

Intramural Maelstrom

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As the academic year comes to a close, so does the intramural season. This year, IM Director Rob Wittman created three categories for team competition; fraternities, independent, and residence halls.

After competing in a wide variety of events, the champions have been crowned. Each team had the chance to receive points for participation as well as winning.

While the independent champions won most of the sports and the fraternity champs advanced far in many events, the residence hall victors won only one sport (tennis doubles), but their participation carried them to victory.

The Gangsters of Love locked up the independent title by winning everything from cross-country to volleyball, and most recently by defeating Delta Chi in the modified softball title game, 9-3. They also outdistanced their nearest competitors, the Nasty Buckeyes.

Their tenacious play is epitomized by IM rep, Bill Weimer, the defending male intramural athlete of the year. He not only played tough for the Gangsters, but also played for numerous coed champions.

The fraternity race came down to the final week with Tau Kappa Epsilon in the lead only 71 points in front of Delta Chi.

Delta Chi needed strong performances from their softball and soccer teams, as well as having many people advance in

badminton.

They succeeded in every aspect by being runners-up in softball, getting a strong performance from their Delta Chi 1 team in soccer, and getting semifinalists in singles and doubles of badminton.

This late surge of points helped to turn the tide as Delta Chi replaces TKE as the fraternity intramural champions.

Although the semifinal modified softball win over TKE clinched the victory, IM rep Jeff Pirello believes that ping-pong was a "great momentum swing that put us in a position to win." Pirello also notes that they received 140 points from swimming, an event which they didn't even participate in last year.

Asked why they won this year's title over the defending champs, Pirello said that Delta Chi improved, "as a team, not just in some sports."

The final IM title was awarded in the residence hall category. Unlike independent teams, residence hall teams can only use those people who live on the

floor as players. This makes recruiting and specialization obsolete.

When the spring semester began, it seemed that this race would be between two Lawrence Hall teams, 3rd floor (518 points) and 1st east (513 points). This would not be the case as the Perry Peckers came out of nowhere by winning street hockey.

Just as the Peckers made their charge, Lawrence 1st east pulled away by picking up 320 points in ping-pong. Even though no member of the floor went past the second round, the fact that they had 15 players made the difference.

For 1st east, participating in the sports and having fun were the main objectives, while the hall title was a "nice surprise."

Becoming champs was not cheap, as is evident by 1st east's \$419 team bill. This worked out to roughly \$19 per member for both semesters. Not too bad of a price for bragging rights, T-shirts, and a plaque recognizing the champs.

Speaking of awards, the

fraternity champs will receive a trophy to put in their house.

Meanwhile, the Gangsters have their names engraved on a plaque and all 35 members will receive T-shirts.

Team awards were not the only intramural contests going on this year. Tom Fledderman and Becky Durkin won the Intramural Male and Female Athlete of the Year awards, respectively. Fledderman was a member of the independent runners-up Nasty Buckeyes. Durkin was an avid participant in bowling and softball.

As for next year, Wittman hopes now that people have seen how much fun intramural teams are, this year's record participation will be surpassed next year.

All three of this year's categories will be open next year, as well as the less participated in sorority and women's teams.

The Gangsters of Love, Delta Chi, and Lawrence 1st east will all have a tough time defending their titles in the 1993-94 intramural year.

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each added two RBI's. Varassa recorded a school record fifth shut-out.

The Lions travel to Grove City today and to Gannon tomorrow. The Lions close out their regular season this Saturday against Hilbert College.

"We should win all six games this week," said Benim.

The Lions won't find out their post-season plans until May 9th when NCAA and ECAC bids come out.

Lion Notes: Bradley can set other school records before the season is out. With six more RBI's, she would set both season and career records in these categories. Three more doubles would give her the record in that category also.

The "Young Guns," Stocker, Becky Reed, and Emmy Arnett, are hitting a combined .308 on

the season and are combined 11 for 11 in stolen base attempts.

The Lions are fielding at a .943 clip as they've made only 37 errors in 650 total chances.

If the Lions win at least three more games, they'll tie the school record for wins. The record was set during last season's 22-6, ECAC championship year.

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