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## **Kevin Bretting and Mark Bock Win Admiral Land Awards**

**Laramie, Wyo. (October 13, 2007)** – An exemplary student-athlete and a dedicated volunteer received the 55th annual Admiral Emory S. Land Awards presented Saturday at Wyoming's homecoming game with New Mexico. Kevin Bretting, a four-year diving letterman, and Mark Bock, a volunteer in the Athletics Department, received the Admiral Land Award and Trophy, respectively.

The Admiral Land Award and Trophy are traditionally presented at homecoming in recognition of the top student athlete or athletes along with a person or group who has exhibited excellence in promoting UW athletics.

During his career at Wyoming, Bretting excelled in the pool and in the classroom. A four-time first team all-Mountain West Conference performer, he finished his career ranked in UW's top three all-time in all three diving events. In 2007, he became just the fifth UW diver to compete in the NCAA Championships and placed in the top 25 in all three diving events. An Exercise and Sport Science major, Bretting earned NCAA Academic All-American honors from the College Swimming Coaches Association. He was a four-time Academic All Conference selection and Mountain West Conference Scholar-Athlete. In 2006 and 2007, he earned Academic All-District VII honors. The Mountain West Conference honored Bretting in 2007 with the Hal Rothman Sportsmanship Award. A native of Loveland, Colo., Bretting is the son of Mark and Denise Bretting.

Bock has been a volunteer in the equipment room for over three years. He is a huge fan of the Cowboys and Cowgirls and is a tireless worker on their behalf. Bock has also worked in Concessions and as an usher, and appeared in the Cheyenne Frontier Days parade on the Cowboy Football float. He also participated in the Buddy Walk with Coach Glenn and the Cowboys. He is always willing to help out in any capacity and wears his Wyoming apparel with pride. His enthusiasm for Wyoming Athletics is unmatched. A native of Laramie, Bock is the son of Norman and Dottie Bock.

The Admiral Land awards have been a special part of Homecoming since 1953. They are given as a tribute to distinguished UW alumnus Admiral Emory S. Land, class of 1898. Land was a World War II Shipping Administrator and head of the U.S. Maritime Service. At UW, he was a member of the first football team and four of the first five teams in school history.

Following are the previous Admiral Land Award & Trophy Winners:

Year	Admiral Land Award	Admiral Land Trophy
1953	Paul Carlin, Track	
1954	George Galuska, Football	
1955	Bob Jangling, Baseball	
1956	Joe Capua, Basketball	
1957	Jim Crawford, Football	
1958	C.T. "Wimp" Hewgley	
1959	Harold Farmer, Football & Track	Janice Elmer
1960	Dick Ballinger, Wrestling	Mary Jones
1961	Jerry Hill, Football	Dave Bonner
1962	Chuck Lamson, Football	Gene Bryan
1963	Bob Hanson, Basketball	Judy King
1964	Mack Balls, Football	Joan Selmer
1965	Flynn Robinson, Basketball	John Hursh
1966	Bob Dinges, Football	Babette Numon & Harold Blumenthal
1967	Mike Gregorio, Cross Country	Phil White, Jr.
1968	Mike Eberle, Basketball	Carl Hanson & Jim York
1969	Bruce Jennings, Skiing	Bill Hill
1970	Stan Dodds, Basketball	Debbie Hardy
1971	Roy Wilson, Basketball	Mary Ann Gorman & Don Bogdan
1972	Gary Fox, Football	Kathy Hunt & Larry Bresso
1973	Stale Engen, Skiing	The UW Marching Band
1974	Steve Cockreham, Football	Michelle Green & Bill Yost
1975	Jody Sloan, Wrestling	The UW Pep Band
1976	Bill Ewing, Baseball	Steve Prosinski
1977	Christine Brown, Women's Athletics	Sally Shurmur
1978	Kathy Merklin, Women's Athletics	Randall Luthi
1979	Ross Houston, Skiing	Pete Kuhn
1980	Geir Kvernmo, Track/Skiing	Cynthia Fester
1981	Charles Bradley, Basketball	Bob Ihle
1982	Phil Davis, Football; Bill Garnett, Basketball	Mike Larson & Mark Netzel
1983	Lynn Stetson, Swimming; Stacy Ward, Skiing	Scott Roberts
1984	Wes Gasner, Wrestling; Mary Shea, Volleyball	Bill Lamberty
1985	Joe Ramunno, Football; Kathy Romsa, Track; Becky Simning, Skiing	Annie Easterbrook
1986	Mike Hamel, Wrestling; Shari Ahola, Skiing	Audrey Waldock
1987	Jim Walter, Baseball	Mike Chisholm
1988	Mark Miller, Swimming; Ronda Munger, Volleyball	Patrick Stolz
1989	Randy Welniak, Football	Amy Dimond & Ron Loghry
1990	Darcy Cudaback, Volleyball; & John Wodny, Cross Country	Kevin Rochlitz
1991	Shelly Thacker, Track & Field; Rob Clayton, Swimming	Jeff Ketron
1992	David McCleave, Golf; Dave Meyers, Wrestling; Reginald Slater, Basketball	UW Marching Band
1993	Scarlett Gustin, Basketball; Mike Abbey, Track & Field	Wildfire Dance Team
1994	Kiesa Fornstrom, Swimming	Noah Buckley, John Carr & Brian Madden
1995	Amy Burnett, Basketball; Ryan Christopherson, Football	Karen Schatz
1996	Joe Cummings, Football; Tom Hickenlooper, Wrestling	Doug Hoffman
1997	Shilo Mathill, Wrestling	Kevin Koerwitz
1998	Brian Lee, Football	Dusty Clements
1999	Mark Winninger, Wrestling	Mark Gibbs
2000	Corey Hamrick, Wrestling	Baend Buus
2001	Joe Hall, Track & Field	Abi Gerhard
2002	Oscar Delgado, Diving	Will LeDoux & Shalee McCue
2003	Josh Rollins, Football	Mark Krug
2004	Casey Bramlet, Football	Keven Gibbs
2005	Shauna Smith, Track, & Scott Usher, Swimming	Jason Wasserburger
2006	Bryce Leonhardt, Wrestling	David Primus

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