

# The Scarlet & Gray

## Hamilton scores new career high to upset ranked Colorado State

By Jordan Anders-McClain  
Photography Editor

UNLV's senior guard Bryce Hamilton spoiled Colorado State's perfect home record in front of a sold-out crowd of green and gold at Moby Arena Friday night, scoring a career-high 42 points to upset the Rams 88-74.

"It means so much more against a very good team," Hamilton said. "Playing on the road, with a hostile environment, it's a great win. I'd say it's probably one of my favorites. My best game."

A hostile environment with 8000 screaming CSU fans wasn't the only thing working against the Rebels in this game.

UNLV was missing three players, including two starters to

injury, and on top of that, they were 15 point underdogs heading into this match against the No. 1 ranked offense in the Mountain West.

On paper, Colorado State had the upper hand, they were on a five-game winning streak and ranked No. 22 in the nation by coaches.

The Rams entered the game ranked third in the country in field-goal percentage at 50.2%. During the game, UNLV held them to just 32.1% (9 of 28) in the first half and 43.1% (25 of 58) for the game.

To top off the Rams' resume, they even cracked the AP Top 25 list for the first time in five years earlier in the season when they were one of the four remaining undefeated teams in the nation.

With a nearly perfect record on



UNLV fans celebrate Bryce Hamilton (13) after scoring a new career-high of 45 points to upset Colorado State 88-74 at Moby Arena on Jan. 28, 2022. This was the first conference home game that CSU lost. Photo by Jordan Anders-McClain

the season, the 16-1 Rams looked almost unstoppable led by guards Isaiah Stevens and David Roddy.

Stevens ranks fifth in the nation in assist turnover ratio (3.3) and is No. 13 in the Mountain West (MW) in points per game (15.1).

Roddy is No. 6 in MW in points per game (18.6) and No. 2 in field goal percentage (57%).

The Runnin' Rebels, on the other hand, were coming off a painful loss to San Diego State earlier in the week and had only

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## Nationwide healthcare shortages

By Carlos Flores  
Staff Photographer

Almost a year ago, Gov. Sisolak pushed for more volunteers to enter into an already existing program called NAP (Nursing Assistance Program) in order to help combat the nursing shortage affecting Las Vegas.

While students are expected to fulfill 800

hours of clinical hours in order to obtain their nursing degree and work in the field, NAP provides another avenue where students can work on the job while getting their hours.

"The first time we stepped onto a clinical floor we wanted to cry. We felt like a burden asking questions when these nurses have too many patients," said

UNLV senior Katherine Dimaya. "This isn't a matter of a shortage of nurses, it's a resource shortage."

The staffing shortage has been ongoing for years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many nursing students have shouldered part of the load off an industry with a high turnover rate. The average turnover for hospitals

is about 90% of its workforce and 83% of the turnovers is from registered nursing staff, since 2016 according to a report by the NSI. More so than ever, nurses in the field are experiencing a high level of burnout, a state of mental, physical, and emotional exhaustion caused by sustained work-related stressors.

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## Liberal Arts adopts free textbooks

By Mark Credico  
Staff Writer

UNLV's Open Educational Resources (OER) Task Force partnered with the College of Liberal Arts to provide a free textbook to its first-year seminar students last fall.

"For a long time, I've been wanting to convert the textbook

that we use for the first year seminar class, to free online," said professor and associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Denise Tillery. "The last time they issued a new edition was in 2020. And we looked at the price point, and we just thought that that's just over the line. We don't want to ask our students to pay that

much."

The task force continues to work to provide students on campus with free class resources.

According to a news release by UNLV, 15 sections of the first-year seminar for Liberal Arts replaced the previous textbook, which would have cost over \$80 per-student. The new, digital text-

book is available to students via OpenStax, an online learning platform by Rice University for free.

"Well, I loved it," said UNLV professor and director of student and community engagement for the College of Liberal Arts, Jenna Heath. "They provide not just the textbook, but there's

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# Police investigating shooting in front of Cheba-Hut



LVMPD and UPD at the crime scene of a shooting investigation at Runnin' Rebel Plaza. Photo by Jimmy Romo

By **Jimmy Romo**  
News Editor

The same day as The Degree Housing Complex shooting, another shooting occurred around UNLV's campus in front of the Cheba-Hut where a few fraternity members went to grab dinner.

On Jan. 23, at around 5:00 p.m. a shot rang in the Runnin' Rebels Plaza in front of the Cheba-Hut parking lot. Witnesses at Cheba-Hut came to the restaurant after the Phi Delta Theta fraternity meeting that took place in the Student Union.

"I was just sitting outside eating, we were almost done, when I saw a guy, walking out, who was on FaceTime on the phone, and then all of a sudden I see the front of a gun and he's pointing it at the phone," said fraternity member and witness, Nathan Carter.

Carter then told his fraternity members what he saw and they decided to get out of the restaurant.

"I see him wave [the gun] in the air," Carter said. "We're out the door by now, starting to walk away when we hear a gunshot, so we take off running."

The suspect was on foot in the parking lot when the shooting took place.

At the scene of the crime, University Police Services (UPD) and Las Vegas Metropolitan

Police Department (LVMPD) responded. A casing of a 9 mm bullet, a round commonly used in law enforcement by recommendation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), was found in the parking lot of Cheba-Hut, where Carter saw the suspect.

"We just ran as fast as we could because it's a guy with a gun," said a member of the fraternity, Dylan, who wished to not provide his last name. "We're not armed. We don't have anything."

Suspect is still at large, and there is no description of him has been released by UPD and LVMPD.

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A bullet casing found at the crime scene in front of Cheba-Hut in the Runnin' Rebel Plaza. Photo by Jimmy Romo

## Events This Week!

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**Monday:** Join us in celebrating the birthday of our News Editor, Jimmy Romo, today! If you see him on campus, wish him a happy birthday. You can send him an email at [news.freepress@unlv.edu](mailto:news.freepress@unlv.edu) & send him a personalized birthday message.  
**Tuesday:** The UNLV community is encouraged to watch president Keith Whitfield's state of the university address. He will be discussing his goals and visions for the next semester.  
**Wednesday:** The Rebel Events Board is having its annual open mic night at the Student Union theater. All students are encouraged to attend & showcase their talents.  
**Thursday:** The Rebels Events Board is hosting its first Rebels After Dark of the spring semester. All UNLV students can come for free food & giveaways at this 80's themed event.  
**Friday:** First generation students at UNLV can come to the first of a series of events by Pathways & Journeys to connect with what is happening on campus. This event will help first gen students & faculty become acclimated to campus.

## Expired vaccine mandate leaves students concerned



By Mark Credico  
Staff Writer

Students have been able to enroll into classes, regardless of their COVID-19 vaccination status, due to the spring vaccine mandate expiring and the campus population is split in their reaction.

UNLV students received an email on Dec. 22, informing them that the spring semester's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for students had officially expired. On Aug. 20, the Nevada State Board of Health voted unanimously to require students to receive the COVID-19 vaccination to enroll for the following spring semester in an emergency meeting. UNLV required that students be fully vaccinated by Nov. 1 in order to enroll into classes. Nov. 1 was also the first day of open enrollment for the upcoming spring semester.

The COVID-19 vaccine mandate expired due when a state legislative commission that voted to extend the mandate ended in a 6-6 tie. As a result, the mandate's expiration allowed unvaccinated students to enroll into in-person courses.

"I think there's obviously a lot of things that the leadership and politicians are weighing when they're making these decisions," said an associate professor at UNLV, Emma Frances Bloomfield. "But I largely come down on the side of science that any exceptions to vaccine mandates are getting rid of vaccine mandates in dangerous public health."

Bloomfield teaches a class that is accessible both in-person and virtually at UNLV. She initially made her plans for teaching in the spring semester when the vaccine mandate was still in place, and was frustrated with the decision by the legislatures, particularly with how the mandate ended.

"It was that the mandate failed to be extended," Bloomfield said. "Right, so it just expired. Because of a lack of action. So it told me that people weren't willing to vote to protect the community."

According to the Southern Nevada Health District, as of Jan. 27, there are currently 59,670 breakthrough cases (cases recorded in fully vaccinated individuals) have been recorded, and 307 of those have resulted in death. However, among the unvaccinated there have been 1,081,509

recorded cases and 6,526 deaths.

"I was directly affected by COVID," said a UNLV student majoring in electrical engineering, Jorge Ortiz. "When it hit, my whole family got hit with it. My uncle sadly passed away."

When Ortiz and his family caught COVID-19, his father needed to be hospitalized, then put on oxygen for weeks. Ortiz dealt with severe anxiety and panic attacks for months after recovering, and he used UNLV's Student Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) to help him recover mentally.

Ortiz felt safe enough to be on campus for the spring semester, with the vaccine mandate and signed up for in-person classes. However, when he heard about the expiration, Ortiz dropped his in-person classes and switched what he could back to virtual instruction.

When asked what he would say to the legislators who voted against renewing the vaccine mandate, Ortiz said that he would ask them to reconsider.

"I would just say to reconsider it heavily," Ortiz said. "Look at the statistics, don't look at it politically, it's not a political thing. We just need to protect ourselves,

the human population and our loved ones."

However, not everyone on campus feels the same as Ortiz and Bloomfield.

Some students and their parents took to social media to express their doubts about the vaccine's effectiveness, some even citing conspiracy theories. Other students won't vaccinate because they consider themselves safe from COVID-19 without the vaccine. Some believe the vaccine mandate to be a regulatory overreach by the government.

While the vaccine mandate for students expired, the mandate for all Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) staff to be vaccinated for COVID-19 was renewed in an unanimous vote by the Board of Regents on Dec. 30. The Board of Regents also directed their chancellor to send a letter in support of renewing the student vaccine mandate to Nevada's governor, state board of health and state legislature.

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## UNLV student tailgate to feature free food, giveaways before men's basketball game

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UNLV students will be able to attend a free student tailgate prior to the men's basketball game against Nevada on Feb. 1 beginning at 5:30 pm in front of the Thomas & Mack Center.

In partnership with The Rebellion, CSUN, and Rebel Events Board, students will be able to enjoy free food from Raising Cane's though 7:30 pm.

The tailgate will feature games, giveaways, such as a free shirt, a live DJ, and a chance to win free

Raising Cane's for a year. UNLV students must attend the tailgate in order to sign up for the chance to win free Raising Cane's.

"The first tailgate of the season against San Jose State last Saturday was very successful," UNLV Director of Athletics Erick Harper said in a statement. "We saw a big increase in student attendance and we look forward to that number continuing to grow. The feedback we received was very positive and we appreciate our partners' support in our attendance initiatives."

UNLV students who attended the last home men's basketball

game on Jan. 22 will be able to have their punch card to be eligible to win a custom pair of Nike Air Force 1 shoes.

Students must have their ticket punched upon entry in the Cox Pavilion and at the exit after the game to be eligible to win the shows.

UNLV is encouraging all students, and fans, to wear red as the Runnin' Rebels battle their in-state rival.

The Runnin' Rebels are coming off a 88-74 win on the road against Colorado State, who had not lost at home in nearly a full calendar year.

UNLV students can purchase their free student ticket through UNLV Tickets or show their valid Rebel ID at the box office of the Thomas & Mack Center. Proof of vaccination is required upon entry to the Thomas & Mack Center.

The Runnin' Rebels will tip off against the Nevada Wolf Pack at 7:30 pm.

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# UNLV/CSUN Preschool studies early development

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Through the research center at UNLV/CSUN Preschool, university students and registered faculty members have observed the way students develop in their environments.

The research conducted at the preschool was made possible through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation that was granted in 1994, only held by a few select schools in the Vegas valley. The school also has the approval of the UNLV Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects.

“Our program at the preschool aims to provide a quality early childhood environment for children ages six weeks to 5-years-old, provide professional development and training for future educators, and stimulate developmental research that advocates for child development,” said director of the UNLV/CSUN Preschool, Claire Tredwell.

The Lynn Bennett Early Childhood Education Center was

created over a decade ago, to research in early childhood education, support the development of a high-quality early childhood workforce, and provide inclusive early childhood educational opportunities to the Southern Nevada community. Currently, the center employs roughly 20 full-time staff members and 70 teaching assistants.

Since 2004, 22 research studies have been completed through the center. Research conducted at the center has addressed questions related to the social/emotional development of young children along with the needs of children with disabilities and their families. 11 of these studies have been dissertation studies by students across fields of psychology, physical therapy, special education, and educational psychology.

The College of Education faculty, preschool staff, and students have disseminated research findings and early childhood practices through regular publications and presentations at state and national conferences.

In one prominent study conducted by John Filler, it was found that social skills are also



correlated to behavioral and emotional difficulties.

“We are so proud of the work and research we are doing at the center. Many of the outcomes of these studies have been presented at a variety of conferences and impacted the way resources are developed for early childhood education,” Tredwell told the Scarlet & Gray.

Outside of conducting research, the preschool also offers a reduced tuition rate to attend and operates through a reduced enrollment to improve the environment for both students and staff. In addition to serving students from a variety of backgrounds, the preschool has created an inclusive learning model that serves

students with disabilities.

Through the preschool’s 25-year interagency agreement with CCSD, they have been able to provide 28 free spots for children with disabilities. In return through this partnership, CCSD provides two special ed teachers and related service personnel to serve those students.

Those wishing to enroll their children in the preschool join a first come, first serve waitlist. Priority in the waitlist is typically given first to UNLV students and staff, and then the general public in Las Vegas.

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# UNLV College of Liberal Arts adopts free textbooks



**OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**

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a lot of other options as well. So they provide quiz banks, they provide PowerPoints, things that we can use as instructors to help us teach the material.”

Heath said that she had multiple conversations with students from her seminar classes last fall, and they were very happy with the new textbook.

The OER task force is a partnership between UNLV’s office of information technology, office of online education, bookstore, Faculty Center and University Libraries to fight the rising costs of textbooks by giving students access to free or cheaper resources.

Melissa Bowles-Terry, director of UNLV’s Faculty Center and member of the OER Task

Force, said that the use of open resources is happening more often in Universities across the country. She works to help professors adopt them at UNLV when available. However, it can be very difficult for a professor to change their textbook.

“It is a heavy lift to ditch your old textbook,” Bowles-Terry said. “Which your syllabus may be built around, homework assignments, everything could be built around that textbook. So to put that aside and try something new, you need a little bit of an incentive, a little bit of a boost and some support to do that. So that’s what we meant to do with the taskforce is get a few faculty members together to talk about why we want to do it, and then how.”

Bowles-Terry said that multiple platforms and resources are avail-

able on UNLV’s library website. She also encouraged asking professors for any additional resources for classes. Heath echoed this message for students who find helpful resources that their professors may have missed.

“I think one of the things that I love about OER is just how accessible it is,” Heath said. “Something that I encourage my students to do is if they are finding supplementary materials that are free and open access, share them with me as an instructor so that I can consider using them in future courses... Sometimes students find content that is so much more relatable and honestly things that they just like better than what we find. If students are pursuing OER options or just finding accessible materials, I encourage them to share that within their instructors because a lot of

times they find things that we would never stumble upon.”

Bowles-Terry said that more professors across campus are adopting OER into their curriculum, and some have already been doing so for years. She also applauded other professors who advise students to find the cheapest copy of their textbook, whether in the bookstore or not.

“What OER is, is shared information. The idea of information being freely available is, I think, so important,” Bowles-Terry said. “And it should be accessible to everyone. So I just think that the fact that folks are willing to write a textbook and make it freely available online is something to celebrate.”

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# UNLV nursing students face the effects of a nationwide healthcare shortages

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These stressors can range from long hours, the pressure of quick decision-making, and the strain of caring for patients who weren't able to leave the hospital with their life.

Many nursing students are in fear as they witness firsthand the effects of all the compounding problems in the industry.

Obtaining critical clinical hours, where they train first hand under licensed professionals and obtain real world knowledge, puts even further strain on the workforce, causing students to worry about their education.

Dean of Nursing, Angela Amar agreed with Dimaya, "We've had to cut down on clinical hours due to many factors, one of them being the inability for hospitals to provide PPE to our students. We've had to provide our own [PPE] in order for nursing students to continue to get important workplace experience, as well as rely on our clinical simulator to allow our students to get all the help they can get."



*Nursing students pose for photo before class. Taken by Carlos Flores*

The Build Back Better plan has provisions to support the health care workforce by providing critical funding to hospitals, as well as funding to the shortage of teachers and professors able to educate the future of the workforce. But nursing students don't see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"We see what is coming ahead and it scares us," Dimaya said. "Mental health for nurses in school are taken for granted. We feel disposable. As a nursing

student, it's hard knowing that's the reality of what we're getting into."

"Shortages have been around since forever. Until hospitals give us safe ratios, the problems of the system will continue and burnout and nurse shortage will continue."

UNLV has CAPS, (Student Counseling and Psychological Services) available to all students and self-care is instilled in the nursing curriculum, but Dean Amar agrees that it's, "A band-

aid for the systemic problems of the healthcare industry" and that "we can only do so much to prepare our students for the difficult workload ahead of them. The system has to be fundamentally fixed to truly combat the shortages nationwide."

What can fellow students do to help?

Dimaya asks students to, "advocate on a governmental level, for more resources. To protect people in hospitals and their nurses. Safe nurse to patient ratios, state and federal mandated ratios is the answer. We just want to keep our patients safe."

CAPS offers crisis services for students who may be experiencing urgent concerns. Students can call (702) 895-3627 or walk into CAPS for crisis services during business hours, and meet with a crisis counselor.

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# Jennifer Gray returns to UNLV as director of Student Union & Event Services



*Jennifer Gray in her office located in the Student Union. Photo by Jimmy Romo*

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*Managing Editor*

Jennifer Gray is back at UNLV as the new director of Student Union & Event Services.

"It feels so great to be back. UNLV is my home and I am thrilled to be stepping into a role that combines all of my passions," Gray said.

There were many COVID-19 pandemic rolling projects for the student union that were put on hold. With operations in the student union returning to a subtle

normal and all units resuming to in-person operations, Gray hopes to spearhead initiatives that have been on the student union's wish-list for the past two years.

"Some of the things that we will focus on are brainstorming what are some low-cost but high-impact ways to improve the building," Gray said.

"A few of those ideas are investing in beautification projects, implementing more safety and security initiatives, and rebuilding student staffing," Gray said.

Gray also discussed ideas behind the 2019 Student Union Expansion Project as a point of reference for future ways to re-envision the current Student Union. Phase 1 of the expansion project was to reinvigorate the current student union with strategic spacing and inclusivity.

Phase 2 of the project focused on building a new Student Union on the north-west side of campus. Construction is estimated to begin in 2023. Gray looks forward to this collaborative process involving university leadership and students in the near future.

The three foundational roles of

Gray's office are managing the facility, overseeing event spaces, and business entities in partnership with the student union. Her primary mission is to use her office to promote inclusivity, collaboration, and innovation on campus and within the student body.

"I'm excited to make the student union a memorable place for students to spend time in. I am thrilled to facilitate and hold that space because it's the reflection and heart of our community," said Gray.

Gray previously worked at UNLV's campus for approximately 14 years prior to transitioning to the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) to serve as the director of Auxiliary Services.

Her 14 year track record at UNLV started with serving as the assistant director of housing administration, which oversaw UNLV Housing's departmental procedures and obligations. In 2012, Gray transitioned from this role to work as a contract manager for the vice president's Office for Student Affairs, and later as the director of Student Affairs

Communications & Business Partner Relations in 2016.

Through her administrative roles in the Division of Student Affairs, Gray sat on a variety of committees and provided high-level support to the vice president and associate vice president on a number of projects.

Gray brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this role from her previous positions at both UNLV and CSN.

During her prior roles at UNLV, Gray collaborated frequently with the student union on implementing initiatives on campus. "When I learned about this position opening, I knew it would be the perfect way for me to combine some of my experiences with the community, students, and operations, alongside my passion for inclusion," Gray said.

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# Is university enrollment dropping?

By *Patrice Boyd*  
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As we usher into the third year with the pandemic afloat, financial struggles haven't lightened up on many Americans.

Despite the slight improvements towards household income, U.S. citizens continue experiencing lower levels than pre-pandemic unemployment, affecting many Nevadans, even UNLV students.

The unemployment rate has not only affected those outside the classroom, but those inside it. Students are now beginning to feel these financial struggles when paying for classes and textbooks, begging the question: Are these financial struggles going to affect dropout and enrollment rates?

For first year student De'Auviona, a lot of consideration went into just pursuing higher education immediately after high school.

"I had to put a lot of thought into whether I truly wanted to start right away," De'Auviona said on how the pandemic has affected their decision to pursue higher education.

"Even though it would've

been a better decision to take a year, it would've taken me a lot longer to start school again, but even now, it has left me to consider quite a bit. I had to really take the time to consider what I needed to do just to stay in my classes this semester."

In addition to De'Auviona's full class schedule, they work a part-time job to help pay for their classes, like many students. Yet, as prices across the board increase, it has left many students in difficult situations, and education seems to be on the chopping block.

Since the pandemic started, universities have seen a 7.8% decline in enrollment among undergraduate students. Not only are universities observing less enrollment, they are observing drops in full-time enrollment.

It has been no secret that college tuition prices have continued to skyrocket, and alongside this,



a degree is no longer a gateway into financial stability. These days it seems closer to financial instability since jobs are not exactly guaranteed post-graduation. Now adding online formats and additional financial stresses due to the pandemic, this unrelenting assault on students has begun to take a toll.

An entire generation of students have been disillusioned. Students have been forced into this corner to make tough, life-altering decisions, choosing

between being able to support themselves or their education.

So now, it should not be a surprise to universities when their enrollment numbers are decreasing. As long as these financial stresses continue, pursuing higher education is going to become less and less appealing, especially to those who pay out of pocket.

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# Should open educational resources become more common?

By *Lauren Dominguez*  
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How are you getting your textbooks this semester?

Did you buy them new or used at the bookstore? Order them online by searching "cheap textbooks"? Maybe you sold a kidney on the black market?

Textbooks are not cheap, and it's the worst feeling in the world to spend hundreds on a textbook that is required when you only ever use it once or twice.

I put together a sample list of classes which included a random section of general psychology, composition, chemistry and calculus. I went to the bookstore's website and put the cheapest options (there were no options available to rent, only to purchase new or used) into my cart.

My subtotal was \$259.29 for four books—two required in psychology, one in English and one for chemistry.

Students attending UNLV are already paying \$242.25 per credit, not to mention all the other fees. The worst part about the above hypothetical is that about \$260 is actually reasonable considering

the chosen classes, but does this have to be the norm?

There are many different types of free or low cost teaching materials available online for educators to take advantage of when putting together their syllabus for the semester. There are open educational resources (OER), open access materials and library licensed textbooks, journals and additional resources.

So what exactly are the differences between all of these options? OERs are either public domain or they are licensed so they are completely free to use, adapt and redistribute. Open access is very similar in that its licensing makes it completely free, but it cannot be revised or redistributed like OERs can be.

Library-licensed materials are the most easily recognizable, as they are the ebooks, journals and videos that UNLV students access through the Lied Library website after signing in with their ACE account. The library is able to grant access to students, however, the limitations may be hindered by individual licensing rights.

Examples of this would be if you have ever been kicked out of reading a book online due to

limitations on how many are able to access the source at the same time, or being prompted to check out an ebook.

It's amazing that these accessible resources exist, and every barrier that is destroyed between students and their education should be celebrated. Education belongs to everyone and is fundamental to us being able to move forward as a society. Luckily, it seems that this post-pandemic trend seems to be heading towards more accessible educational resources.

Open access resources are on the rise. Even as early as 2014, over half of publishers endorsed immediate open access archiving. Students may be noticing that more and more of their course materials are found online for free.

It's easier than ever to access research materials, and students who log onto the Lied Library website can find free online databases and other resources available to them.

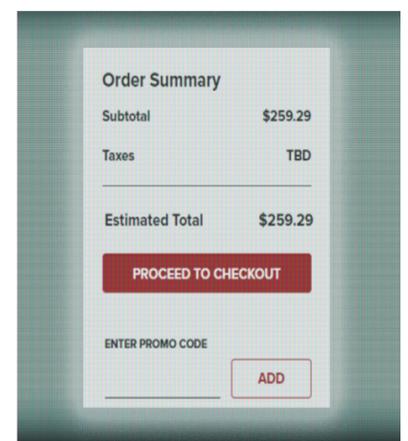
Students being able to save money could mean the difference between them staying in school versus dropping out. Over 38% of college dropouts, which is the largest group, hold financial stress

responsible.

It is highly responsible for educators to find free resources for their students instead of requiring them to purchase expensive textbooks wherein only a chapter or two may be useful.

While OERs are not the magic cure-all for financial stress, students can certainly agree that every penny helps. Why not encourage the usage of free resources that can help college students afford to stay in school and live just a little bit more comfortably?

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# Should students be wary of rising crime rates in Las Vegas?

By Allister Dias  
Staff Writer

Since Las Vegas first began its urban sprawl in the early 1970s to late 1980s, the number of people moving to the Las Vegas region has almost quadrupled in size and capacity.

At the same time, a massive influx of people into a concentrated region brings upon one vice: crime.

In recent years, the frequency of crime, along with violent crime, has ballooned to dangerous rates. The Round One and Planet Fitness shootings last year exposed Las Vegas to the dangerous reality of unchecked criminal activity and the reality that anyone can be targeted.

With crime rates skyrocketing in Las Vegas, what does this mean for students, and just how many precautions should be taken to avert criminal activity?

“I think that crime is rising in Vegas, especially with many people moving here for work or just travelling,” said Vianey Lozoya, a freshman accounting major at UNLV.

“Students should definitely be more cautious, especially on campus,” Lozoya continued. “Anything can happen at any time, so students should remain vigilant and take advantage of the safety resources that UNLV has to offer.”

Lozoya further elaborated the fact that UNLV, or universities as a whole, are open spaces available

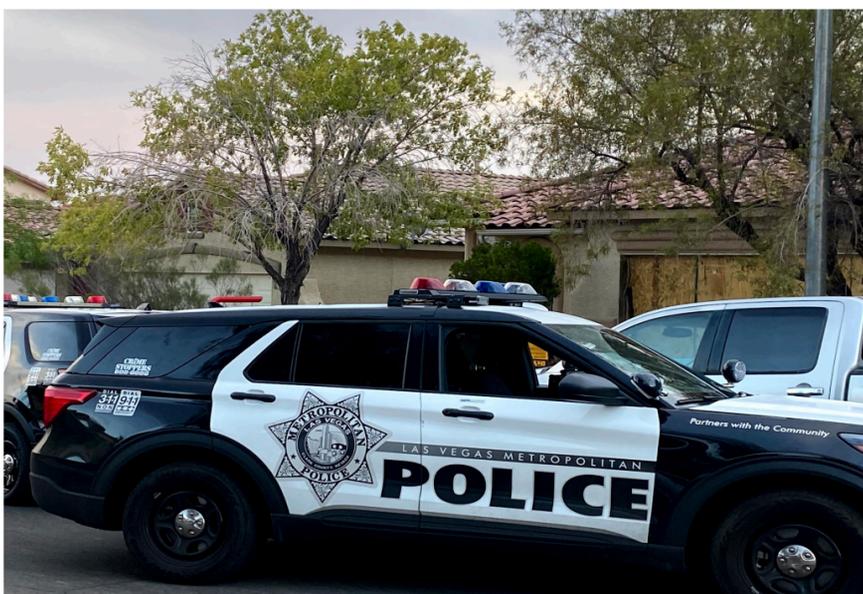
to anyone with any intention. The invasion of the real world within the bubble of university life creates an unsafe environment for students looking to pursue a simple education.

According to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, in early 2021, the Las Vegas valley saw a 110% increase in violent crimes. With financial issues related to the pandemic, people have sought alternative ways of making ends meet. In most cases, this alternative way is typically crime.

In most cases, serious crimes committed in the Las Vegas Valley in recent years tend to incorporate some form of violence, mostly homicides. Within the scope of 2021, Clark County investigated 245 homicide cases; the largest since 2017. The current trend of open firearm access within Nevada has created an incentive for criminals to steal firearms from cars or homes and use them for sinister purposes.

Although violent crimes create a predominant statistic of crime in Las Vegas, it does incorporate other crimes, typically non-violent. The most common type of crime in Las Vegas, outside of homicide, is robbery.

According to the official Nevada Crime Statistics, 9,624 robberies have occurred in 2021 alone, with 34.3% of those robberies occurring in a residence/



Police respond to a barricade situation in West Las Vegas, June 22, 2021. Photo by Allister Dias

vehicle between 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Additionally, 52.8% of that figure occurs through forcible entry. On a broader scale, the general crime rate in Las Vegas has remained consistent for the last five years, with most crossing the 50-60,000 case mark. With this common trend, it's quite apparent that crime has been rising in the Las Vegas Valley for half a decade, and will continue to rise given the current projections.

With such a predicament, UNLV students, or college students in general, should always ensure that their cars and dorm rooms are locked and secure during the school day.

Additionally, hiding or concealing valuable items from view of windows can help reduce the cases of forcible robberies and prevent any items from being stolen.

As crime rates continue to swell with post-pandemic issues,

it's imperative that we stay safe and make the best use of the resources available to us. Keep an eye out not only for yourself, but also for your neighbor, and report any suspicious activities to campus police or metro.

Crime rates may be high, but we as students can ensure the highest level of safety for each other on campus.

In the case of criminal or suspicious activity, contact campus police at 702-895-5575 for emergencies or 702-895-3669 for non-emergencies. Otherwise, contact the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department at 911.

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# Runnin' Rebels vs CSU

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won one road game so far this season. Without the team's second-leading scorer, Donovan Williams, the Rebels were presumed as the underdogs.

But despite the odds, literally, as CSU had an 85% win probability before the game even started, the Rebels were mentally ready to step up, fill the voids, and ultimately come out on top.

"Guys knew their number was gonna be called," head coach Kevin Kruger said. "They were gonna have to go in and play. But I think the start that we had kinda gave everybody confidence."

It was all about confidence, which was the key factor to the solid shooting performance the Rebels put on throughout the game which started at tip-off and ended at the final buzzer.

Royce Hamm Jr got the scoring started when he clocked in the first three points of the game and from there, UNLV took it away.

Defense by the scarlet and gray set the tone early in the match as CSU wasn't able to score in the first four minutes.

CSU was able to get behind by a point, three times in the opening minutes, but were never able to take the lead or even get to within one possession for the rest of the game.

A 12-1 run by the Rebels midway through the first half would be the changing point in the match, as UNLV took a double-digit lead and never looked back.

In the opening half, Hamilton couldn't seem to miss, scoring 24 points including six three-pointers to put the Rebels up 43-25 at half. Before this win, UNLV was 10-1 when holding the lead at half.

It wasn't just Hamilton that created the Runnin' Rebels lead though, as a team, the Rebels shot 58.6% from the field and 53.3% from behind the arc in the first half, offensively one of the

best shooting performances by the Rebels all season.

Offense wasn't the only thing cooking the first 20 minutes, as forwards Victor Iwuakor and Royce Hamm Jr helped hold David Roddy, CSU's leading scorer and ranked No. 2 player in field goal percentage in the Mountain West, to zero points.

"If we don't build a lead we have in the first half," Kruger said. "The game probably goes in another direction, just the way they were playing confidently in the second half."

The second half opened a bit differently, CSU began cleaning up their offense and shot selections, but with a three-pointer made by Mike Nuga, it would kill any momentum they had gained.

After Nuga's three, UNLV would continue to score, evening stretching their lead to as big as 22 points with under ten minutes to go. As the clock began to wind down, both teams began to become more aggressive as CSU started running a full-court press.

Both teams combined for 41 free-throw attempts in the second half, most coming from the final three minutes as the Rams were trying to get the ball back on offense, but with UNLV shooting 19-of-24 from the free-throw line, it wasn't much help for CSU to make it a game.

Hamilton, Nuga, and Justin Webster would ultimately put the nail in the coffin after making the final free-throws of the game, not only ending CSU's five-game winning streak but making their home record a not-so-perfect 10-1.

After the team's 61st meeting Friday night, UNLV is now 42-19 against CSU all-time and 12-10 in Fort Collins.

### Final Stats

The game marked UNLV's first victory over a ranked team since 2020 when it won at then-No. 4 San Diego State.

UNLV scored 1.43 points per



possession in the first half against Colorado State, which made for their highest mark this season.

The team ended on 50.9% shooting from the field and 41.4% shooting from behind the arc, Justin Webster and David Muoka combined for 23 of the 25 bench points scored, Muoka was also the team's second-leading scorer.

Hamilton had himself a career night, finishing the game with a new career-high of 42 points on 21 shots, which puts him tied for ninth-best single-game scoring performance in UNLV history.

Hamilton also had five assists and seven rebounds to go along with his career-high seven made three-pointers.

"Bryce put the team on his back offensively, made some really tough shots," Kruger said.

Bryce's 42 points are also the fourth most points scored by a player in the NCAA this season. He is also the first D-I player

with a 42-5-5 stat line since Trae Young in 2018.

Friday night, Hamilton became the first UNLV player to score more than 40 points in a game since Trevor Diggs' 49-point game during the 2000-2001 season.

"I felt good going into the game and everything just worked," Hamilton said.

### Up Next

Make sure to catch the Runnin' Rebels as they take on their rivals up north, the Nevada Wolf Pack, on Tuesday, Feb. 1 for Rivalry Red Out, tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. Students can get their tickets for free on UNLVTickets.com.

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# REBEL HOCKEY No. 4 UNLV splits series against No. 3 Liberty with a comeback game



By Kayla Faasse  
Sports Editor

UNLV hockey's 16-game winning streak was snapped over the weekend following a series split with the Liberty Flames in Virginia.

"With one win streak snapped we just started another one tonight," head coach Anthony Vignieri-Greener said, "Hopefully we can sweep the next two on the road and then we have four at home and continue that win streak for two on the road and two at home."

## Game One, Jan. 28

UNLV entered the series with confidence after previously defeating Liberty in the Chicago Classic 2-1, but were quickly shown up with the Flames scoring multiple unanswered goals for a 7-4 victory.

Vince Benedetto made his third straight start for the Rebels, with 32 total saves for the night.

Paxton Malone opened up scoring early in the first period, assisted by Brendan Manning and Jared Erickson, sneaking the puck past Flames goaltender Hunter Virostek for a clean rebound goal.

The Rebels held on to the 1-0 lead for the majority of the period. With less than five minutes to go, Nick Flanders was sent to the box for unnecessary roughness to put the Flames on a power play.

With an extra man advantage, Jason Foltz tied up the game with a goal of his own, assisted by Josh Fricks and Chayden Lauber.

It didn't take long for Liberty to steal the lead with Kam Ottenbreit sneaking another one past Benedetto, with an assist coming from Brett Gammer for a 2-1 lead.

Bradley Golant was sent to the box with two minutes for cross-checking, putting the Flames on another power-play. Shortly after, Matthew Bartel scored assisted by Foltz and Jacob Kalandyk to strengthen their lead, 3-1.

Early in the second period, Kalandyk entered the box for



Rebel Nick Flanders (11) faces off with the Falcons during the second game of the series. UNLV went on to split the series with Liberty 1-1. Photo by Isis Goode /// Rebel Hockey

an interference call, putting the Rebels on their first power-play of the night. However, they were unable to take advantage of the extra-man on ice.

Ottenbreit scored an unassisted short-handed goal to boost the Flames even more with a 4-1 lead.

The Rebels slowly began to pick up the pace in hopes of making a comeback, Ezekiel Estrada scored a goal with assists coming from David Lenzin and Jaedin Ness to bring the score to 4-2.

Seven minutes after the goal, Michael Boutoussov left the game for a major-spearheading with a game misconduct.

Alec Johnson was sent to the penalty box shortly after for tripping, giving Liberty another power-play.

Bartel scored his second goal of the night on the power-play, assisted by Fricks and Foltz to end the second period 5-2.

With 32 seconds left in the second period, Bartel entered the penalty box off an interference call for a Rebel power-play that would carry over into the start of the third period.

It didn't take long for the Rebels to take advantage, with Alec Johnson scoring a goal 27 seconds into the period, assisted by Hunter Muzzillo and Cole Wyatt for a 5-3 score.

UNLV carried on the momentum of the goal, playing more fast-paced and more control over the puck.

Estrada scored his second goal of the night, assisted by Bradley Golant to bring the score within one, 5-4 and raising the hopes for a comeback with 15:42 remaining in the game.

At 9:01, Daniel Schwenke snuck the puck past Benedetto with help from Ottenbreit to lengthen the lead once again.

Not long after, Foltz shot the puck off the pole and scored once again for the Flames for a score

of 7-4. Fricks and Colin Baird received assists for the goal.

Despite the Rebels' efforts, they were unable to score another goal in the period, falling to Liberty with their first loss since October, 22, 2021.

"16 games in a row for the program is huge," defenseman Alec Johnson said. "We can't win them all so it's kind of a wake-up call to lose. The remaining six games another streak will happen."

UNLV outshot Liberty 45-39, keeping its streak of outshooting its opponents.

## Game Two, Jan. 29

The Skatin' Rebels returned to LaHaye Ice Center with the objective of starting a new win streak, and they were able to do just that, defeating Liberty 3-1.

Heading into this game, UNLV made a goalie change with Zach Wickson between the poles for his second match-up against Liberty this season.

This game was the second midnight game of the season for UNLV, with Liberty's white out night filling the arena with fans.

"I honestly felt like I was at T-Mobile Arena at some points during the game," Greener said. "Just 4,700 fans there all screaming but it was good once we tied the game it kind of settled them down and didn't have to hear from them much through the end of the game."

The scoring took a slower start in this game compared to the previous night with the first goal coming at 11:11 for the Flames.

Luke Burke entered the penalty box on an interference call, leaving Liberty with a power-play and a goal by Kalandyk, assisted by Bartel and Fricks.

The single goal would be it for the period, with UNLV struggling to tuck the puck behind Virostek while outshooting Liberty 15-8.

It took even longer in the

second period to get any scoring on the board, but finally Alec Johnson got the puck into contact with the net for a goal, assisted by Wyatt and Max Johnson for a tied game at 1-1.

Shortly after, Kalandyk was sent to the penalty box with 15 minutes for a butt-ending major with game misconduct. About a minute later, both Burke and Lauber were sent to the box with a two minute penalty each for roughing to give UNLV a power-play.

Alec Johnson went ahead to shut up the cheering Liberty fans with a goal, assisted by Flanders and Muzzillo for a 2-1 lead.

For the remainder of the game, the two teams fought for possession of the puck as the Rebels tried to hold onto their lead and the Flames tried to tie the game once again.

At 11:04 of the third period, Lauber left the ice with a 10-minute misconduct. At 19:23, Burke left with his own 10-minute misconduct.

With six seconds left on the clock, multiple fights broke out behind Wickson's net.

Max Johnson and John Albers got into a fist match with both of them receiving a disqualification (DQ) for a major face grab along with a fighting DQ.

Golant threw punches with Nate Albers for their own fighting DQ.

Once the fights were split up, the refs allowed the clock to be run down with UNLV taking a 3-1 victory over Liberty.

"It feels great especially to beat a team ranked one above you," Alec Johnson said. "Kind of a revenge tour so we got two out of three wins over them."

Throughout the series, there were four broken sticks between the two teams. For the season match-ups, UNLV is 2-1 against Liberty.

The Rebels once again outshot the Flames 43-25, with Wickson's 24 saves for the night.

## Up Next

The Skatin' Rebels will take a much needed week break before hitting the road once again to take on Arizona State on Feb. 11-12 with an 8 p.m. puck drop the first night followed by a 7 p.m. puck drop for the second night.

Follow Rebel hockey on twitter (@UNLVRebelHockey) for live updates during the series.

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David Lenzin (15) watches his teammates on the ice of the puck from the bench. Photo by Isis Goode /// Rebel Hockey

# Rebel Hockey adds new goalie recruit to roster

By Kayla Faasse  
Sports Editor

Henderson native Heath Goldsmith joined Rebel Hockey as its third goalie on the 2021-22 roster filled with 28 total players.

Goldsmith enters halfway through the season to fulfill the role of goaltender behind starters Zach Wickson and Vince Benedetto.

“Those guys are great,” Goldsmith said. “I really look up to both of them as they are older than me and you know I pick their brains a lot to see what they’re doing and what they’re seeing. When you have two goalies like that that are in front of you that are that good you got to be ready to play. They’re pretty solid so it’s good to pick their brains.”

Goldsmith wasn’t planning on starting college until next year, but with a phone call from assistant coach Nick Robone asking him to come in and play, he couldn’t decline the opportunity.

He received the phone call back in December over the break and immediately got started to come to UNLV and join the Skatin’ Rebels on the ice.

“It’s awesome,” Goldsmith said, addressing the news of his recruitment. “It has been a dream of mine to play for my hometown and to be back here for college or whatever higher level of hockey I could play at. It’s really been a dream come true, to be honest.”

Goldsmith’s major is currently undecided as he was rushed into the college career, but looks forward to his time at the university.

Prior to the phone call, Goldsmith practiced with the Skatin’ Rebels during their prospect camps over the off-season.

“[The coaching staff] did a full evaluation of my game, the way that I played, the way they think I should be playing,” Goldsmith said. “It was really an eye opener for me to see what areas they thought I needed to tweek and work on. That’s what

I really worked on in the off-season. I’m here now so I guess it kind of worked. I’m playing better because of them so I give them a lot of props for that.”

Goldsmith has spent six years playing hockey, with only four of those spent in the net.

Jonathan Quick from the Los Angeles Kings helped get Goldsmith into the net, as he looks up to Quick’s performance.

“He’s the reason that I play hockey,” Goldsmith said. “You know it’s been a roller coaster so to watch him play and his ability just his work ethic on and off the ice is insane. The things that he can do are abnormal, they’re not very human so it’s pretty fun to watch him.”

During the 2019-20 season, he played on the Vegas Jr. Golden Knights where he played in 10 games for a save average of 87%.

For 2021-22, he traveled to California to compete on the San Diego Sabers. He managed to get in one game for them with an 88.7% save average before joining the Skatin’ Rebels for the remainder of their season.

Goldsmith is a proud member of the One Puck At A Time non-profit organization that brings hockey goalies an opportunity to make a positive difference in the world.

For every puck that Goldsmith saves, a dollar is donated to a charity of his choice, in which case is the St. Jude’s Children Research Hospital.

While being a member of this organization, he takes pride in his ability to stay focused during a game to make every save count.

“There are some things that I use like censoring everyone out to get my mind focused for games,” Goldsmith said. “I use some apps on my phone, do some breathing meditation, and calming before the game. Once I’m in the game I’m just there. I’m focused and nothing can really draw my eye from the puck.”

Goldsmith joined the Rebels in hopes of being a part of the program as they continue to grow and make the next step to being an NCAA Division



Heath **GOLDSMITH**



I school. He wanted to join the team to help UNLV reach that goal as soon as possible.

“We want to make those people who said Vegas wasn’t a hockey town- we want to prove them wrong at the end of the day,” Goldsmith said. “I think we are a different breed from most college teams. I like our attitude. Our winning season is showing that and I don’t think I would want to be anywhere else right now.”

The Skatin’ Rebels held on to one of the longest win streaks in the nation for the season with a 16-game streak, but fell to Liberty this past weekend in the first game. Despite the loss, the team bounced back and won the second game to start a new win streak.

Goldsmith is currently not in playing conditions, after tearing a ligament in his ankle by taking a wrong skate on a slit in the ice during practice on Jan. 18. The injury was a grade 3 sprain/tear leaving him wearing a boot for almost two weeks now, but he looks forward to getting it removed on Feb. 2.

Goldsmith has been approved

to return to practice on the ice the same day the boot is removed, as he eases back into the pace of practice along with physical therapy and strengthening conditioning.

On his road to recovery, Goldsmith looks forward to playing his first game with the Rebels before the end of the season.

Follow along with the UNLV hockey program to see Goldsmith start his career as a Rebel.

“I’m looking forward to just seeing everyone out there and saving the first shot on goal,” Goldsmith said. “That’s always the thing I look for is the first shot, let it hit your pads, and you’ll sit right in there. I’m most excited for being on the ice with that caliber of guys and this group of guys.”

“It’s going to be amazing. I don’t think I’ve ever played with a group of guys this tight-knit. It will just be a fun experience.”

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## Heath **GOLDSMITH**

### PLAYER STATS

#### SAN DIEGO SABERS

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| GAMES PLAYED          | 1     |
| GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE | 6.00  |
| SAVE %                | .887  |
| SHUTOUTS              | 0     |
| WINS/LOSES/TIES       | 0-1-0 |



#### VEGAS JR. GOLDEN KNIGHTS

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| GAMES PLAYED          | 10    |
| GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE | 4.01  |
| SAVE %                | .870  |
| SHUTOUTS              | 2     |
| WINS/LOSES/TIES       | 3-7-0 |

# Lady Rebels defeat Air Force to extend win streak

By Christopher Clark  
Staff Writer

The UNLV Lady Rebels followed up their big win against the New Mexico Lobos by defeating the Air Force Falcons 72-54.

The win maintains the Lady Rebels spot at the top of the Mountain West.

The Lady Rebels got big contributions from their two leading scorers Essence Booker and Desi-Rae Young who both scored 16 points. Kiara Jackson also added 13 points off the bench and Alyssa Brown grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds.

“It’s been an emotional, exciting week,” head coach Lindy La Rocque said. “We kept things light yesterday to keep our legs fresh after emptying out the gas tank on Thursday night.”

It appeared the Lady Rebels were still feeling the effects of Thursday night against the Lobos as they started the game slowly with several lazy plays and turnovers.

Justice Ethridge lost the ball out of bounds, Young committed a three-second violation and Booker lost the ball to Falcons guard Cierra Winters, which eventually led to a layup for Winters.

With the score at 4-2, the Falcons continued to play tough defense on the Lady Rebels who continued to turn the ball over.



Rebel Essence Booker (24) dribbles the ball down the court against Air Force defender Cierra Winters (3). UNLV went on to defeat the Falcons 72-74 on Jan. 29, 2022. Photo by Lucas Peltier // UNLV Athletics

However, with just over five minutes to go in the first quarter, Kiara Jackson came off the bench and provided a spark for the Rebels, scoring a layup to make it 4-4.

Air Force increased its lead to 11-6, but then UNLV roared back.

Booker scored four points and Jackson hit a three-pointer with three seconds left as the Rebels ended the first quarter on a 9-2 run.

The first quarter ended 15-13 to the Lady Rebels.

The second quarter began badly for both teams, with turnovers and missed shots filling the box score until Booker made a jump shot almost three minutes into the quarter.

The Lady Rebels once again got energy off the bench. This

time Jade Thomas and Brown contributed for UNLV.

Thomas and Brown played excellent defense, grabbed a combined seven rebounds, and scored momentum shifting layups.

The Falcons ended the second quarter with a buzzer-beating shot. Dasha MacMillan scored to end the first half with a score of 29-23 to the Rebels.

UNLV started the third quarter much better than the previous two, with Nneka Obiazor asserting dominance inside the paint, scoring two layups.

Young and Booker dominated for the Lady Rebels, combining for 18 of the team’s 22 points in the third quarter. The third quarter ended with a score of 51-38 to UNLV.

The fourth quarter became a showcase for the Lady Rebels. Alyssa Durazo-Frescas made two

three-point field goals before they began to rest their starters.

Freshman guards Kenadee Winfrey and Taylin Smith got some playing time.

Winfrey grabbed three rebounds and Smith hit a three-pointer which got the crowd off of their feet.

The game ended with Lady Rebels center Keyana Wilfred blocking a shot from Winters to make the final score 72-54.

UNLV swept the season series against the Falcons, winning by an average of 17 points and now leads the all-time series against the Falcons 47-5 since the teams first played in 1997.

Air Force had a balanced attack for the game. Cierra Winters scored 11 points and Kamri Heath, MacMillan, and Lauren McDonald each scored 10 points. Haley Jones also got a game-high of 15 rebounds for the Falcons.

## Up Next

The Lady Rebels get some much needed rest before they travel to Utah to play Utah State on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

UNLV continues its road trip on Feb. 9 playing Boise State before returning home to Cox Pavilion to play San Diego State on Feb. 12.

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MBB at Utah State  
Logan, UT  
3pm PT

WBB at Utah State  
Logan, UT  
7pm PT

## Rebel Recaps



### Women's Track & Field at New Mexico 1/28

By Alex Wright  
Editor-in-Chief

Freshman thrower Cassidy Osborne-Butler won the weight throw event as part of six top-10 finishes for UNLV track and field at the New Mexico Team Open over the weekend.

Osborne-Butler's victory was also a personal best, with a distance of 19.53m (64-01.00). It was her second consecutive win for the event.

Erin Thompson and Julia Nixon both finished in ninth place in the high jump and 600m run, respectively. Emma Wahlenmaier and Elise Rovere finished in fifth and sixth re-

spectively, in the 800m run. And Jaylen Walker took home eight place in the triple jump.

"I'm really pleased with these athletes and the effort they brought to Albuquerque," head coach Dorian Scott said. "I'm excited to see what they do when we come back at the end of the season."

UNLV continues its schedule on Feb 11 for the two-day Texas Tech Shootout in Lubbock, Texas.

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### Men's Tennis vs New Mexico 1/28

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UNLV men's tennis is off to a 3-0 start following wins over Hawaii, New Mexico State, and UC Riverside to begin the 2022 season.

The Rebels took down UC Riverside 4-1 Saturday afternoon. UNLV picked up two wins from its double teams to take a 1-0 lead. And Zac Brodney, Thomas Navarro, and Christopher Bulus all won their singles matches in straight sets to give the Rebels the victory.

Earlier in the day, UNLV defeated New Mexico State 4-0. Milos Dabic won his singles

and doubles match, with partner Brodney, to help give the Rebels the victory over the Aggies.

UNLV's Saturday double-header came after a 4-3 win against Hawaii on Friday night. In his debut for the Rebels, Bulus upset the nation's No. 11 singles player, Andre Ilagan, which proved to be the deciding point in the Rebels' 4-3 win.

The Rebels return to action on Feb. 12 and 13 when they travel to face Oklahoma State for a two-match series.

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### Swim & Dive vs New Mexico and UC Riverside 1/28



The UNLV Swim & Dive team hype themselves up before a meet on Jan. 29, 2022. Photo by Lucas Peltier // UNLV Athletics

By Alex Wright  
Editor-in-Chief

UNLV swimming and diving teams capped off its Senior Day with sweeps over Hawai'i and Wyoming.

In total, the Rebels came away with 12 event wins on Saturday, after securing 12 on Friday, to help carry them to the sweep.

The men beat Wyoming by a score of 223-124 and Hawai'i 191-148. And the women finished

with a score of 261-131 over Wyoming and 176-160 against Hawai'i.

On Saturday, UNLV took home a 1-2-3 finish in the women's 500 freestyle with Teneka Ash, Carissa Armijo and Julia Filippova taking the podium for UNLV.

Sophomore Blanka Bokros swept the 100m and 200m butterfly events. Her 200m victory was the third fastest time in school history (1:59.69).

Senior Kristina Schneider also brought home two victories in the 100m and 200m freestyle.

For the men, junior Panos Bolanos finished first in the 200m backstroke for his seventh overall win of the event. Bolanos also took home the win in Friday's 100m backstroke. Bolanos is unbeaten in the 200m backstroke this season.

Junior Cam Castro swept the distance events, winning both the 500m freestyle and 1000m freestyle. UNLV finished 1-2-3 in the 500m with Chris Mykkanen and Andrew Navarro finishing behind Castro.

Mykkanen took home first place in the 200m freestyle, just edging out teammate Bryan Chavez.

Sophomore George Ratiu helped the Rebels win six events over the two days. He won both the 100m butterfly and 100m freestyle. He helped them win four more team events, including the 200 medley relay, alongside Richard Szilagy, Sam Willstrop, and Reece Hemmens.

Freshman Dima Teresch was

UNLV's top diver of the night, placing third in the 3-meter dive and fourth in the 1-meter dive.

"This was a fun way to send our seniors off," head coach Ben Looz said. "We raced very aggressively, and that's what we need to do as we head into February. Our relays were really clicking, which has been and will definitely continue to be a huge piece of our teams' success come Mountain West and WAC Championship meet time."

UNLV won both the men's and women's championships for the WAC and Mountain West, respectively, last season and are hoping their success on their Senior Day can carry them to another conference championship.

UNLV has one more regular season on Feb. 5 at Grand Canyon University, before the men's WAC championships and women's Mountain West championships later in February.

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# Guide to spring events UNLV students should look forward to

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With Spring Semester at UNLV in full swing, there are a slew of new events taking place throughout the coming weeks to look forward to. Students can look ahead to the many opportunities to connect with fellow classmates in a variety of ways.

On the Feb. 1st, President Whitfield's will give a State of the University Address. This is the opportunity to celebrate the universities' success the past year as well as setting the path for the year ahead. This SOTU will be taking place virtually at 2:30pm. The virtual meeting information will be provided prior to it.

The Rebel Events Board will be hosting two events back to back. First, the first Open Mic Night will be on Feb. 2nd. Take this opportunity to showcase whatever you'd like during this event. Open to all performers, this first event will be taking place inside the Theatre inside the Student Union building from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The day after on Feb. 3rd from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. will be the first Rebels After Dark. This event will be taking place inside the ballroom in the Student Union. Rebels After Dark will be

80's themed and will offer free food and giveaways while you enjoy various activities with your fellow students. It is completely free to attend but you will need your Rebel ID to attend.

For First Generation students looking to connect to other first gen students and faculty, as well as get helpful resources and networking opportunities, Pathways and Journeys will be hosting their first event on Friday, Feb. 4th from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Members of the IGC and The Intersection will be there for the First-Gen Friday Cereal Mixer to help others get connected with what's happening on campus.

This event will be taking place inside the Student Union building in Room 121/The Intersection. If you need more information on The Intersection and services they provide, you can contact them at 702-895-0458 or at [intersection@unlv.edu](mailto:intersection@unlv.edu)

The Student Recreation and Wellness Center is hosting the first of many workshops and events on Feb. 8 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Rec Center. Rock Climbing Basics will guide you through learning basic climbing anchors, the materials and usage of bolts as well as one and two point anchors on our very own bouldering wall.

This workshop is free for stu-



Students gathering in the Pida Plaza for an event at night. Photo by Jimmy Romo

dents. For more information on this or any future workshop, you can contact Outdoor Adventures at 702-777-7130 or at [srwc.oe@unlv.edu](mailto:srwc.oe@unlv.edu)

A story full of swashbuckling comedy, Thorton Wilder and Ken Ludwig's Adaptation of The Beaux' Stratagem by George Farquhar will be performed by the Nevada Conservatory Theatre on Feb. 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the Judy Bayley Theatre.

Tickets can be bought online or at the box office for \$25. Discounted tickets (\$22.50) available for seniors, military members, the disabled, and UNLV faculty, staff, and alumni. Students may get one \$10 ticket with identification. This play is for mature audiences so keep the kids at home.

UNLV's Symphony Orchestra returns with its first performance of the year. Conducted by

Taras Krysa, the orchestra will be performing Don Quixote, a tone poem by Richard Strauss. This event will be taking place on Feb. 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall.

Tickets are \$15. \$10 discounted tickets for the in-person event are available to seniors, military members, and UNLV faculty and staff, and all students. All students may also receive one free ticket with a valid Student ID.

This is just a snapshot of the upcoming events this semester. For more information, check out UNLV's official calendar at <https://www.unlv.edu/calendar> to get a more comprehensive list of events and going ons on campus.

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## Back To School Fashion: Spring Semester Edition

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As we enter the spring semester, a new wave of fashion trends is coming about as the cold winds cave in on the Las Vegas valley.

Since many are on the spectrum of broke college students, fashion sense will not be runway-ready. However, that does not mean we cannot be cute, comfy, and warm during this new semester.

For the classic college fit, there appears to be an array of hoodies matched with either leggings or a pair of skinny jeans with the cherry on top, a pair of Vans. Stylish, quick, and manageable when that 8 a.m. class is what gets you out of bed in the morning.

For more of a put-together look, a cute patterned coat paired with black pants, a simple top, and statement piece shoes will make anyone stand out in these first few weeks of class.

Guy fashion is much different from girl fashion and often is not discussed. Flannels over hoodies have been popping up all over campus. Some of our fashionable male students have been seen in a long trench coat and black Doc Martens.

UNLV student Nicola Figarotta gives some insight into how he dresses during the winter season.

"My go-to outfit is either a brown wax cotton coat or leather jacket," Figarotta. "It is a way to blend formal or informal together that paired with a sharp pair of jeans and fancier dress boots, cap toe ankle boots, or casual work boots still like cap toe but properly taken care of boots can look just as good."

He said that if it is colder outside, he would suggest wearing a longer peacoat and officer-style knee-length coats. Figarotta's fashion choices are based on his upbringing in New York and his international travels.

"A lot of the old buildings I've

seen inspire me to a time when it was more common for men, in particular, to be dressed with a certain level of care," Figarotta said. "In addition, I think going to Italy really inspired me to care about my overall look for myself and make myself feel better because I knew I was wearing what I wanted to, and it looked good."

When cold weather comes in, the layers come out, allowing our girly Rebs to express their love for skirts and cardigans. I would suggest pairing those cute skirts with a pair of warm leggings. Cold weather does not stop the girlies from bringing the flowers peeking out of the snow.

The alt girls cannot hide in the shadows forever because winter fashion is their time to shine. Fishnet stockings under ripped jeans, band t-shirts, paired with Doc Martens, or combat boots give our school the cutting-edge fashion UNLV deserves.

"My go-to is a red and black flannel I got from sams club, and my favorite would be any of the

looks I do with my leather jacket," UNLV journalism student Breannan Brown said.

"It fits the edgy, rocker, biker look I try to go for, and it's really warm. My style comes from watching 80s movies, seeing red shirt leather jackets and thinking I want to be her, and also mainly growing up riding on motorcycles."

Our spring semester is starting strong with every fashion genre wandering our campus. The cold weather allows our classrooms to be filled with every color on the color wheel. Do not be afraid to let that inner expression become an outer appreciation.

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# Long Awaited New Las Vegas Restaurant Openings Coming this Spring

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Spring 2022 is bringing old favorites and new names for the Las Vegas dining scene. Restaurants and bars are set to reopen early 2022 in Las Vegas, but there will also be new additions and expansions.

Long awaited by locals, The Palms Casino is making a comeback and it is bringing the famous Ghostbar back. The Palms and Ghostbar are said to be reopening in March 2022 with new owners, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. Things are definitely changing as this will be the first Native American Tribe to be owners of a casino-resort in Las Vegas.

The new year has set in motion new restaurants to open, but

also already loved ones to expand. March is going to be an eventful month as Bobby Flay, owner of Bobby's Burgers located at the Aria, is going to expand into the Paris Hotel.

"My favorite part is that the burger has potato chips inside of it," said Las Vegas native Ashley Giron, who frequently visits Bobby's Burgers. "The french fries were super good and I would recommend it because it was nice, clean, had good food, and great customer service."

Speaking of burgers, Anthony Carron and Steve Fretz will introduce Top Round to Las Vegas, a marinated and 10 hour slow roasted Angus beef burger. Rich with culture, Las Vegas brings diverse cuisine to the table.

Owners will open Flight Club, a London-originated restaurant.

You can find their mini shrimp tacos and cotton candy deserts in the Grand Canal Shops.

The Grand Canal Shops has many restaurants including Carlo's Bakery which is owned by Buddy Valastro who is looking to divest. Buddy Valastro will make a change from his usual restaurants to bring us a casual atmosphere with "Boss Cafe" at the Linq, featuring New Jersey and New York delicacies.

"I will definitely try Buddy Valastro's new restaurant, Cake Boss, because I love his Carlos Bakery," said UNLV graduate student Edriana Pedraja.

Looking for more options? The MGM park opened up a space for Nellie's Southern Kitchen where the Jonas Brothers' father will bring to life his grandmother's famous biscuits.

That is not all, the Sahara is expecting Ballo, an Italian cuisine that offers an open kitchen where you can see your favorite pasta being made. And The Crystals shoppes announce Toca Madera dining that offers just about everything from a speakeasy to fire breathers and live entertainment. Spring 2022 is bringing new opportunities for everyone with restaurants of different cuisines and at different locations.

Do not forget to keep an eye out for restaurant openings across the Las Vegas valley and try the new restaurants.

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# Adele Postponed Residency : Singer brought to tears in Instagram announcement



Photo taken from Adele's Instagram Announcement on Jan 20, 2022.

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A teary-eyed Adele took to Instagram on Jan. 20 to tell her 49 million followers that she had to make the hard decision to postpone her residency at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

In the video, she made promises to reschedule all of the dates, although at this time, she is not sure exactly when that will be.

"Listen, I'm so sorry, but my show ain't ready," the 33 year-old started in the video. "I'm gutted... and I'm sorry it's so last minute."

Adele's announcement came less than 24 hours before the opening night of the show, which

the singer claimed was due to delivery delays and half of her team being out with COVID-19. Adele and her team had been awake for over thirty hours trying to figure out how to get the show on its legs.

"We've tried absolutely everything that we can to put [the show] together in time and for it to be good enough for you... it's been impossible to finish the show."

It had been previously announced that Adele's show would be requiring concert-goers to be both fully vaccinated and have a negative test result within 72 hours of the concert. This was a first, as most places and shows

have only required one or the other.

Nevada's mask mandate states that if an event space holds more than 3,000 people, events held there can decide independently to require everyone to be vaccinated, but remain maskless.

Not all events that fit that criteria have decided to do so, but some, such as Allegiant Stadium, have. All Raiders home game attendees over the age of 12 must show proof of vaccination to enter, and are not required to wear face masks during the event.

On UNLV campus, this stipulation only applies to Thomas & Mack, as it is the only event space that can fit more than 3,000 people.

Dr. Brian Labus, an assistant professor in the department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the UNLV School of Public Health, states that this is a good thing. Requiring both vaccinations and negative tests will help provide a safer concert experience for all involved. Reducing the risk of exposure as much as possible is the end goal, even if that means more safety protocols.

Labus has been involved with the UNLV COVID-19 response since the beginning of the pandemic. His advice to anyone with concerns about exposure in both work and academic environments is to get vaccinated and boosted if you are able, and to keep up with

mask mandates and protocols.

"If half of the employees are sick, you can't operate as normal," Labus said in an interview about Adele, "That's something that's true if it's a concert or a bank."

People flying in from across the world have been left wondering about the refund policy, both for the event and for the travel industry. Lilly Williams, a woman in Kansas City, Missouri, had been planning her trip to Las Vegas since early December, spending nearly \$2,000 between tickets, hotels, and airfare, according to KSHB in Kansas City.

As of the printing of this issue, there is no update as to when the shows are being rescheduled to and if there are any plans to issue ticket refunds for those who are unable to attend rescheduled dates.

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# A painted story of Las Vegas artist Chase McCurdy

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Chase McCurdy, a Las Vegas artist, took a leap from corporate America to the unknown. His work has been recently exhibited in UNLV's Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art, who had his "Threads in Time" collection.

McCurdy worked a corporate job at MGM, where everyday of his life felt cyclical. It wasn't until one day his boss asked him to guess how old he looked. McCurdy mistakenly overestimated by a decade. He realized the toll a corporate job could weigh on him, like it did for his boss.

Before landing a corporate job, he settled on pursuing a communications degree during his time in college. When he finished his degree, he was originally not going to be working for MGM, but was in the process of being recruited by a federal agency, but was accepted a job at MGM, working on a five year corporate strategic plan.

McCurdy constructed a strong foundation for his life. He had financial stability but a corporate life did not sit well with him.

"I feel like he was there in a whole self discovery," McCurdy said. "Discovering who he was as a man, who he was as a person."

This encouraged the leap to Los Angeles. From a push of a friend, McCurdy took a leap, quitting his job, abandoning his financial stability working for MGM, took his savings and went to Los Angeles. And from Los Angeles to Paris, France, he re-



Sculpture by Chase McCurdy in Legacy Park, Photo Credit: Luis Soto

turned to Las Vegas with what he studied, practicing it in his works.

"Attempting to understand the world as it is, is what I ended up doing," he said. "It is not a singular point in time, it is a beginning. I would just like an honest grasp on the world I live in."

Los Angeles offered simplicity. It created an environment to study. McCurdy had the idea to study subjects that interested him when he was still in Las Vegas. He ended up doing this plan in Los Angeles.

Certain artists would catch McCurdy's attention, encouraging further studying, reading and learning from them. Although his focus lies mainly on photography. His aunt, Carmen, recalls him struggling financially in Los Angeles.

From Los Angeles, McCurdy

had the hunch to now go to Paris, France. Paris continued to present itself in his studies. He took the risk to go there and further his studies. This trip did not have any romanticizing because of its tourist attraction.

Just like his time in Los Angeles, McCurdy would study, create artwork, write, take photography and read a lot while in Paris. He would also visit libraries and museums often during his time in Paris.

McCurdy invested his time in the present situation of the U.S. and its history. The privilege he had to learn the Black American experience led him to tears.

Once McCurdy came back from his trips, Carmen saw him more differently, "woke." He educated himself with the current

status quo in the United States, understanding the Black American experience. He held a lot of knowledge from all his studies, some of which Carmen missed her studies in school. She admired how well read he presented himself.

Carmen McCurdy said she remembers Chase wanting to be independent from his family. He is the only child, having anything a child could want. He came from a retirement family. His father had financial stability and worked until retirement, enjoying his wealth.

Carmen said she believes that this was an expectation of him.

Chase did not ask or want any handouts. Carmen believes that his father worried that Chase McCurdy would not have financial stability.

What McCurdy aims to do with his artistic creations is to be useful in his society. He teaches classes in his community for the elderly as well for kids. He teaches art concepts and exercises. Additionally he shares artists to further the students education.

"I would want people to think a bit deeper, feel a bit deeper," McCurdy said. "Think a thought they never thought or feel a feeling that they haven't felt."

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## UPCOMING MOVIES IN FEBRUARY

FEB 4

Jackass Forever  
Moonfall  
Through My Window (Netflix)

FEB 11

Death On The Nile  
Marry Me  
What About Love

FEB 18

Dog  
Uncharted

FEB 25

The Devil's Light  
Studio 666

