

intramurals

Campus intramurals showing growth and its inherent pains

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There is an organization on campus that serves approximately 35 percent of the student body and is growing year by year.

Intramurals is that organization. But Intramural Coordinators John Borchardt and Carla Rice are finding problems along with the obvious benefits of growth in their program.

Among those problems are the following: lack of adequate space, and, on this campus, lack of attention paid intramurals in the local media, particularly the student paper.

The main emphasis of the program, informed Borchardt, is to get the students active and help organize activities for them.

"One of our basic motives is to get as many students involved in our program as want to be in it — and also have it be feasible," Borchardt said.

Feasibility is obviously important.

"We've been able to do what we have done with the facilities at hand," Borchardt said, "but they get more crowded all the time."

Borchardt mentioned the basketball gyms as a prime example of his hope to give the students as much activity as possible while still catering to students who also use the gyms for pickup games.

And what's true of the basketball courts is also true of the handball courts. Borchardt pointed out

that within the past couple years Oregon added eight new handball courts to try to satisfy the already large demand for free courts. However, this has only shortened the waiting lines for each court, Borchardt said, adding he can see no change in that.

"I think we'll get more and more students as time goes on," said Borchardt. "It's predicted on the fact that as we get more facilities we'll get more people in it (intramurals)."

John Mozena, a member of the Intramural Board representing independent organizations, believes Oregon should have its own intramural facility, much like those at Washington and Gonzaga.

"What I'd like to see are better facilities. A lot of these schools have intramural set-ups just of their own," said Mozena. He said he will try to get the board going on that matter, though at this stage the possibilities of getting a facility on campus are very small.

And if any proof is needed that students and faculty participate in intramurals, whether it is team competition, all-campus championships or just free recreation, Rice has the proof.

According to Rice, total participation (one participation one time a person uses a facility) has risen from 6,000 in the 1973-74 school year to 11,772 last year in planned recreation activities.

Rice said there has been an increase in the number of people who participate in some form of

intramural activity either in women or code activities. Last year, 1,744 students participated in planned recreation, whereas 1,460 people were involved in the same activities in 1972-73.

Borchardt said the biggest increase in number participation in men's intramurals has come from independent teams or organizations. He pointed out of 140 teams entered in men's intramural basketball last winter, 100 of the teams were independent.

Mozena appreciates the facility problems, but he outlined what he feels to be the biggest problem area existing involving Oregon's men's and women's intramurals:

"Anything with such high participation such as intramurals should be supported by the student paper, the Oregon Daily Emerald, like intramurals are supported at other schools."

Mozena gave an example.

"There's 36 programs, and for one sport, softball, there's about 2,200 people participating.

"That is double the amount of people that voted in the recent student election," Mozena said, "and yet they can grab front page coverage for weeks whereas we can't get sports page coverage for a day."

Rice and Borchardt agreed that more attention should be given to intramurals in the paper simply because of the amount of people involved in the sport.

After all, argues Mozena, it is a student paper, and there definitely are students involved.

Club Sports open any time to teams wanting to compete; basics must be met

This year's Club Sports program is just winding down, but now is as good a time as any to talk to Sandy Vaughn, the director of the program about forming new teams. However, there are a few basics that must first be met before a team can become an official

member of the Club Sports program.

First, said Vaughn, at least 15 persons involved with the University must want a team to be formed. The other two requirements are the following: The sport must be competitive and must be

a collegiate level competition, and there must be coaches and facilities available for the sport.

"There is no deadline it's open all year round," said Vaughn of the possibility of new teams forming. She added there are no definite proposals in at this time though she has had some feelers regarding a parachuting team.

At this time there are 18 Club Sports: badminton, bowling, bicycling, crew, equestrian, fencing, handball, karate, lacrosse, racquetball, table tennis, men's and women's soccer, volleyball, water polo, rugby, sailing, skiing, and weight lifting.

Vaughn said the students are the sole determiners of their programs.

"That's how our program operates," said Vaughn. "It's based solely on student interest. I'm only here to facilitate the operation of the clubs — they are run by the students."

Vaughn also added "Club Sports Day," held Saturday, was a success. She mentioned about 80 people from Oregon and Oregon State competed in four events (water polo, women's soccer, sailing, and rugby) followed by a picnic at Dexter Reservoir.

Will there be any more in the future?

"I hope so," said Vaughn. "They're the ones that were there had a lot of fun."

club sports

Badminton clubs do well

The Oregon Club Sports badminton team had first and third finishes in team competition at the Pacific Northwest Badminton Team Tournament last weekend.

The first place team of Kinney, Silva, Leung and Ericson came from the B Division to upset A team in Division finals. The Duck A team finished third.

Two Ducks in fencing sectionals

Two Oregon students will represent the Oregon Club Sports program in the Pacific Coast Sectional Fencing Championships, May 27-29, in Oakland, Calif.

Lynn Carroll and Kurt Septon qualified for the Sectionals in a divisional fence-off two weeks ago. Carroll will compete in foil, epee and sabre, while Septon will compete in foil and sabre.

Women's soccer at Stanford

The women's soccer team will travel to Stanford this weekend to compete in an invitational soccer meet. The women will leave Friday for the competition that is slated to run from Saturday through Monday.

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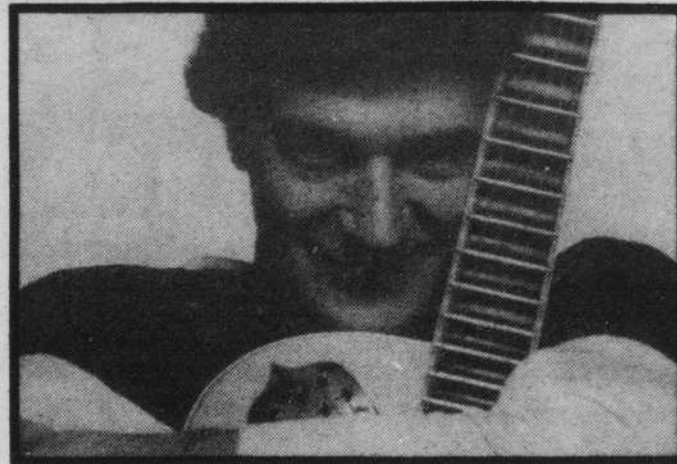
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