

Student sports interest revitalized at Capitol

By Angelo Vecchio

"Something good is happening."

Those were the words of Ed Beck, a member of the publicity committee for the recently-formed Capitol Campus Athletic Association. Beck was referring to the revitalized student interest in sports at this campus.

Student interest in varsity competition has come alive, as evidenced by increased attendance at intercollegiate events. And the crowds have been quite enthusiastic.

"The crowds are a little bigger than last year, and they've been really supportive," confirmed Capitol basketball coach Charlie Bowen.

Intramurals have been especially exciting for many students. In the fall, softball was enjoyed by participants on ten teams, and currently, intramural basketball is encouraging everyone to take to the courts. In addition, intramural volleyball has recently begun.

Comment

Said Business student Dave Fitzgerald, "I like to take time out from studying to relax and have some fun. It's also a good way to stay in shape, get out frustrations and meet new people."

Many students who can't fit organized intramurals into their schedules still find the time to visit the gym for weightlifting, racquetball, basketball, and other activities.

"I like to get up to the gym as much as I can. I like to play racquetball at least once or twice a week," said dorm resident Ken Deem.

The Capitol Campus Athletic Association is an independent group of students, alumni, community leaders, faculty and staff. Although CCAA might not be solely responsible for the improved sports interest here, it is helping to encourage it. The idea for the fund was raised two years ago, and it officially materialized during June, 1983.

Since that time, CCAA has sponsored several events, including the highly successful jog-walk-a-thon, which raised about

\$1500, and an alumni basketball game.

Funds raised by CCAA could be used for coaching aids, athletic banquets, athletic equipment, travel, hosting tournaments, purchasing trophies and special

awards. In addition, the funds could be used to purchase additional athletic facilities or improve the existing ones. So while the Association is helping to improve the image of inter-collegiate sports at Capitol Campus, it is also concerned with athletic facilities for all students.

Currently in the works is an amateur boxing show scheduled for March 17. It will feature AAU boxers and it should attract considerable attention.

The Capitol Campus Athletic Association is seeking members and offering a number of gifts for various membership categories. Anyone interested in joining the Association with a contribution, or who wants to help in any way, should contact the Athletic Office at 948-6266.

We hope this enthusiasm for all campus athletics--intercollegiate, intramural, and casual work-outs--will prove to be contagious. There is a place for sports on this campus, and now is a good time to enjoy supporting Capitol athletics. Something good indeed is happening and it could get better.

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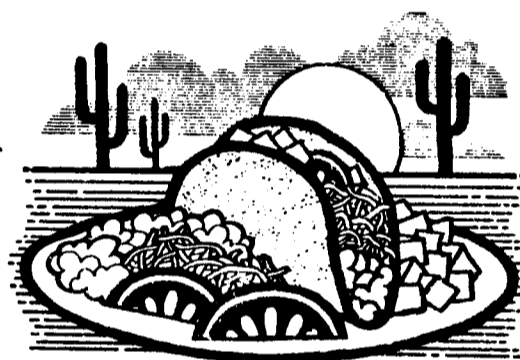
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