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Downhill skiing, karate and Ranger challenge are just three of a wide array of athletic opportunities available to students through the University's Club Sports program.

Currently 25 different teams make up Club Sports, which is housed in a new office in the basement of the EMU across from the old computer store.

Sandy Vaughn, Club Sports coordinator for 16 years, said about 800 students are involved in the program. Vaughn said the number of participants has been growing steadily for the last four or five years.

Club Sports is also successful because it offers students an outlet for the stresses classes and studying can create.

"Academics don't always keep students at the university," Vaughn said. "Sometimes it's a different bond with the University, and Club Sports can provide that. Of course I'm biased, but I think this is one of the best programs," Vaughn said. "We're one of the few that has a full-time coordinator. Oregon State, for example, doesn't have one. It lends stability to the program."

Although Club Sports is com-



Students can choose from a variety of teams, including rugby, to join through Club Sports.

petitive, and some teams are forced to turn away prospective members because of size limits, the program really does offer something for just about everyone.

"Most clubs take students of any skill level and train them," Vaughn said. Despite the brand new office, which Vaughn said was much needed, the program has to work hard to stay afloat financially.

Club Sports is partially funded by the IFC, but Vaughn said students must raise more than one-fourth of the program's \$90,000 annual budget.

Vaughn said some teams have even been forced to charge dues.

Vaughn said the growing trend probably won't recede in the near future. She said students are even trying to add new teams to the program.

And Vaughn said Measure 5 cutbacks, which have affected various parts of the University, have yet to hit Club Sports.

That should help guarantee that Club Sports will continue to provide unique opportunities for students interested in competitive athletics not offered elsewhere at the University.

-Jayson Jacoby

## CALENDAR

### January

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22  
 Club Sports Open House will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Club Sports office, Suite 6 EMU. Call 346-3733 for more information.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25  
 Hockey vs. CAL. at 6 p.m. to be held at Lane County Ice at the Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. Thirteenth St. The public is invited and admission is \$2 for students and \$4 for the public. For more information call 687-4423 or 687-3615.

SUNDAY, JAN. 26  
 Table Tennis Tournament will be held from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 220 Gerlinger.  
 Hockey vs. CAL. continues at 10 a.m. at Lane County Ice at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

### February

SATURDAY, FEB. 1  
 Hockey vs. San Jose State University at 6 p.m. at Lane County Ice, Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. Thirteenth St. Admission is \$2 for students and \$4 for the public.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2  
 Hockey vs. San Jose State University continues at 10 a.m. at Lane County Ice.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8  
 Rugby plays Reed College and Lewis and Clark College at Southbank from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 346-3733 for more information.

FRIDAY, FEB. 21  
 Co-ed Indoor Soccer begins in B-54 Gerlinger from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22  
 Hockey vs. University of Washington at 6 p.m. at Lane County Ice at the Fairgrounds. Admission is \$2 for students and \$4 for the public.

Indoor Soccer continues in B-54 Gerlinger from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 23  
 Hockey vs. University of Washington continues at Lane County Ice.

Indoor Soccer continues in Gerlinger B-54 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 29  
 Rugby vs. West Washington State University at Southbank from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### March

SUNDAY, MAR. 1  
 Lacrosse vs. Multnomah College at Southbank. The game begins at noon to 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAR. 3  
 Baseball vs. West Baptist CC at Civic Stadium from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAR. 7  
 Hockey vs. Gonzaga begins at 6 p.m. at Lane County Ice. Admission is \$2 for students and \$4 for the public.

Rugby vs. Central Washington State at Southbank from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAR. 8  
 Lacrosse vs. Lewis and Clark College at Southbank from noon to 3 p.m.

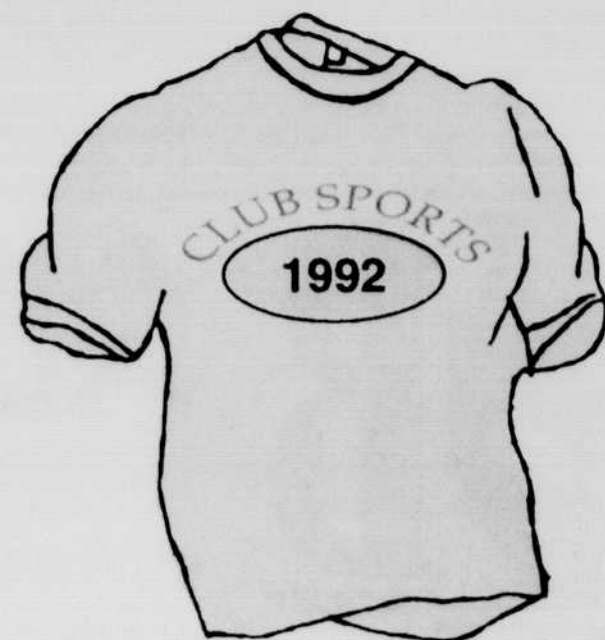
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