

INTRAMURAL

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5 vs. 5 Basketball



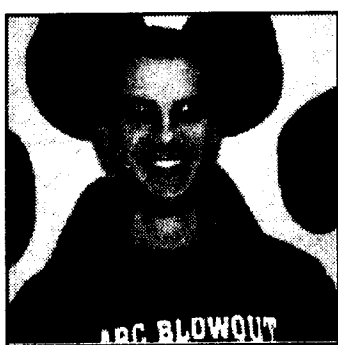
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Recreational Champs



Straub's
Competitive Champs



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Women's League Champs
Senior Spotlight



Dave Masilunas

"My favorite moment was this past fall when we (Wet N Wild) played T&A in the championships. I really enjoyed that game because the girls played great, and it was so much fun. It was a close game and during the second half T&A was trying to run the ball back and either try to tie it up or come ahead, and I intercepted the ball, and ran it back down the field for a touchdown and ended the game. It's definitely one of my top moments during intramurals."



Masilunas, far right, has been an integral part of each of his flag football teams, in addition to the numerous other intramural sports.

As the weather heats up, so does the competition

Some people may think intramurals is a care-free, easy-going extracurricular activity meant to relieve stress and build friendships; those people obviously have not participated in the cut-throat, die hard competition that has become Behrend intramurals.

With the "no guts, no glory," attitude most teams and players have taken, the intramural fields and courts have become somewhat of a war zone at times. Where does this heated battle stem from? The coveted point system race, where only one team takes the gold, or the T-shirt rather, after a year's worth of hard work.

This year the top contenders in the men's race are T&A and Fockers, who have joined forces with Straub's to become a force to be reckoned with. When T&A entered into the point system, this continued the historic battle between the top two ranking teams in the point standings.

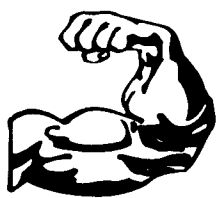
Focker's team member Adam Hovanec said, "T&A have not impressed me, they don't win any of the athletic sports, only the sports that I would consider a hobby or a 'gym rat' sport. They get their points from their numbers, not from their athletic ability."

When Scott Cleavland from T&A was asked about the rivalry between Fockers and his team he said, "We invite competition. It motivates me to do better, but I think there are too many emotions when it should be more fun."

Not only are the men dueling for the No. 1 spot, but the Focker's have passed on their competitive spirits to their good friends of the Wet N Wild team who want to carry the competitive nature of the point system onto the women's side.

At times it has become an ugly battle as some participants have been assaulted during the activities. "Let's settle down, girls," intern Michelle Hermsdorf found herself warning the girls of T&A and Wet N Wild this past Sunday in a heated pingpong match.

The coed competition is another opportunity to gain bragging rights. The men and women combine forces to prove who has the all-around best team. It will be neck and neck for all of the divisions to gain their remaining points with only five events left to go this season.



Point System Standings

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| Fraternity | |
| Tau Kappa Epsilon | 1,343 |
| Sigma Tau Gamma | 1,135 |
| Kappa Delta Rho | 1,115 |
| Delta Chi | 243 |

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| Independent | |
| T&A | 1,658 |
| Juice | 1,606 |
| Fockers | 1,393 |
| Bad News Behrends | 816 |
| Super Delta Five | 669 |
| Straub's | 633 |
| Gladhiators | 180 |
| Skins | 90 |

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| Men's Residence Halls | |
| Perry | 215 |
| Ohio | 40 |
| Almy | 30 |
| Lawrence | 30 |
| Niagara | 20 |

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| Women's | |
| Wet N Wild | 795 |
| T&A | 730 |
| Alpha Sigma Alpha | 190 |
| Theta Phi Alpha | 145 |

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| Coed | |
| Wet N Wild | 750 |
| T&A | 640 |

Pingpong

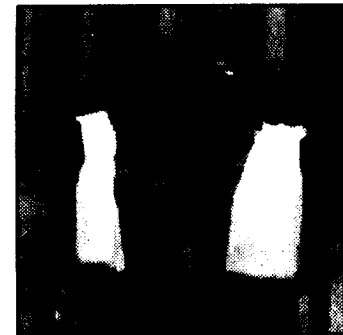


Coed Champs
Anderson and Welsch defend Title

During last Sunday's ping pong playoffs, Chrisey Anderson and Chris Welsch defended their title as Coed Champs for the second year in a row. The championship game came down to teammates Laura Spencer and Dave Masilunas who tried to break their winning streak but were unsuccessful in the third round.

"Anderson and Welsch were tough competitors," said Spencer. "It was enjoyable to play against them; they both had really positive attitudes. But look out for next year because we won't let them be three time champs!"

Also taking home the champions t-shirt were Andy Laver and Jeff Pasilla for men's doubles, Bill Pikoulas in men's singles, Stacey Mosier in women's singles, and Somer Stankey and Laura Spencer in women's doubles.



Senior Spotlight



Lauren Packer

"My favorite moment happened during my sophomore year. It was during the championship game of coed softball. Our team was down by 10 or more runs to Bare-End's Best. They thought they had the game locked away, but little did they know Crack's Addicts would come back the way we did. In the bottom of the seventh inning, our team rallies and wins. I cleared the bases with a grand slam that went into the sand pit. It was glorious."



Packer, with billiards partner Silas Kotsopodis, has been an active participant in intramurals since her freshman year.