

Club sports depend on multiple funding

By MIKE BURRICHTER
Battalion Sports Staff

Late in the afternoon, just when it seems as though Texas A&M University is shutting down and everyone is going home, they take to the fields. Some are clad in uniforms, others in cut-offs and T-shirts. Some go through their drills with the precision of a swiss watch, while others joke around and have a good time. Some have typical Aggie beer bellies, while others are Olympic hopefuls.

Ed Simmons, Bobby Wilson and Vince Tavarez may not be household names, but next summer they have just as good a chance as Curtis Dickey, Rudy Woods or any other Aggie sports heroes of wearing maroon white and blue in the Moscow Olympic games.

Two thousand students participate in extramural, or club sports at Texas A&M. There are 45 clubs here, ranging from archery to parachuting to wrestling. Of the 45, 25 are co-ed. They have existed at A&M for years, but always it seems, in the background. The 'big' sports, such as football, basketball and baseball, take precedence.

Another reason for the relative anonymity of these athletes is the club sports' financial state. James Welford, Associate Director of Intramural and Recreational sports, says there are three sources of income from the school available to the clubs.

"Student Services gave us about \$25,000 this year," Welford said. "I present the Student Finance Committee with a budget each year. They check it out and then allocate us some money."

"This year, each club submitted a budget to me. It totalled over \$100,000," Welford said, laughing. "I made cuts from there."

Welford said he allocates this money according to need.

"Some clubs need more than others," Welford said. "When the polo team goes on a trip, two guys ride in a car that pulls a two-horse trailer. We pay eight cents per mile for transportation. People use their own cars. We usually try to get as many people as possible in each car to cut expenses, but it can't be worked out that way with polo."

Welford said there are three areas of expense in which the school will help out financially.

"Travel and lodging is one area in which we help," he said. "We pay a little for the gas, and lodging is an

area in which we can cut corners by having team members stay with students of the host school of the tournament. The other two areas in which we assist the clubs are for tournament entry fees and equipment. All personal equipment is bought by the team member. We buy things like nets for soccer goals."

Teams make their expenditures and then present their receipts to Welford, who then figures out how much money will be reimbursed. "They know better than to give me a receipt for a keg of beer," he said. "But we do reimburse whatever is covered. It usually takes three weeks."

The second source of income from the school is from the Aggie Moms and the Former Students Association. Welford said each organization donates about \$2000 a year to club sports.

"This is an important asset because it is cash-on-hand," Welford said. "If a club has an emergency expense, we can go right to that account and give them money. For instance, if a club has two tournaments within three weeks and going into the second tournament they haven't been reimbursed for the first tournament, then I give them some money."

The third source of income for club sports is in its first year. Texas A&M University President Jarvis Miller started a fund to send clubs to national and international events. Twenty six thousand dollars was allotted at the beginning of the year for any team travelling to a national event in which they qualified.

Miller said although he is not an

avid sports fan, he realized the students needed a more 'adequate vehicle' in which to compete on the national level.

"This will provide an extra incentive for the athletes to compete at the national level," Miller said. "It fills a real need at this university."

Welford said this new fund will be a real life-saver for some clubs.

"Teams would compete at their own expense all year and when nationals rolled around, 'bang,' they noticed their checkbooks were hurting," he said.

Such was the case for the Skeet and Trap Shoot club. Two years ago, the Aggies won the NCAA championship in Bellvue, Ill. The team was paced by Ed Simmons, who won the individual championship. His roommate, Les Meineke, placed fifth overall. Last year, Meineke couldn't make the trip because he didn't have the money. Simmons won the individual championship again, but it wasn't enough and the Ags finished third. "Les' absence definitely cost us the title," Simmons said.

Welford said the new fund may be used for one national trip per year. On that trip, each player is allotted \$150. The water polo team has already used that trip, having gone to New York for the AAU championship earlier this semester.

Water polo coach Dennis Fosdick took his undefeated team to Fordham University last month. They had a 4-2 record there, and finished fifth in the tournament. George Dallam, Steve Sampson and Vince Tavarez were selected for the All-America team.

Fosdick had been the Aggie swimming coach as well as water polo coach for the past eight years. His water polo team had a record of 170-30-1 during that period. From 1976-78, the water polo team enjoyed varsity status and competed in NCAA events. When Mel Nash was hired to coach this year's swimming team, Texas A&M Athletic Director Marvin Tate returned the water polo team to club status to 'put the emphasis on swimming.'

To supplement the money they receive from the university, the water polo team makes money by cleaning up Kyle Field after home football games.

"They make a couple of thousand dollars per game doing that," Welford said. This money is shared with Team Handball which helps with the clean-up duties.

Team handball has been an Olympic sport since 1934, and has existed at A&M for the past three years. Last year the team finished fourth in the nation in collegiate play. Two players, Bobby Wilson and former Aggie basketball player Joey Robinson are currently on the U.S. Olympic team.

The team handballers took their Kyle field clean-up money and money provided for them by Miller's new fund and went to Mexico for a series of games against Latin American teams.

Another Aggie club that has achieved a great deal of success is the rugby team. In 1974, the Ags won the national collegiate championship, in the only year it was held. This year, they have already won the Texas Collegiate championship and will go to regional playoffs next semester.

The ruggers don't have their own field, and must use the drill field for home games. Welford said a rugby field is in the planning stages.

On December 1st, the rugby team will travel Tempe, Ariz. to play in the Fiesta Bowl against Arizona State University. Since this is not a national event, the players must pay most of their expenses. They are currently selling T-shirts.

Welford said the Extramural program will be greatly helped when Kyle Field is completed.

"We will have 14 more raquetball and handball courts, six basketball courts, a gymnastics room, a Nautilus weight room, a shooting range and a fencing room when Kyle Field is completed," he said. "Right now, the Athletic Department is using the weightroom and no one else can.

These new additions should provide a lot of facilities open to the students."

"We have reached a point where the university should completely support the extramural program, or they should have monetary support as is. Some coaches here don't want to use school money. They want to be paid for it. I'm not interested."

SELL YOUR USED BOOKS FOR MORE!

at

University Book Stores
NORTHGATE
409 UNIVERSITY DR.

University Book Stores
CULPEPPER PLAZA
NEXT TO 3C-BBO

Open 'til 8 p.m. through Finals

We give 20% more in trade on used books!

35¢ TAP BEER

MURANDAS

Northgate

Games Beer Whiskey

Open Daily at 3 p.m. — Sun. at 6 p.m.

FARMERS MARKET CATERING

A COMPLETE CATERING SERVICE

LET US CATER YOUR NEXT BAR-B-QUE FUNCTION \$2⁹⁵ per plate

WE CATER TO ALL CLUB FUNCTIONS — DORMS, SORORITIES, FRATERNITIES, CORPS, DANCES, PICNICS.

We also cater wedding receptions up to 200 miles away. Call for more information.

2700 Texas Ave. - Bryan 779-6417

McDonald's
DRIVE-THRU WINDOW

McDONALD'S

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

At University Drive

McDonald's
DRIVE-THRU SERVICE



The Intramural Staff is (l. to r.) Top Row: Richard Hall, Thomas Walker, James Welford, David Kerr, Dennis Corrington and Eric Hunter. Bottom Row: Patricia Fierro, Lynn Wampler, Belinda Miksch, Carol Dorris, Jackie Boggs, Susan Milton and Janice Block.

The New Bowling Champs

All the pins are down and the bowling games are all played. Some "mighty fine" splits and spares as well as strikes hit the ten pins as the contestants competed for the All-University title.

In Men's Class A, Dilligafousted the Schocker Club 1940 pins to 1803 pins. The top three games were bowled by David Imy, 202 pins for the Schocker Club, Jerry Longsworth, 181, and Mike Vaughn, 180 pins, for Dilligaf. Puryear Ramp #8 outscored 4 Diamonds 1699-1600. High games

scored were 161 by Chuck Oakley for Puryear and 160 by Craig Josefy for the Diamonds in Men's Class B.

Fifteen pins gave the class C title to the Mini Maxers over Puryear Ramp #5, 1050-1035. High bowlers were Puryear's John Powers with 293 and Peter Kritcher 298.

Acknowledgments

This ad is sponsored by your local McDonald Restaurants at University Drive and Manor East Mall.

In Women's Class A the Strikers struck out Pack-A-Derm 1744-1494. Strikers game totals were an outstanding 578, 612, and 554.

Women's Class B saw the Moonlighters outclass Keathley 1958-835. Jean Griffin with 272 pins for Moonlighters and Kristy Crenshaw

with 271 pins for Keathley were high scorers.

CoRec A was a high scoring game with Pack 8 topping Grill Cheese 2044 to 1657. High scorers were Pack 8's Wayne Travis, 557, Jay Chester, 519, and Jody Puckett, 506.

CoRec B saw 400 pins broken by three persons as Spare Parts overtook the Rednecks 1582-1499. Carl Janak bowled 430 and Eric Suarez scored 404 for Spare Parts. Cindy Fernandez knocked down 428 pins for the Rednecks.

The Volleyballs Finals

All the volleyball playoffs were excellent competition, and congratulations are in order to all the participants. Here are the highlights of the games:

In Men's Class A, Rother's B.S. made short work of the Puryear Playboys with the added luck of the first serve of the match. Game scores were 15-5, and 15-9.

In Women's Class A, the Wall-Eyed Spikes overcame the Golden Spikes who won the Women's Independent championship. The scores stood at 15-4, and 15-8.

In Women's Class B, the match was close between the Haas Honeyeys and the Resistors. The Honeyes took the all-University title 10-15, 15-8, and 15-5.

Co-Rec Class A saw close action as Rother's B.S. downed Best Ever. The scores of the match were 15-12, 10-15, and 15-10.

One-Legged Dog fell to the Wrecks despite a strong comeback in Co-Rec Class B competition. Game tallies were 15-6, 13-15, and 15-4.

In Co-Rec C, the Multiple O's lost the battle as they were downed by the Swingers 15-12 and 15-5.

And the Winners Are:

BOWLING (*indicates All-University Champions)

<p>Class A: Corps Fish Men's Dorm Men's Independent Women's Dorm Women's Independent Co-Rec</p>	<p>A-1 Animals Squadron 10 Fish Schocker Club Dilligaf* Pack-A-Derm Strikers* Pack 8*</p>
--	---

<p>Class B: Corps Fish Men's Dorm Men's Independent Women's Dorm Co-Rec</p>	<p>Squadron 4 Squadron 3 Puryear Ramp #8* 4 Diamonds Moonlighters* Spare Parts*</p>
--	---

<p>Class C: Men's</p>	<p>MiniMaxers</p>
----------------------------------	-------------------

VOLLEYBALL

<p>Class A: Corps Fish Men's Independent Women's Dorm Women's Independent Co-Rec Women's All-University</p>	<p>K-1 "A" Squadron 5 Rother's B.S.* Musketees Golden Spikes Rother's B.S.* Wall-Eyed Spikes*</p>
--	---

<p>Class B: Corps Fish Men's Dorm Men's Independent Women's Dorm Women's Independent Co-Rec</p>	<p>A-1 Animals Squadron 7 Moore Operators Moses Awesome Roots* Haas Honeyes* Resistors Wrecks*</p>
--	--

<p>Class C: Men's Women's</p>	<p>Fanatics Spikers</p>
--	-----------------------------

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

From all of us who bring you McDonald Intramural Highlights each week.