

UNLV swim team wins invitational

BY MARCUS HOSKIN
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UNLV men's and women's swimming and diving teams spent their semester break drowning the competition in the Winter Invitational Dec. 18-20 at the Buchanan Natatorium.

Head Coach Jim Reitz said he is pleased with the performance of his teams this year.

"This year has been one of those things you would call a storybook season," Reitz said. "This was a good meet for us, we had some great efforts."

The women's squad scored 1054.5 points by winning 13 of 18 events, and outscored their nearest competitors from the

University of Utah by 410.5 points.

The Rebels were paced by freshmen Petra Mueller, Sheri Theisen and Victoria Naess. Mueller won the 50-and-100-yard freestyle, while Naess was victorious in the 200 freestyle. Theisen finished first in three long-distance events, the 500 freestyle, the 1650 freestyle and the 400 individual medley.

The men's team also dominated the meet, defeating second place Utah 1066-776, and finishing first in 12 of 18 events.

Freshman Petr Kratchovil and Sophomore Mike Mintenko led the way by grabbing the top spots in five and four

events, respectively.

Reitz said this year's teams are the hardest working teams he has coached.

"The major characteristic of this year's teams is the intensity," Reitz said. "The training has been such that I practically have to hold them back, whereas some years I feel like I'm cracking the whip."

In a dual meet at UC Santa Barbara on Friday, the men's team fell to perennial Big West power University of California, Santa Barbara 136-101, while the women defeated the UCSB Gauchos 130-113. Jen Crowder won the 200-yard breaststroke and the 200 individual medley to lead the Rebels.

On Saturday, the men crushed University of Pacific 148-49. Mike Mintenko and Petr Kratchovil led the Rebels with a pair of wins, improving their record to 2-3.

The women's team in a double-dual meet beat Pacific 63-31, but fell to Fresno State 52-43.

UNLV will swim home to face University of California Irvine on Saturday, and Washington State on Sunday at the Buchanan Natatorium in the McDermott Physical Education complex.

Bolla

from pg. 11

with a 1-9 slump that included road losses to conference rivals UNR, San Jose State and University of Hawaii. UNLV then came home and beat UNR 69-61 and travelled to Long Beach State for a 64-63 win.

Going into the weekend's homestand, UNLV has shot only 37 percent from the field, connecting on 271 of 731 shots. The Lady Rebels had also committed 361 turnovers in their

first 13 games.

Bolla will go for win 300 Saturday against New Mexico State at 7:30 p.m. in the South Gym on campus. The coach downplays the importance of his personal achievements and stresses the importance of turning around the season.

"I am not worried about the 300 (win) thing—everyone is making a big deal about it," he said. "Wins come when you coach a long time and I have been coaching here 14 years. I'd rather have 175 wins and work on getting this team playing hard."

Bench

from pg. 11

mathematicians (shaddup!) the bench found that the Rebels have lost by a combined 58 points this season, a third of those points coming against Pacific. Now let's throw some water on this grease fire to spread it around some. The last time Pacific came down here and won, was way back in P.T. (Pre-Tark) in 1971, some 25 years ago...

Was flippin' through the channels, trying to find the UNLV-UCLA game while back home, and saw UNLV Sports Information Assistant Scott Gulbransen on bended knee, proposing to his girlfriend. I wonder what her answer was, they never really said, yes or no? Congrats anyway from the bench, Gully...

Speaking of Lady Rebel basketball, coach Jim Bolla, who has coached the Lady Rebs for 15 years now, is looking for his 300th win in his UNLV career. Boy, it seems like just yesterday he was looking for win 298, and looking, and looking, and looking. But you know what? He found it, over in Reno, on the UNR campus.

You know, it's always the last place you look, ain't it?...

Finding that win ended an eight-game losing streak, and then the Lady Rebs headed down to the coast (the Pacific coast, not Lake Mead's coast) and snuck up on Long Beach State, 64-63...

Speaking of the efficiency of UNLV's scheduling of communication classes, I need something explained to me (keep your snide comments to yourself). How is it that the Greenspun School of Communication can only offer one, count it one, singular, solitary, Survey of Mass Communication class when every student in the school needs to take it?

I wonder if the personal budget planner and calculator I gave to athletic director Charles Cavagnaro is being shared with university president Carol Harter...

The best athletic program will be starting in the next couple of weeks. The sport: UNLV Softball. The Rebels could be ranked within the top five, and that's not the BWC polls, that's a national ranking...

-Michael Melissa is the Sports Editor for The Rebel Yell

Trophy

from pg. 13

named Big West Conference Field Player of the Year for 1995.

Other 1995 honorees that will be back are second team All-American junior center-fielder Sara Mallet and third team All-American freshmen catcher Julie Crandall.

Leading this year's unit on the road back to the series is Coach Shan McDonald, who earned the 1995 West Region Coach of the Year award.

Despite losing two clutch contributors from last year's team to graduation (pitcher Amie Stewart and first baseman Cyndi Parus), the Lady Rebels seem to have a solid cast in place to make a run at the title this season.

"The goal we should all have is to be competitive at a high level," Athletic Director Charles Cavagnaro says on the possibilities of bringing home a national championship.

With a little luck, and a lot of practice, these two talented Rebels team could write a page in the UNLV sport record book.

UNLV

20,000 students

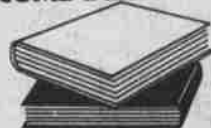
One student newspaper

You do the math

Advertise
895-3878

The Rebel Yell

WANT \$30,000 FOR COLLEGE? COME TALK TO US.



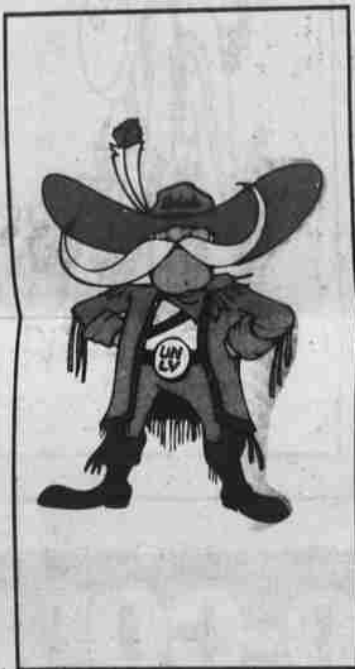
The Army can help you ease the financial burden of college with the Montgomery GI Bill plus the Army College Fund, if you qualify. And, equally important, we'll show you how Army service can help you succeed in college. See your local Army Recruiter today for details.

\$30,000.

Montgomery GI Bill plus the Army College Fund.

733-6770

ARMY
BE ALL YOU CAN BE.



SONY MUSIC

Sony Music is looking for students to join its college marketing department. Spend your days and nights working to promote and market alternative and developing artists through college radio, college newspapers, record stores, clubs, and student activity groups. This is a paid, part-time position requiring a time commitment of approximately twenty hours per week.

If you are interested in applying, have at least one and a half years left in college, and have a car, send or fax your resume to:

Sony Music/College Marketing Department
550 Madison Avenue
31ST Floor
New York, NY 10022-3211
fax: 212-833-5780