A Celebration of Success
Garnish Scholars Will Be Honored at Halftime

Every year, the annual Parents' Day home game gives the Department of Sports and Recreation a chance to recognize student-athletes with awards named after one of the school's hardest-working and well-loved coaches.

Today at halftime, seven student-athletes will be presented with the Garnish Scholar Awards. These awards are presented to students who are strong contributors to their athletic team and have attained a grade point average of at least 2.70 through the junior year.

The awards are given in memory of Lysle "Spike" Garnish, a former coach and athletic trainer at the University more than 50 years ago. Garnish coached several sports at Rochester and also served as the trainer for all athletes. He left Rochester to accept a position in private business, but left after a year to return to coaching. He was the head basketball coach at Hobart College when he passed away suddenly from a heart attack.

Two of his sons, Dr. John Garnish, and Dr. Richard Garnish, followed him to the University. All three Garnishes were inducted into the University's Sports and Recreation Hall of Fame in 1993.

Some of the athletes being honored this afternoon are unable to be here due to either athletic or academic commitments. Amy Chodikoff, a member of the women's tennis team, is studying in England this semester. She will return to Rochester for the spring semester. Women's tennis has a strong nucleus which will be aided by her return. The Yellowjackets finished fifth at the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association championships last weekend and reached the finals in two divisions.

Lauren Viscardi, a three-year letterwinner with the women's volleyball team, is another Garnish Scholar who is elsewhere this afternoon. Rochester is playing in the University Athletic Association championships at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. Viscardi, who reaped All-UAA and All-Region acclaim last year, is the setter for the volleyball squad. Rochester had a record of 27-6 heading into this week. The Yellowjackets are seeded second in the UAA field (out of eight teams).

Success in the classroom and on the court is more than a passing fancy for Hubert.

Elizabeth Woods is a year-round distance runner for the University. She competes in cross country during the fall, then runs the longer events for both the indoor and outdoor track and field teams. Woods earned All-UAA acclaim last weekend when she finished eighth in a field of 75 runners at the UAA Championships (which Rochester hosted). Woods and the cross country team are in Plattsburgh, NY today for the New York State Championships.

Four of the honorees are here today. Daniel Pratt will be the first to accept his award. He is a three-year letterwinner for the football team who starts at strong safety.

Lisa Allen will be playing later this afternoon when the women's soccer team takes the field for its regular season finale. Allen is a defender for the Yellowjackets after spending two years at midfield. Her skills with the ball have enabled the Yellowjackets to post 10 shutouts in the first 15 games this year and climb into the top 15 in the Division III rankings. She was named the Most Valuable Player of the Flower City Soccer Tournament (which Rochester won).

Darrin Hubert will begin his final season in a Yellowjacket uniform in roughly three weeks when the basketball season starts. He earned Second Team Academic All-America honors in New York and New England from the College Sports Information Directors of America last year.

Emily Sanders just concluded her final season for Rochester's field hockey team. The Yellowjackets fielded a young team this year, but they came on strong. Rochester had one-goal defeats against some of the top Division III teams in the area and blanked Brockport late in the year to knock the Golden Eagles out of contention for an NCAA playoff spot. Sanders earned Academic All-America honors from CoSIDA in New York and New England last year.

The Garnish Committee also awards the Garnish Memorial Citation, given for support, dedication, and hard work towards the student athletes at the University.

Previous winners are:

- 1974: Gerald B. Zornow
- 1975: W. Allen Wallis
- 1976: Clark Wackerman
- 1978: Charles L. Resler
- 1979: Lawrence R. Palvino
- 1980: Richard B. Sertest
- 1981: Alexander D. Dunbar
- 1982: LaRoy B. Thompson
- 1983: John R. Parrinello
- 1984: John M. Clarey
- 1985: Richard T. Kramen
- 1986: Dr. Kenneth E. DeHaven
- 1987: William P. Blackmon
- 1989: Harmon P. Potter
- 1990: George L. Dachinger
- 1991: James S. Armstrong
- 1992: Phil M. Chamberlain
- 1993: Allen M. Brewer