

# For Goethals, golf is a way of life

by Stephanie Holland

It was a beautiful afternoon. The sun was shining; there was a gentle breeze. It was the kind of day to walk around four miles of grassy field, taking malicious whacks at a small ball with hopes that it may sail gracefully through the air and eventually land in a small, round cup set in the ground a few hundred yards away and to the left.

This was the setting for Brandon Goethals' first encounter with the vicious yet civilized game of golf.

Goethals had been talked into meeting a few of his friends at the local golf course one afternoon. After being dropped off by his mother, he waited and waited and waited.

His friends never did show up.

"I knew my mom wouldn't be back for a few hours, so I played about nine holes all by myself," he recalled. "I had never played before, but I had an idea of what to do from watching it on TV."

After this brief introduction to the sport, Goethals was hooked.

"I would go home and watch how the pros on TV would swing their clubs, then I would practice while standing in the living room," he said.

Soon after, Goethals received more training by joining his high school golf team.

While attending Enterprise High School in Redding, Calif., he earned four school letters in golf, finished second at the Northern California State Championships and played in the Junior America's Cup.

"During high school, my coach, John Skinner, had a great influence on my decision to keep playing golf through college and to

hopefully turn pro after that," Goethals said. Because of his performance on the high school golf team, Goethals was able to acquire a full-ride golf scholarship to UNLV. As a member of UNLV's golf team, Goethals has already played in more than 71 tournaments and was also a member of the first squad from UNLV to ever advance to the NCAA championships.

Since the beginning of this semester, Goethals has been to Hawaii, North Carolina and California. For him traveling is as

much a part of a normal college semester as studying for exams and attending classes.

As much as he loves the traveling aspect of this sport, he said, "It is real tough to keep the grades up. Studying on the road and the help my academic advisor gives me are two ways that I manage to maintain my grades while I am traveling."

He estimates that he spends about 75 percent of his time playing golf in either practice or tournaments.

"I get up and go to the gym at about 6 a.m. every day and then

head over to school until 1 p.m.," he said. "After that I practice golf until it gets too dark to see anymore."

Although golf is a very big part of Goethals' life, it is not the only part. He also tries to make time to do the other things that interest him such as basketball and fishing.

One reason he enjoys fishing is because fish is one of the few foods that Goethals can eat without experiencing an allergic reaction. Among other things, Goethals is allergic to wheat, sugar and all dairy products.

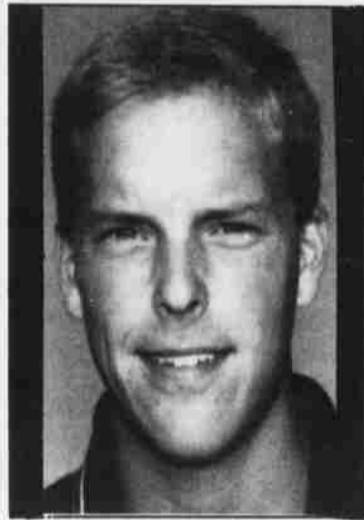
For a while he was getting shots for the allergies and he has received as many as 60 shots in a single visit to the doctor.

Another thing that Goethals always tried to fit into his already full schedule was the UNLV basketball games. During basketball season, he always managed to catch the games on TV or in person at the Thomas & Mack Center.

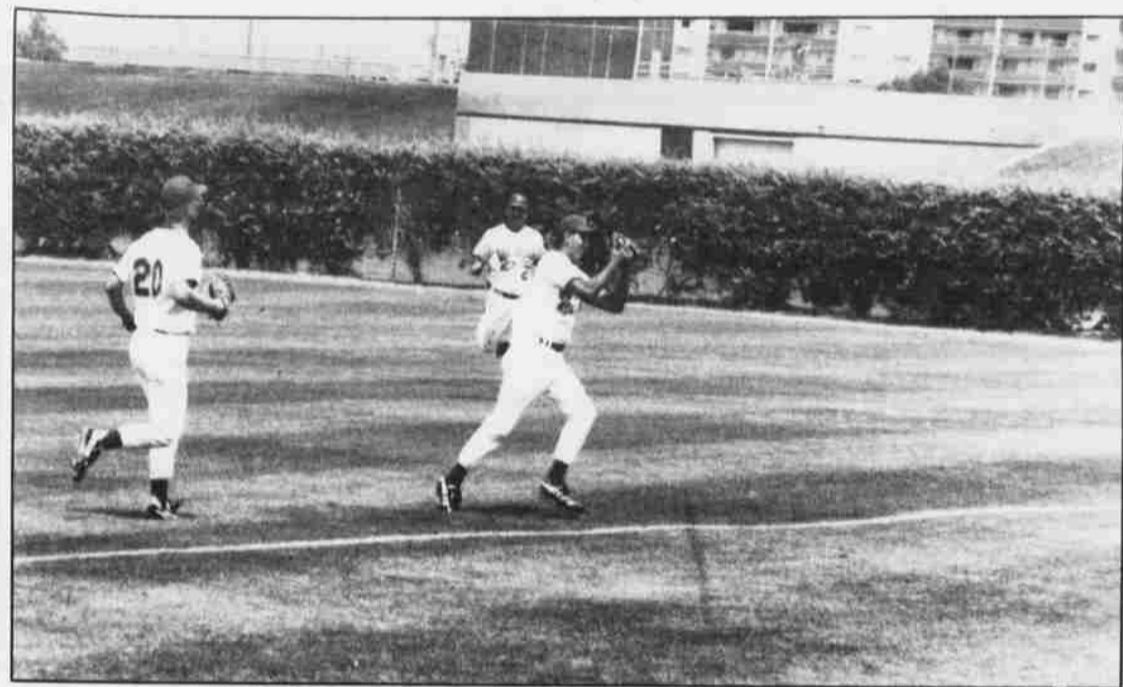
His answering machine best described his feeling for the Rebels, "I am too upset (sniff) about the tragic loss of the Rebels to (sniff) Duke to talk to anyone right now. (Sniff) Call back in about a week; hopefully, I will be over it by then (sniff)."

As for the future, Goethals' big dream is an all-American one: have a little house away from the city, "somewhere green", a wife, some kids, a dog and to play on the pro tour.

If for some reason he does not make it on the pro tour, he said he would like to use his knowledge of sports and his future degree in communications to become a sportscaster. Until that time comes, Goethals is happy living his life from day to day and—aside from his allergies—he would not change a thing.



Brandon Goethals



MJ Mariani catches this one to help the Rebs snap their losing streak. photo by Morgan Fisher

# Hustlin' Rebs drop two to ASU

## Losing streak reaches five

by John Santana

The Hustlin' Rebels entered this week's series with Arizona State after being swept at Fresno State last weekend. ASU wasn't doing much better, struggling at .500 after being the nation's pre-season No. 1 team.

On Tuesday night, the Sun Devils scored seven runs in the games last four innings to post a 9-4 win. Scott Dodd started and went five innings to pick up the victory and improve his record to 6-5. Lance Schuermann allowed three runs in 1 1/3 innings and took the loss dropping his record to 3-4.

The Rebels opened the game in good fashion when Ricky Scruggs drove in Tim Johnson with a single off Dodd. The Sun Devils got on the board in the top of the fourth when Mike Kelly blasted a T.J. Mathews pitch over the left center fence that put ASU up 2-1. The Rebels tied the game in their half of the fourth when Tim Johnson drove in Lino Diaz with a single. The Rebels squandered many scoring chances early in the game, as Dodd had eight walks. ASU's power surge continued

in the sixth as Jim Austin and Dave Robson both hit home runs. The Rebels scored two in their half of the sixth to cut the Sundevil lead to 5-4.

On Wednesday afternoon, ASU looked like the nation's No. 1 team as they used a 15-hit attack to demolish the Rebels 13-2. The Sun Devils scored all the runs they needed in the top of the first when Dave Robson hit a two-out grand slam off Rebel starter Doug VanderWeele, who took the loss to drop his record to 4-4. ASU pitcher Doug Newstrom took a no hitter into the seventh inning when Bobby Dillon led off the inning with a single to left. The Rebels only runs came in the last half of the ninth when Dan Madsen hit his seventh home run of the season to right field with a man on.

The two wins improved the Sun Devils' record to 29-27, while the Rebels fell to 25-21 with their fifth straight loss. The Rebels close out the home season with three games against Pacific (5-10 Big West, 19-26 overall) at Barnson Field. Friday's and Saturday's games will start at 7 p.m. with Sunday's affair beginning at 1 p.m.

# Pacific takes two of three from Hustlin' Rebels

## UNLV baseball team plays final home series

by Brian Hurlburt

The Hustlin' Rebels played their final series at home over the weekend at Roger Barnson Field. The Rebels hosted the Pacific Tigers and were gracious hosts indeed. Pacific won the series two games to one as the Rebels' losing streak climbed higher.

The streak was at seven games going into Sunday's finale, but the Rebel bats came alive and rocked the Tigers 12-6. Center fielder Tory Moran paced the Rebels attack with four hits, four RBI's, and four runs scored.

In the first two games the Tigers used solid pitching to beat

the Rebels. Larry Sherk tossed a three-hit shutout in the first game as Pacific won 6-0. Joe Brownholtz followed that performance in the next game by allowing three runs as Pacific scored a 4-3 victory.

In the first game Rebel ace Brian Boehringer pitched well but was the victim of his own defense. Boehringer struck out 13 Tiger batters, but the Rebel defense committed four errors.

UNLV was eliminated from the Big West title hunt after losing Friday night's game. UNLV moved to 26-23 overall, 9-9 in the Big West and ended the home season 23-14 at Barnson Field.

# What lies ahead for UNLV athletics?

by Brian Hurlburt

As another semester comes to a close here at UNLV, there are some questions in my mind about the future of UNLV athletics. These might make you think a little bit, but with the summer on its way you will have plenty of time to rest your brain.

Here we go.  
• Will Jim Strong and his Rebels play good football in the fall?

• Will the Lady Rebel softball team bring home what should be UNLV's second national championship of the year?

• Will UNLV basketball players be forced to ride bikes (used bikes) for the rest of their career at UNLV?

• Will there ever be a Gucci row at the Silver Bowl?

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• Will the "four Mt. Rushmore seniors" use their profits to buy an NBA franchise and continue playing with such a great bunch of guys?

• Will the media and the nation ever give UNLV a fair shake?

• Will Fred Dallimore ever get his "field of dreams?"

• Will students ever realize how enjoyable it is to take in a UNLV softball or baseball game on a nice spring day?

• And last and probably most important: Who will replace Jerry Tarkanian? I am not saying he is leaving, but if he does, who will be the next Shark?

Well, that will do it for this semester. I'll see you here next year.



Warren Schutte shot 207 for 54 holes to win the Big West championship. photo by Steve Spatafore

## Big West Conference Men's Golf Championship

Virginia Country Club, Long Beach, Calif.

### Team results:

1	Fresno State	858
2	UNLV	859
3	San Jose St.	866
4	Pacific	873
5	Long Beach St.	883
6	UC Irvine	889
7	New Mexico St.	900
8	UCSB	909
9	Utah State	913

### UNLV individual results:

1	Warren Schutte	207
4	Darin Osborn	215
9	Chris Leon	217
15	Andrew Raitt	220
33	Monte Montgomery	229