

REBEL SPORTS

Honor Convocation held for Student Athletes

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guest writer

Soccer player Jerry Neel and softball player Michelle Kilby were named UNLV's outstanding student-athletes for 1987 at ceremonies Tuesday at the Thomas and Mack.

Baseball player Ted Williams and swimmer Wendy Hoffman-Meyer received PCAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards.

Other PCAA Scholar-Athlete Awards went to Lisa Anderson, Lisa Haskell and Kilby, softball;

Kim Crawford and Cathy Watlet; basketball; Alan Lagervall and Diana Palma, swimming; David Ruggles, football; John Sawaia, baseball; and Ron Walker, soccer.

Honorees achieved at least a 3.2 GPA over their last 24 credits.

The ninth annual Student-Athlete Honors Convocation was hosted by the Athletic Department and sponsored by First Interstate Bank.

Featured speaker was former student athlete Henry Melton, now a professor in the College of

Hotel Administration.

The audience, composed of student athletes, their parents, coaches and professors, also heard UNLV graduate and former football star David Hollis praised for achieving both his academic and athletic goals. Hollis, now

with the Seattle Seahawks, flew to Las Vegas especially for the convocation.

Also honored were 59 student-athletes who had achieved at least a 3.0 GPA for at least a semester in 1987.

A sports writer's farewell

by ralph brown

staff writer

As I sit in front of my computer terminal for the final time this year maybe for good, I have some time to reflect on things that have happened and people who have helped me out.

This will appear on the sports page but life is not all sports, sometimes people mean more than sports. In the year and a half that I have attended UNLV I have seen many things, both good and bad, that are associated with a good college experience.

I have a list of people that I want to say thank-you to but I'll do my best to be brief.

First of all to my Father who, for reasons that I now understand, made me take responsibility for my own destiny shortly after a critical period in my life. This alone has made me realize and accomplish many things that I didn't think were possible and for that I have a greater love for him each day.

To my Aunt Gerri and Uncle Jim thank you both for the love and support you have showed me through the past.

To Mary Gavin and Ann Mayo, people should be so lucky to know two such people. I need to thank them for all that they have done because if it were not for them I may never have accomplished the one promise that I made my Mother.

To Soccer coach Barry Barto, during this past fall I got to really see what grace under pressure really meant and it really hurt me to see him hurt by those who would rather sneak behind a persons back than face them. I'm glad you stayed I feel the players at this school deserve and have the best.

To Dr. Brad Rothermel for showing me more than a 9-5 mentality that some A.D.'s I've worked with have. I don't think that there was an athletic game going on that he didn't attend or check on and he showed me that he cares for the Athletics here.

To Rosa, Joyce, Kevin, Mike, and Steve for just put-

ting up with me at times and for also showing me what the term professional was all about. I have a general idea of what they have to put up with but I've never seen it all. But if the media needs something then they went out of their way to provide it. For all those times that I never said it before, Thank you for everything.

To my "Boss" Karen Hall, Karen is more my best friend than my boss. I want to thank you for everything from the way you handled some difficult and delicate problems to having the confidence in me to trust me with a good share of the load when your mind was on those things that were important in your life. I know that you will achieve all that you want in life. I'll miss you. Take care of yourself.

And finally to my Mother, who even though she is gone now, taught me the most important lesson in my life and stood by my side through many painful nights. I kept my promise and I'll be thinking of you on May 22.

Karen's Final Column

by karen hall

sports editor

As Kenny Loggins once sang "This Is It!" My final sports page of the Yellin' Rebel as Sports Editor. The time has gone by fast but it was loads of fun.

I believe that covering UNLV sports should be an opportunity that each student gets a chance to experience. It can't be taken lightly because at UNLV sporting news happens very quickly.

Coming into the office everyday and reading all sorts of mail such as UNLV sports releases, Ceasars Palace schedule of all upcoming fights, Hilton's Boxing schedule, Silver Streaks information and looking over each UNLV sports schedule to decide what would go into the next issue was a worthwhile task.

I enjoyed every minute of my position however, I wish I could have had a bigger staff to work with. My staff was composed of only two people, myself and Ralph Brown.

Ralph thank you very much for your dedication as my writer. So often jobs are taken lightly and as a result it shows in the final product, you were always ready and willing to take on more. I said it many times but I'll say it again, I really appreciated your hardwork. Good Luck in future endeavors.

I must also thank Bill Stout, who at times wrote for

me during the year. Having you as another writer was a relief.

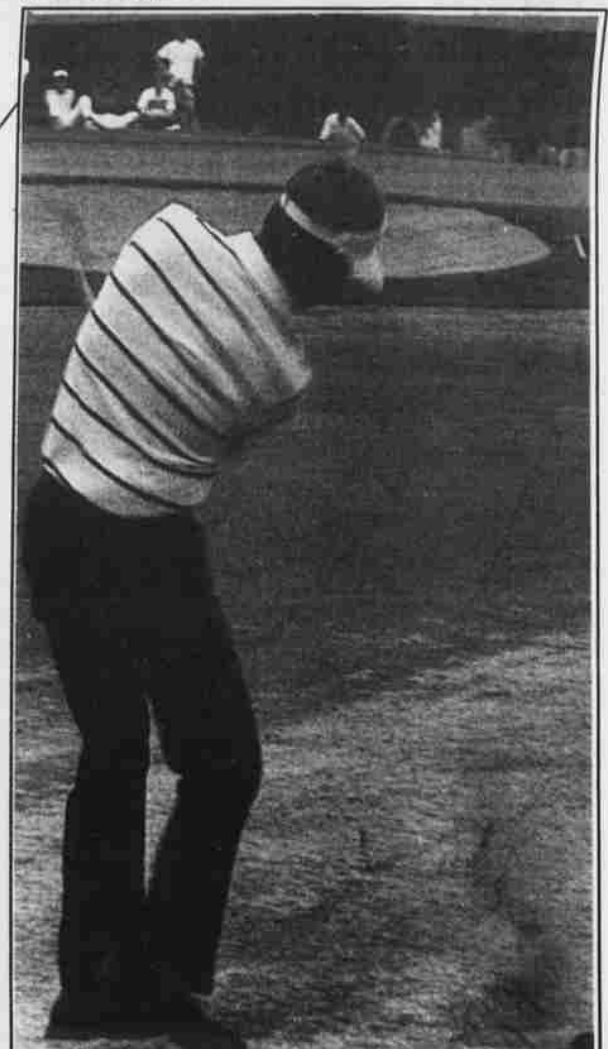
The Yellin Rebel is an interesting and unique place to work from the Editor on down to the writers. Even though we're a student newspaper the business and deadlines schedules create the hustle and bustle of any major newspaper office.

Kurt, it has been a real pleasure working with you. Thanks for your flexibility around my hectic schedule especially during my basketball season. Chuks, I loved your smiling cheeks. Don't worry, you take great photographs especially of Magic. Steve K., you will always be my Stevie. I can't wait until we open our Television Company. We'll argue about the name later. Hi Mike. Do well in your new position next year. David, your the greatest production manager, we were lucky to have you a part of our staff. Connie, your a classic good luck in life. And Tam, you type awesome you did a fantastic job for me. La,la la,la,-la la-la,la.

To the sports information staff, it has been a thrill and thanks for all of your help.

I hope that each UNLV sports program has a great year. To the Women's basketball program good luck forever. My heart will be with you. P.J. knock them dead!

Some advice to the next sports editor get yourself a sports staff and you will enjoy the position even more.



Ben Crenshaw pitches for the hole at the Panasonic Las Vegas Invitational photo by jon ansok