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Fall 2007 Semester Cumulative Grade Point Averages

	FA 07	SP 07	FA 06	SP 06	FA 05	SP05
W Basketball	3.53	3.62	3.09	3.32	3.34	3.31
W Volleyball	3.48	3.56	3.33	3.53	3.37	3.53
W Tennis	3.04	3.48	3.50	3.59	3.66	3.53
M Tennis	3.07	3.33	3.35	3.31	3.18	3.18
W Softball	2.93	3.29	3.27	3.32	3.26	3.27
W Golf	3.32	3.25	3.34	3.14	3.14	3.06
W Soccer	3.17	3.21	3.24	3.05	3.06	3.09
M Golf	3.05	3.12	3.04	3.00	3.02	3.06
W Track and Field	3.3	2.96	2.97	3.17	3.26	3.33
W Swimming and Diving	2.86	2.96	2.95	3.13	3.12	3.19
M Track and Field	2.69	2.79	2.50	2.85	2.88	2.93
M Wrestling	2.62	2.78	2.63	2.75	2.73	2.78
M Baseball	2.86	2.74	2.70	2.70	2.73	2.73
M Football	2.61	2.73	2.53	2.77	2.58	2.80
M Basketball	2.8	2.63	2.58	2.87	2.77	2.86
M Cross Country	3.16	2.81	2.50	N/A	N/A	N/A
W Cross Country	3.22	3.15	3.22	3.38	3.38	3.60
TOTALS	3.04	3.08	2.98	3.10	3.07	3.11



Heidi Owen— Soccer

Overall cum GPA UNC student-athletes fall 2007:

3.04

Overall cum GPA UNC student body fall 2007:

2.84

Graduation Rates 2007 NCAA Study Findings

- 63 percent of Division I student-athletes who began college as freshmen in 2000 graduated within six years, compared to 62 percent of students at Division I institutions, according to the federal data.
- The federal graduation rate does not count transfer students, but it is the only national measurement to compare overall student body academic success with student-athletes. The NCAA's Graduation Success Rate includes transfer students in its calculation and is more accurate than the federal rate.
- Released earlier this month, the most recent GSR data indicate that 77 percent of student-athletes earned their degrees within six years—14 points higher than the federal graduation rate. When further examined by race and gender, and when weighted to more similarly match the demographic profiles of students nationally, the federal data show that virtually every subgroup of student-athletes is exceeding the graduation success of their counterparts in the student body.

Source: NCAA.org

Spotlight on Academic Success: Jimmy Henderson

Jimmy Henderson was named Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Success at the University of Northern Colorado on Sept. 6, 2006. In his role at Northern Colorado, Henderson sets goals of academic excellence, retention and graduation. He also monitors the academic progress of all student-athletes, advises freshmen and transfer student-athletes of academic policies set forth by Northern Colorado and the NCAA and also develops, implements, coordinates and

administers academic success programs. Henderson came to Northern Colorado after spending three years at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas where he was the department's coordinator for CHAMPS/Life Skills and mentoring program. Thanks to his efforts, that program received the "Program of Excellence" award in 2005-06 from the Division IA Athletic Directors' Association, making Texas Tech one of only four universities to garner that accomplishment nationally.



Jimmy Henderson: Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Success



The Board of Athletic Control

The Board of Athletic Control is a permanent University committee composed of faculty, staff, students, student-athletes, administrators, and Athletic Department personnel who serve either as voting or ex-officio members. The BOAC is charged with providing oversight of intercollegiate athletics in areas such as academic success, student-athlete welfare, strategic planning, fund raising, intercollegiate competition and scheduling, budgeting, and facilities planning. Members are either elected

or appointed to the Board and are widely representative of the constituent groups involved with athletics and/or student-athletes. The BOAC is headed by the University's Faculty Athletic Representative and is advisory to the University's President, who may assign the Board other duties. The BOAC meets at least three times a semester during fall and spring and as needed. For more information on the Board, including minutes of meetings and by-laws, the University maintains a website at: www.unco.edu/BOAC.



Faculty Athletics Representative

Individuals who may hold the position of Faculty Athletics Representative are described in Article 6.1.3 of the NCAA Constitution: the faculty athletics representative shall be "...a member of the institution's faculty or an administrator who holds faculty rank and shall not hold an administrative or coaching position in the athletics department." The term "faculty athletics representative" derives from NCAA usage and denotes the perceived need on the

part of the NCAA to involve a faculty viewpoint in the administration of intercollegiate athletics programs. Faculty athletics representatives provide oversight and advice in the administration of an institutional athletics program (NCAA.org). In 2007, Dr. Bob Heiny, professor of Mathematics, stepped down as FAR after 22 years of service and was replaced by Dr. Michael Mills, a faculty member in the School of English Language and Literature.

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