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"Get crazy and get loud tonight Aggie fans. This is Nevada"

<u>The Hit List</u>						
# <u>Name</u> 3 Armon Johnson	<u>Ht</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Yr</u>			
3 Armon Johnson	6-3	G	Fr.			
21 Marcelus Kemp	6-5	G	Sr.			
0 Brandon Fields	6-4	G	So.			
4 Demarshay Johnson	6-9	F	Sr.			
34 JaVale McGee	7-0	F	So.			
1 Lyndale Burleson	6-3	G	Jr.			
13 Matt LaGrone	6-8	F	So.			
15 Malik Cooke	6-5	F	Fr.			
20 Ray Kraemer	6-4	G	So.			
24 Richie Phillips	6-7	F	So.			
25 David Ellis	7-1	С	Sr.			
35 Curry Lynch	6-1	G	Sr.			
55 Adam Carp	6-7	F	Fr.			
Coach: Mark Fox						

<u> In All Honesty: Nevada is still Nevada</u>

Nevada comes into the Spectrum with a 13-7 overall and 5-2 record in the WAC. Like the rest of the WAC Nevada is searching for consistency on the road where they are 5-5 with bad losses to Pacific and San Jose State. Marcelus Kemp leads Nevada averaging 19 points and nearly 6 rebounds a game. The Wolfpack's Armon Johnson is the leading contender for WAC Freshman of the year and has scored in double figures in all but one conference game this year. Their interior defense leads the WAC in blocks led by sophomore JaVale McGee. Nevada has already notched a win at one of the toughest road games of the WAC season with their win over New Mexico State in Las Cruces. With conference road wins at such a premium, the winner of this game will be in the drivers seat for the #1 seed at the WAC Tourney in March.

Nevada head coach Mark Fox files restraining order on Chaz Spicer

Following ninth ranked Nevada's 79-77 loss last season in The Spectrum, Nevada head coach Mark Fox became determined to avenge his team's loss on the court the next time the Aggies met. Eight days later in the WAC tournament semifinals, The Wolfpack and Aggies squared off in what ended as another 79-77 win for the Aggies. Just like the previous week's game, the winning two points came on free throws by USU forward Chaz Spicer.

After the second loss to the Aggies in eight days, Fox turned his quest to avenge the losses towards the referees for that semifinal game. Fox chased the referees from that game up the tunnel as they exited the playing floor to confront them. A violent shouting match and several police reports later Fox was forced to stand down from further harassing the game's officials. Finally admitting defeat, Fox has now filed a federal restraining order against former Aggie Chaz Spicer in hopes of putting to rest the nightmare that was his last visit to The Spectrum.

"I've often been waking up in a panic for almost a year now," Fox said. "I have this recurring nightmare where I'm stuck in the middle of a packed-house Spectrum with giant sized numbers 77 and 79 blocking all the exits. The numbers look like something out of Sesame Street, only they're evil, and won't let me get out! Terror is the only word to describe that."

Along with the restraining order, coach Fox has also filed a multi-million dollar civil suit against Spicer in an attempt to recoup from the emotional damage allegedly caused by Spicer. 'There's more to this than just basketball," said Fox. "There's no way that guy (Spicer) could convince me that he didn't plan on sticking me in this nightmare. There's foul play involved, and my lawyers and I won't let Spicer off so easy." The Judge on the case has made public his stance that Fox is mostly just a crybaby, and will likely dismiss the suit, giving yet another victory for Spicer over coach Fox.

Tonight is the big one... Bring it

10,000+ people's ears rang for days after Santa Clara came to town. We practically shook the building down when Boise State came to our place. We got ourselves mentioned in the same breath as the elite student sections in the entire nation by New Mexico State... All of that should be nothing compared to tonight. Utah State has been one of the top two teams in the WAC since joining in 2005. The other top team is without a doubt Nevada. From the time they enter the court, until the final buzzer sounds, The Spectrum needs to be at its absolute loudest for Nevada. First place in the WAC is on the line. Get crazy!!!

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The Petri Dish - The "No Nintendo until your homework is done" edition

Coach Mark Fox - Gets angry, animated, and sometimes violent for calls he disagrees with. After losing to Utah State in last year's WAC tournament chased the game's officials up the tunnel exiting the floor and had to be physically restrained by Police. Police reports were filed for the incident. A "Don't punch the Ref" chant seems to be in order for him this evening whenever he flips out.

#0 Brandon Fields - Enjoys playing NBA Live 06. Seems to have missed the memo that NBA Live 07 and 08 have since been released.

#1 Lyndale Burleson – Likes to "play video games on his Play Station 2 and watch re-runs of Marvin" in his spare time. We're not sure what show "Marvin" is, but we've narrowed it down to Marvin the Martian from Looney Toons fame, or Burleson's poor spelling of the 1990's sitcom "Martin" starring Martin Lawrence. He is the younger brother of Seattle Seahawks WR Nate Burleson. Was academically ineligible for the fall semester of school, suspected to be related to the amount of time he spent with watching Marvin and playing Playstation instead of studying. Top friend on Myspace is Tom.

#3 Armon Johnson - True freshman point guard who is the only other contender with Tai Wesley for WAC Freshman of the Year. Is wearing a University of North Carolina shirt on his Myspace profile picture, the same University of North Carolina that handed the Wolfpack a 106-70 loss earlier this year. Also enjoys turning the ball over and has two 6 TO games this season already. Should get flustered under the heat of the Spectrum. Should be the prime focus for the recent singling out of a certain player and chanting their name repeatedly (See Matt "Nelson" and Darin "Nagle")

#4 Demarshay Johnson – Turned 25 prior to the start of the season, making him the oldest player on the court.

#13 Matt LaGrone – A minister since the age of 13 and lists singing as a hobby

#15 Malik Cooke - Like 7 of his 11 teammates, "enjoys playing video games"

#20 Ray Kraemer – Nevada's #20 recently pushed his point total to a higher number than his number of games appeared in with a monstrous seven-point effort against Louisiana Tech. He now trails by only 2,153 points behind Utah State's #20 for his career.

#21 Marcelus Kemp – Enjoys playing video games (surprise!) and fishing. Declared for the NBA draft following last season just like former teammates Nick Fazekas and Ramon Sessions before deciding to return to school for his senior season. Ironically, Kemp has had the same amount of NBA success (0) while still in college as each of his former teammates have enjoyed while actually in the NBA (0 and 0 respectfully).

#24 Richie Phillips - Enjoys playing video games and downloading songs on his Ipod. His interests on his Myspace are, "White Freaks, they're the best".

#25 David Ellis – According the Nevada's team website, he "adds height" to the Nevada roster. The only other thing he adds is an unimpressive 2.6 points and 2.4 rebounds per game using all 7-1, 220 of his body. Is freakishly skinny at best, and probably deserving of a "Steroids" chant for irony's sake. Also enjoys golf and video games.

#34 JaVale McGee – Enjoys playing chess and video games. Myspace quote: "Oh Nothin Just Patronizing this white guy"

#35 Curry Lynch - The senior guard has logged a physically draining two minutes of playing time in WAC play this season.

#55 Adam Carp – Playing sports, playing video games, and writing poetry are his hobbies.

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The burning match to the gas can that is Mark Fox

<u>WAC Standings</u>						
<u>Te</u>	am	Conf	Overall	GB		
1.	Utah State	5-1	15-6	_		
2.	Boise State	6-2	15-5	-		
3.	Nevada	5-2	13-7	.5		
4.	New Mexico State	5-3	11-12	1		
5.	Hawaii	5-3	9-11	1		
6.	Fresno State	3-5	10-12	3		
7.	San Jose State	2-5	10-10	3.5		
8.	Idaho	2-6	5-14	4		
9.	Louisiana Tech	0-6	3-15	5		

Quickies: So much news, so little time...

Wolfpack bring in varsity track coach to rectify

basketball players' running

Due to past troubles by certain players on the Nevada Wolfpack basketball team to "run like a man" (players whose name may or may not rhyme with Fick Nazekas), the Wolfpack coaching staff brought in the university's track coach to try and rectify the problem. Ironically, Nevada only participates in women's track and field.

Burleson's parents take away Xbox until grades improve Upon learning of Lyndale Burleson's academic ineligibility for the first half of this basketball season, Burleson's mother took away the junior guard's Xbox 360 until he became eligible to play again. Burleson was forced to get his video game fix playing NBA Live 06 with teammate Brandon Fields.

Coach Morrill receiving votes in Presidential Primaries

Aggie fans arent't the only people wanting "Stew for President" anymore after the Florida presidential primary this past week. While Morrill has kept his political affiliations to himself, both major parties have made attempts to claim him as one of their own. Morrill finished third in the Florida democratic primary behind Clinton and Obama, while narrowly beating out John Edwards. John McCain, Mitt Romney, and Rudy Giuliani all finished ahead of Stew in the Republican primary, however Giuliani has since dropped out of the race for fear of his own safety from standing in the way of Morrill. Edwards has dropped out as well knowing full well he had no chance at catching up to Stew. All remaining candidates ahead of Morrill have increased their personal security in the past several days.

MARK ADAM JACK FOX SANDLER NICHOLSON



Fox making jump to Hollywood

Nevada head coach Mark Fox has parlayed his issues of anger management on the motion. Fox will alongside Adam Sandler and Jack Nicholson in the sequel to the 2003 hit comedy Anger Management. He will play the role of a spoiled child who grows up and learns the hard way that things don't always go the way you want them to in the real world. Nicholson and Sandler make their best attempts to show him how to deal with rejection in a nonviolent manner.

Mark Fox caught by photographer using new and violent methods to argue officiating calls.



<u>Utah State vs Nevada series recap, 2006-2007</u> Results between the two conference powers since Utah State joined the WAC

<u>Jan 23, 2006 - Reno, NV - 59-53, Utah State</u>

In the first meeting between the two teams as members of the WAC, Utah State handed Nevada their first and only home loss of the 2005-2006 season. Nevada did not lose another conference game at home until just two weeks ago when they lost at home to Boise State.

Feb 25, 2006 - Logan, UT-75-57, Nevada

Nevada avenges their home loss to Utah State by handing the Aggies their worst loss in The Spectrum under Stew Morrill. Nevada's defensive gameplan contested every shot the Aggies took and resulted in the Wolfpack out-shooting the Aggies by more than 22 percent from the field

Mar 11, 2006 – Reno, NV – WAC Championship – 70-63 (OT) Nevada Utah State advances to the conference championship game in their first season in the WAC to face off with Nevada on their home court. Utah State missed a jump shot and a heavily contested layup attempt in the final seconds of regulation to send the game to overtime. Nevada pulled away on their home court for a seven-point victory and a WAC tournament championship.

Jan 27, 2007 - Reno, NV - 79-62, Nevada

anger management on the Nick Fazekas led #15 ranked Nevada with 24 points, 18 rebounds, four assists, basketball court into what and three blocks without turning the ball over once. Three other Wolfpack will be his first role in a major players scored in double figures in what was safe to call a blowout.

Mar 1, 2007 - Logan, UT - 79-77 (OT), Utah State

For Aggie fans it was one of those "once in a generation" type of games. #9 ranked Nevada came in at 26-2 having already pounded the Aggies once that year. A foul by Nick Fazekas in the closing seconds of the overtime period sent Chaz Spicer to the free throw line with the game tied at 77. Spicer drained both free throws to take a two-point lead. Marcellus Kemp airballed a half-court desperation shot at the buzzer as the Aggies pulled off their biggest upset victory in nearly a decade.

Mar 9, 2007 – Las Cruces, NM – WAC Semifinals - 79-77, Utah State
The Aggies and Wolfpack meet again just eight days after Utah State's upset win
in The Spectrum. Just like the previous meeting, Chaz Spicer draws a foul in the
closing seconds with the game tied at 77 and sinks both free throws. The Aggies
beat the #10 ranked Wolfpack to become the first time in the history of the WAC
to play for the conference championship in each of it's first two seasons.

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