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B. J. Burris has run the UNLV Intramurals program since 1991.

# Burris reaches students through intramurals

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After earning a marketing degree from the University of South Florida in 1985, B.J. Burris spent a short stint in the business world.

Fortunately, for the UNLV intramural program, Burris had a change of heart, opting to ditch her marketing career in favor of recreation.

UNLV paved the path to Burris' career change in October of 1991, offering her the rather challenging Intramural Sports Coordinator position. Needless to say, she accepted.

"The money (in recreation) is obviously not what is was in business, but I really enjoy recreation and that's why I want to stay with it," Burris said.

Burris' duties cover a wide spectrum. The second-year intramural coordinator signs up teams for all sporting events, makes all schedules and hires officials.

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UNLV's intramural program has already progressed under Burris' leadership. There were 21 intramural events during the 1991-92 school year. This school year, Burris' second at the helm, seven intramural sports events were added.

More UNLV students are capable of participating in the intramural program due to the additional sports.

"We're definitely reaching more students this year than last," Burris said. "I would guess we will reach about 5,000 students this year. That's about 25 percent of the students."

The growth is expected to continue next school year.

"We're looking to add a couple more events in the fall," she said. "But I still think there's some people out there that I haven't tapped into, but we're trying."

Burris is also responsible for the intramural officials becoming a recognized CSUN organization this academic year which grants the officials with Student Government funding.

Being intramural coordinator has been as good for Burris as she has been for it.

"I like the fact that the job is diverse and that I'm not regimented," Burris said, who is working on her master's degree in recreation here at UNLV. "Once basketball is over, I move to softball. Once softball is over, I'll move to volleyball."

"Everything's refreshing when you start a new season. That changes things up and keeps me out of a rut."

## Softball

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"I thought that was a good heads-up play by Kim Fritts behind the plate to look for the next play and that Tricia was in good defensive position," McDonald said.

While McDonald maintained the toughest tests were still to come for UNLV to win the Big West crown, she said the four wins were good for confidence building.

"It's always tough to play the same team four times in a row," McDonald said. "The fact that we took four lets us breath a little easier. We haven't done that for a while."

In particular, McDonald mentioned the implications this series had on the confidence of sophomore pitcher Amie Stewart. Battling with inconsistency, Stewart became frustrated early in Sunday's Game 2, but slowly regained control as the game wore on. McDonald said the game belonged to Stewart—a pitching change was not in the plan.

Said McDonald: "Probably the most important thing of (Sunday's second) ballgame was that Amie Stewart has struggled before in close ballgames. She did a great job (Saturday). She opened up (Sunday's game) with a single but came back and threw her pitches. There's nothing better for a pitcher's momentum then to be able to close a ballgame well."

Stewart went the distance in the second games of both Saturday and Sunday, bettering her record to 9-9. Hawaii combined fielding errors with line drives to produce a 4-2 lead after two innings.

To Stewart's relief, UNLV batters staged a three-run rally in the fifth to put the Lady Rebels back in front. On a fielding error by Wahine pitcher Jill Endicott, Mallett took three bases and sent base-runners Fritts and Hollie Chadwick in for a 4-all tie. On the next pitch, Stewart's line drive sent Mallett in for the go-ahead run.

Hawaii answered immediately. A double by Anne Williams sent fellow Wahine Kathy Turner in, deadlocking the game at five.

Stewart, however, would recapture the decision for herself in the sixth. A line drive between short and third by Reimche brought Stewart in from third for the final margin.

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