 5 p.m. (PST) in the 32,000-seat Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

Las Vegas Bowl II will be televised nationally by ESPN and aired live nationally over nearly 300 stations on the American Sports Radio Network. Both the telecast and the radio broadcast will be BLACKED OUT in Las

Vegas.

"We are looking forward to another great game and the opportunity to host the teams and fans from Ball State and Utah State," said Las Vegas Bowl II Executive Director Herb McDonald. "Both the Cardinals and the Aggies are quality representatives of the MAC and Big

West and we congratulate them on earning the trip to Las Vegas Bowl II."

Las Vegas Bowl II, which always features the champions of the MAC and Big West, is the season's first college football bowl game.

"Las Vegas is a city like no other and we are putting the

finishing touches on a week of fun and festivities that will provide a memorable experience for both teams and all the fans who visit for Las Vegas Bowl I," said Las Vegas Bowl II President Jon Porter. "Starting at the top with Herb McDonald, we have a qualified staff of professionals who will present a college football bowl game worthy of the entertainment capital of the world," he added.

In between the various official meetings, media conferences and practices, other bowl week activities will include the new Grid-Iron Golf Invitational to benefit the high school scholarship program of the local chapter of the national Football Foundation Hall of Fame. It will be played on Wednesday December 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Legacy Country Club.

Also on Wednesday of bowl week, four players from each school along with their respective head coaches will pay a special visit to the pediatric unit of the University Medical Center.

The eve of Las Vegas Bowl II will start with the bowl kickoff luncheon at the Riviera Hotel, host of the Mid-American Conference and Ball State University.

The luncheon, open to the public with a \$15 per person cost, will start at noon and feature former Michigan head coach Bo Schembechler as the guest speaker.

Thursday's activities will conclude with a pair of 6 p.m. pep rallies. The Riviera will host the Ball State rally and the Sands will host the Utah State pre-game rally.

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Martial Arts legend, Chuck Norris will color commentate the ultimate kickboxing competition as undisputed five-time World Class Kickboxing Champion Benny "The Jet" Urquidez, in his final career bout, goes against Japanese Champion Yoshihisa Tagami for the vacant title, "WKA World Light Middleweight Champion." Kickboxing legend and action film star Don "The Dragon" Wilson and former two-time World Boxing Champion Bobby Czyz will provide color commentary. Also among the evening's other championships bouts will be WKA World Heavyweight Champion Maurice Smith defending his title against South American Champion and #4 contender Alex "The Volcano" Desir; undefeated WKA Super Lightweight World Champion Peter "Sugarfoot" Cunningham v.s. England #1 contender Ronnie Green and current Women's U.S.A. Champion Bridgett "Babydoll" Riley v.s. Australian and Commonwealth Champion Stephanie Curtis for the Women's Intercontinental Bantamweight Title.

Among Hollywood's "elite" action tough guys expected to attend are: Jean-Claude Van Damme, Steven Seagal, Bill Cosby, Lou Gossett Jr., Chuck Norris, Sean Penn, Mickey Rourke, Tony Danza and Wesley Snipes

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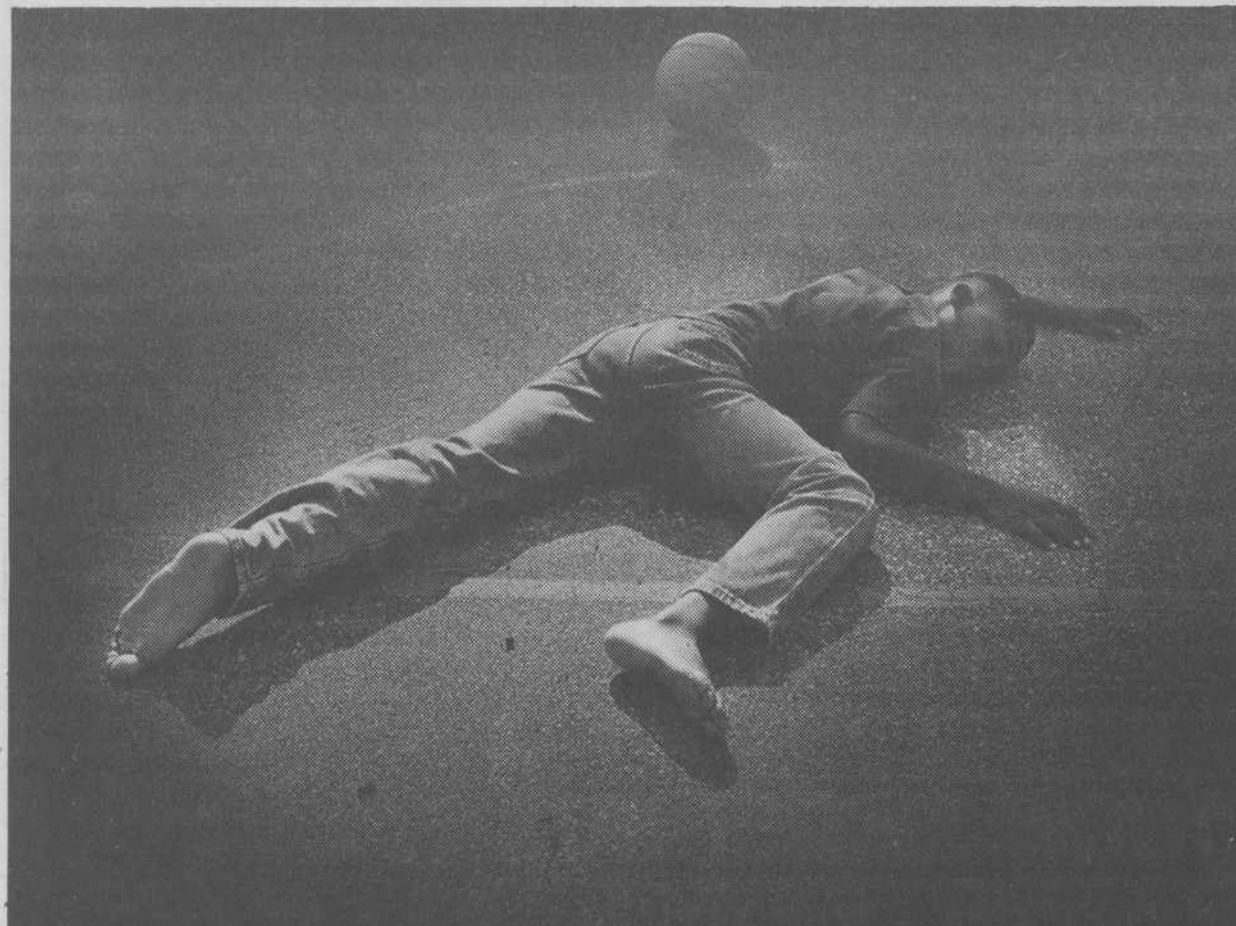
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