

# Intramurals offers students 'playtime'

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The University's Recreation and Intramural program (RIM) is offering new students the opportunity to "get acquainted and have a little fun" during orientation week, said RIM coordinator Karla Rice.

A "Co-ed Softballfest" will be held Sept. 20 from 3-5 p.m. in the field east of the RIM office at 103 Gerlinger Hall. Teams will be organized on the spot and prior sign-ups will not be required.

On Sept. 23, the Hayward covered tennis courts will be open beginning at 1 p.m. for "Drop-in and Lob" tennis matches. Participants are expected to bring their own equipment for both activities. Returning students wishing to join in the fun are welcome to do so, Rice said.

"Participating doesn't require any experience," she added. "We're not looking for any star athletes, and there won't be any prizes or trophies. We want everyone to play for the intrinsic love of play."

Once school gets into full swing, a "Sand Volleyball Tournament" will be held all day Sept. 27 which will give V-bal fans the opportunity to break in the new facelift the intramural volleyball sand court received this summer, when 240 tons of sand was spread over the hard, pitted old surface.

"The old court wasn't soft which didn't make it very conducive to volleyball play," Rice said. "The new sand is of a better quality which means it won't pack down as easily and get so mud-caked like the old surface."

For those wishing to play through the season, there will be a "Coed Volleyball Tune-up" inside the Gerlinger Annex gym Oct. 2. Entry deadline is Oct. 1, and entries must come with a minimum six-member team to qualify and sign-up. Rice said the "tune-up" will give teams a chance to meet with other competitors before the official season begins the following day.

As with all other seasonal intramural team sports, participants are expected to follow the IM regulation handbook available in the RIM office. There is no charge for one-day competitive sports, but seasonal sports fees range between \$10 and \$15 per team for the season.

The RIM program offers a variety of recreational and competitive activities throughout the year ranging from Razzle Dazzle Football to Innertube Water Polo. According to Rice, over eight thousand students, faculty and staff participated in

the RIM program last year, and she anticipates even more involvement this year.

To encourage further interest in the program, RIM has scheduled a "Coed World Series Softball Tournament" for Oct. 10 and a "Men's World Series Softball Tournament" Oct. 14. According to Rice, this is the first time RIM has held softball tournaments in the fall. "We wanted to take advantage of the good weather and give people an opportunity to check our program out at the same time," she said.

A new weight training center has been added to RIM's long list of recreational offerings this year. The Harry Jerome Weight Center was made possible through the fund-raising efforts of the "Men of Oregon" Track Team and their coach, Bill Bowerman, a former University track coach. According to Rice, the center was designed with the general student in mind, and it is the best equipped

facility of its kind in the area. The center is open for use by students, faculty, staff and community members of RIM's Open Recreation Program.

Open Rec offers a less structured, non-competitive form of participation that allows community involvement. Throughout the year, facilities are regularly set aside for drop-in activities, however, reservations are required for use of the tennis and racquetball courts. An equipment check-out service is available at the Esslinger locker room. Facility user passes must be purchased with the exception of University students registered for Physical Education courses. User passes are available beginning Sept. 19 through the RIM office for \$1 per day or \$2 with locker room privileges. Students, faculty and staff may also purchase passes for \$25 a term or \$75 a year. Community members pay \$35 a term and \$125 a year.

Community residents are also



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Special activities scheduled through the RIM program give both male and female students the chance to participate in some real 'down-to-earth' fun.

able to participate in RIM's All Campus Events program, which has activities ranging from a twenty-minute slow bike race to weekend tournaments to four-week fun leagues. The program is geared toward offering men's, women's and coed activities for

the novice on up to advanced skill levels.

Sports and recreation schedule listings are available in the RIM office. Athletic trainers are available to all participants as a source of emergency and initial care.

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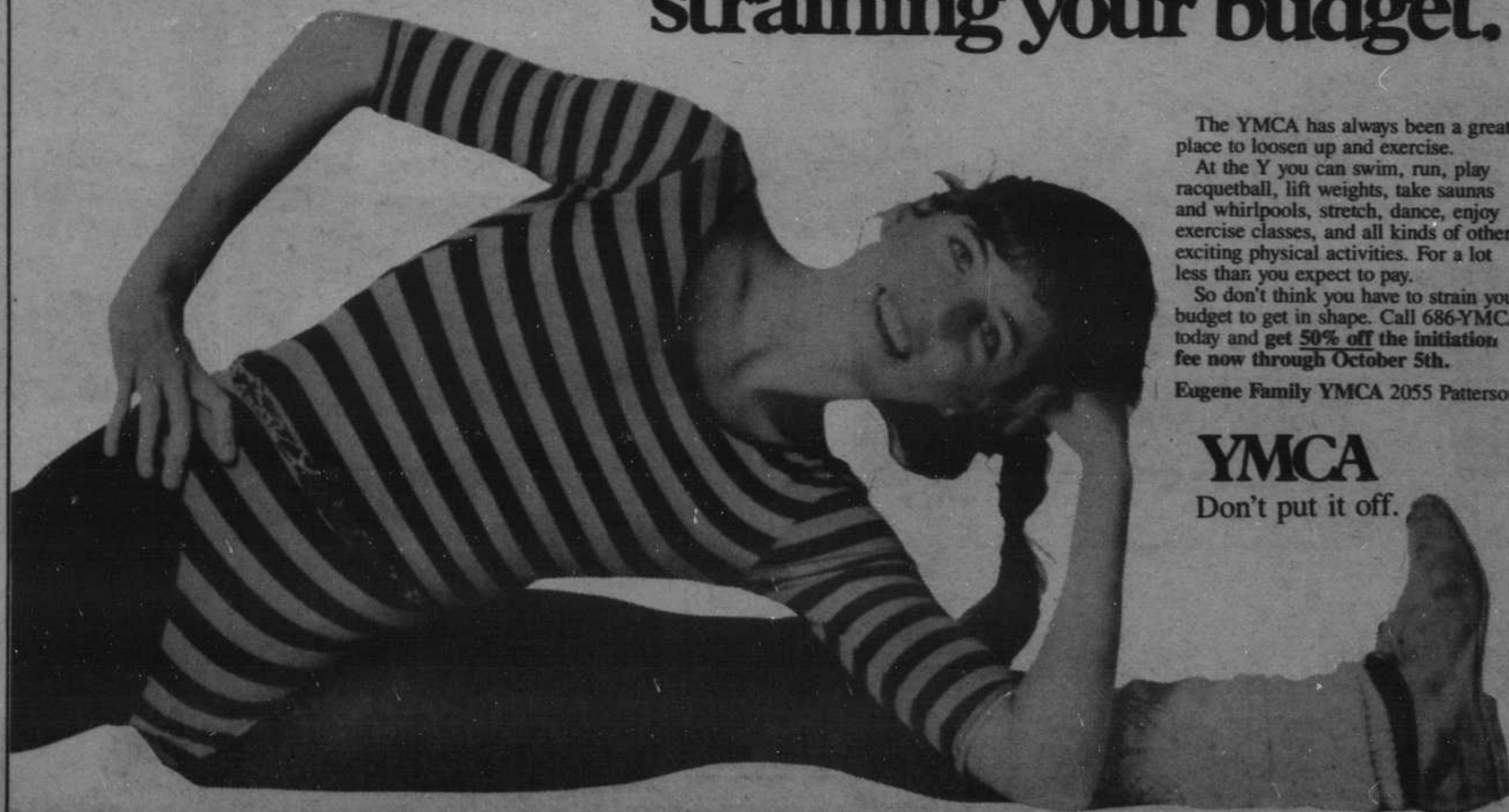


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