Honors convocation a rewarding experience

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UNLV students, faculty and guests filled Artemus Ham Hall April 18 for the 30th Annual Honors Convocation, sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

UNLV President Carol Harter, Provost Douglas Ferraro and the Board of Regents joined Nancy Master, Phi Kap-pa Phi president, to honor hundreds of UNLV students from 12 colleges for their academic achievements.

Faculty from a variety of colleges and departments received outstanding research, outstanding teacher and faculty service awards.

Featured speaker, Dina Titus, Nevada state Senator and UNLV political science professor, in her convocation address, said the ceremony was an opportunity to "recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of my colleagues, both faculty and students.

The honorees have proven themselves, Titus added. "So I say, go to it and good luck." Jennifer Brekke, a senior

accounting major, plans to do just that.

Brekke received the Bank of America Nevada Business Scholarship, the UNLV Alumni Association Department Scholarship, the Arthur Andersen Scholarship and the Elaine Wynn Valedictorian

Scholarship, making her a top honoree.

"It was an honor being recognized for my personal achievements," Brekke said, who was also honored in last vear's convocation. "It was nice to be in the presence of so many academic achievers."

Brekke was honored for the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award, given upon graduation to the student in the College of Busi-ness with the highest grade point average. Brekke's cumulative 4.0 won her the award.

She will also receive the Alpha Kappa Psi Scholarship Certificate and the Accounting Department's Outstanding Senior Award upon graduation.

"UNLV provided quality education," Brekke said. "I was very impressed with the university.

"It always feels great to be honored," said Scott Rapoport, a senior accounting major who received the Nevada CPA Foundation for Education and Research Scholarship and the UNLV Student Access Scholarship.

Rapoport was recognized for his membership in various honor societies, including Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key and Betta Gamma Sigma, for business and economics students.

"Nobody really knows about your achievements when

Schwartz

training major and Schwartz'

been together for like three

years. They're always togeth-

er. "Something's really wrong

"Scott's behavioral patterns

that I've observed in the past

four years indicate that he would not have done this," Izzola said. "Everybody just shakes their heads when you

mention Scott being involved in something like that. It's so

here," Morgan said.

"A knife. I just can't picture it," Shawna Campbell, liberal arts senator, said.

out of character."

"You just don't want to befrom pg.1 lieve things like this," said Campbell, who has known I heard about it," said Tim Schwartz through student gov-Morgan, a sophomore athletic ernment for approximately three years. "You hope there's fraternity brother of two years. "The only girl he's ever talked some kind of mistaken identiabout is his girlfriend. They've ty but...(the evidence) sounds

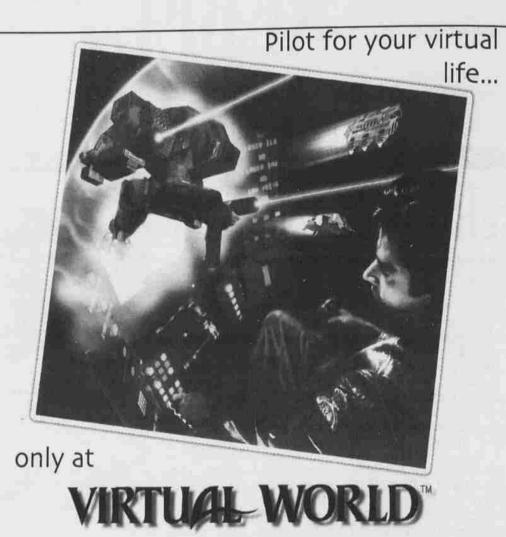
pretty hard. "It's all very, very uncharacteristic of what Scott Schwartz seemed to be."

Schwartz' preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 6.

Want 24.500 you're walking around campus, so it's nice to be recognized," said Rapoport, who plans to attend medical school after graduation ...

UNLV students weren't the only ones in the spotlight. Darlene Unrue, an English

professor, received the Distinguished Professor Award, while Brendan O'Toole of mechanical engineering was named the Alex and Faye Spanos Distinguished Teaching Award recipient.



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