

Intramurals are part of the college experience

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The summer break never seems to last as long as you'd like it to.

Especially if your summer was spent toiling in one of the summer sessions at school or mired in work.

But now is a time for new beginnings. A time for fresh starts and clean slates. A time to hit the books and take part in one of the greatest opportunities of a lifetime - the college experience.

The school year is upon

us and though education is our primary goal, the college experience would not be complete without taking in the sights. And here at UNLV, sports are the ultimate sideshow.

Your student newspaper, *The Rebel Yell*, takes pride in presenting student news, affairs and events to the public. The sports page is no different.

Through sports, the average student has a chance to see and read about Division I athletes in action on the field, court and spotlight. But through intramural events, the student becomes a participant. The student becomes the newsmaker in *The Rebel Yell* sports page, as well as

THE REBEL YELL the news reader. It's a win-win situation for the UNLV student.

Intramurals give the student an opportunity to sweat, sacrifice and feel the thrill of victory as well as the agony of defeat. They also add a dimension to the life of the college student. They make you a more complete person. And isn't that a major part of college life?

Activities such as tennis, volleyball, flag football, golf, cross country and wrestling are a part of the intramural experience. Other events slated for the fall semester are oozeball (volleyball played in a mudpit), indoor soccer, badminton and a sports

trivia contest. All intramural events are open to current UNLV students as well as faculty and staff.

The intramural office is located in the Moyer Student Union, Room 111. The staff is waiting to sign up interested students.

Participating in these sporting events allows a person to relive one's high school glory days. The competition is intense and allows a positive outlet for aggression. Winners are awarded with T-shirts as well as having their photo posted in the Intramural Glass Case of Champions. It's a healthy way to channel energy and make friends.

Yes, the school year is

back. It's time to excel in the classroom and on the field.

Play ball.

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The Rebel Yell sports page welcomes reports of UNLV sports clubs. We are also interested in athletic accomplishments of UNLV students, on or off campus. To submit information drop by the newspaper office in the MSU, Room 302, or call 895-1510.

Paul Gutierrez is sports editor of The Rebel Yell. His column will appear every Tuesday.

UNLV baseball team closes out year on a high note

It was a season of ups and downs for the Hustlin' Rebel baseball team.

Winning streaks would be followed by painful losing skids

only to be followed by more losses. It all added up to a frustrating year.

Midway through the season, UNLV was mired in a five-game losing slump at 8-13. A winning streak ensued and the Rebels were close to .500 at 12-13. But more streaks saw the Rebel record fall to 13-18 before rising to 17-18 and falling to 17-22.

The Rebels did win seven of their last 10, including two of three at Stanford, to pull within one game of .500 for the season at 24-25. A 9-12 Big West Conference record was good enough for fourth place.

It was the first time since 1975 that a Fred Dallimore-coached team had failed to win at least 30 games and finish at least .500.

Still, the Rebels had several

individual accomplishments.

Four Rebels were named all-Big West Conference and three players were drafted.

Second baseman John Coats (.374, 14 HR, 59 RBI), third baseman Lino Diaz (.370, 3 HR, 30 RBI) and catcher Mike Hubel (.291, 5 HR, 42 RBI) were second teamers while designated hitter/outfielder Jon Polson (.339, 14 HR, 42 RBI, 27 stolen bases) was honorable mention.

Pitcher Eric Ludwick (4-7, 77 K's, 5.23 ERA) was selected in the second round of the Major League Baseball amateur draft by the New York Mets. Speedy outfielder Rodney Mazion (.299, 22 RBI, 23 stolen bases) was picked by the Mets in the 15th round and Diaz was chosen by the Kansas City Royals in the 30th round.

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