

Intramurals are Well(s) handled at UNLV

Anyone and everyone at University of Nevada, Las Vegas can participate in intramural sports. The only requirement is to organize a team, put in your entry form by the entry deadline and have a representative attend the one mandatory meeting held before each sport starts.

The entry deadline and meeting allow Jeff Wells, assistant director of student activities, to see how many teams have signed up, so he can organize leagues and schedules accordingly.

Wells has only occupied the position for one year. The position was created at UNLV for Wells.

Prior to his arrival, intramurals and campus recreation were supervised and organized by graduate assistants. UNLV's opinion was that the job would be done more effectively, and the students would be better served, if a full time position was created.

UNLV's conclusion was correct; intramural registration has doubled since Wells took over.

Wells was picked after a national search was conducted. At the time he was selected, he was at the University of New Mexico in the department of leisure services. He also has background as an assistant athletic director at a Division I school, played intercollegiate athletics at San Diego State University, and grew up in an environment in which sports was stressed as more than recreation.

Wells' own athletic career was cut short by injuries, but by accepting the UNLV position, he assured himself that he'd be sur-

rounded by sports, even if he couldn't participate in them himself.

His goal is to provide students with organized, low cost recreation.

"The philosophy of our office is to provide an overall recreational setting for the students and the university community. We want to offer avenues of recreational competition on campus - that's the traditional intramurals, flag football, softball, indoor soccer, etc. - but at the same time create an atmosphere where the individual who is looking for backpacking equipment, canoe trips, etc. can find that also."

Wells is concerned about providing recreation as a means to relieve the stress caused by classes.

"The stress release, stress management, and at the same time the physical well being of the student is very important to our office," he said.

Each sport offered by the intramural office starts on a different date. Each also has an entry date and a mandatory meeting date.

If a team is not organized by the entry deadline, a mandatory meeting will give Wells team members' names so that Wells may find a team for each person.

A list of all the dates and times can be picked up at the intramural office at MSU 126.

Wells' office also arranges canoe trips, backpacking trips, ski trips and other outdoor activities - all at low or no cost to the student.

Wells has one other concern



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Jeff Wells - assistant Director of Student Activities, has helped intramural participation double in the year he has been at UNLV.

in his current position, and that is that he fears that there is a serious lack of recreational facilities at UNLV.

"We have to bring the students' awareness up that more facilities need to be developed on campus. The recreational setting, as far as facilities, for a campus this size, is insufficient at best," he said.

For more information about intramurals or campus recreation of any kind, Jeff Wells' office is in MSU 126.

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