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with Club Sports

Rangers challenged in early morning maneuvers

Students use wit strength, dexterity in demanding test

Of all the club sports, ranger challenge may be the most difficult for several reasons.

What other sport requires the endurance to run a 10 kilometer race with a backpack, the manual dexterity to assemble a machine gun in less than a minute, and the intelligence necessary to navigate an orienteering course?

And, for perhaps the most important reason, what other sport requires that the participants practice at 6:15 every morning?

While most students sleep soundly, the 18 members of the ranger challenge are busy practicing the various military-oriented events which combine to form a ranger challenge meet.

A ranger challenge meet could best be described as a military pentathlon, including events such as a weapons assembly race, a rope bridge competition, an orienteering course, an Army physical fitness test, a marksmanship competition, and a 10 kilometer run in boots, full uni-

form, and a 25 pound backpack.

Depending on the facilities available, a grenade assault course may also be contested.

Despite the individual nature of some events, ranger challenge relies heavily on teamwork. In events such as the physical fitness test and shooting competition, individual scores are added to determine a team average score. Several events including the rope bridge and 10k run are performed by the entire team.

Scoring a ranger challenge meet is difficult to the casual observer. Each event in a ranger challenge meet is assigned a certain number of points. For example, the winning team in the rope bridge competition might gain 10 points, with the runner-up teams receiving increasingly smaller point totals depending on their final place.

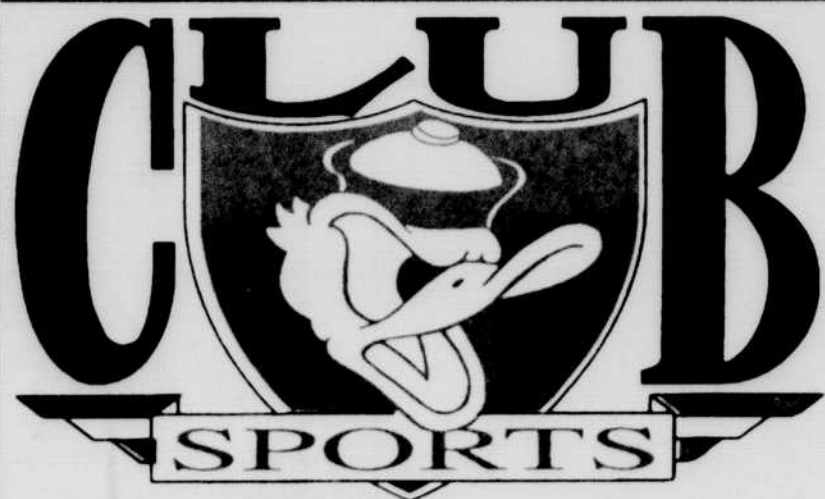
To further complicate matters, the 10k run is doubly weighted, making it the most important event for a team to win.

Since its inception in 1982, ranger challenge has consistently been one of the most successful club sports at the University. Evidence of the team's success has been its ability to qualify for the

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Ranger challenge participants pull their own weight-and then some-in their rigorous training procedures.



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