

## Office of Recreational Sports 2004-05 Annual Report

The mission statement of the Office of Recreational Sports reads as follows: The Department of Recreational Sports through a comprehensive and balanced menu of organized and informal sports activities and varied leadership opportunities supported by staff, equipment, and facilities contributes to the quality of campus life and enhances the total development and well-being of the individual. Recreational Sports provides students, faculty, staff, and their families the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports and sport related activities for fun, fitness, and leisure. Recreational Sports provides members of the Terre Haute community the opportunity to use the informal sports facilities through the Single Membership Program.

This report will attempt to assess success in satisfying the mission statement and to analyze new developments in the programs and staffing areas for this reporting period. The reporting period for many of the statistics has been adjusted to include a period of May 2004-April 2005. This is different than past years, but as reports are asked for by the end of May it was decided to make this adjustment so that statistical comparisons, where possible, can be more meaningful.

### Staffing

The most significant development with recreational sports staffing was the anticipated addition of a new assistant director for intramural sports. Hollie Adams began work July 1, 2004. Her direction of the intramural sports program has overall been positive. Some of the enhancements include the following:

1. further development of undergrad student supervisors as they took on more responsibilities including in-office preparation, evaluation and reporting
2. more thorough counseling of student leaders into more of a "team" environment
3. more detailed statistical information including spectator counts
4. development of new intramural policies and procedures, especially the addition of "instant scheduling"

### Facilities Development

There was a great amount of time and energy spent this year on the feasibility study for a new student recreation center. All staff members were engaged in numerous meetings with the architectural firm of Hastings & Chivetta and Student Government Association representatives from December through March. This culminated in the successful passing of a student referendum that would financially support the construction and operation of a 107,000 sq. ft. student recreation center. This project is currently on hold pending the approvals of the

ISU Board of Trustees and the State of Indiana. This project has been a great learning experience for all involved, staff and students included.



TRIKE	X			X	X		X	X
TANDEM								X
Parents Day					X			X
Boys State	X						X	X
Girls State								X

Additional Activities: Hollie Adams spoke at Recreation & Sports Management symposium; John Lentz taught graduate class RSCM 627 in the Fall of 05; Betty Reagan was active member of SALSA, Student Employment Advisory Committee, and Support Staff Choir.

### Informal Recreation

The informal recreation program includes recreation facilities and student staff for the benefit of self-directed recreation and fitness activities. The program was coordinated by Kent Wright and Ryan Hagen (ASA). An enhancement of the facilities included the following:

1. painting and reorganizing of the weightroom located in the basement of the HHP Building last summer
2. conversion of classroom C130 in the North Gym to a much needed storage room
3. the successful and functional use of the floor tarps for special events in the North Gym such as the two career fairs

Participation figures are calculated by two methods. The computerized card swipers utilize the student records to facilitate participation statistics and eligibility. There are five card readers utilized in the facility, one in each of the following areas:

1. North Gym
2. Racquetball
3. Weightroom
4. Tirey Pool
5. HHP Pool

A second method of participation counts is the manual counting of patrons at each station as patrons enter an area of activity. Unfortunately, the various card readers were not functioning for much of the year due to technical problems. The statistical figures below relate to figures taken by manual count.

### 2004-2005 Informal Recreation Participation By Station

HHP Pool	1,824
Tirey Hall Pool	1,113
HHP Weightroom	20,638
HHP North Gym	20,611
HHP Racquetball	2,428
Total	46,614

### Intramural Sports

As mentioned previously, the intramural sports program went under some revisions concerning scheduling methods and student development. The program was coordinated by Hollie Adams, Greg Boylan (ASA) and Emily Liebermann (ASA). Participation statistics were impressive, especially considering that there was a significant drop in enrollment. While overall male participants dropped 3.8%, the female participants increased by 9.7%. This is outstanding as we are always looking at ways to increase female participation levels. This was probably due to the move of intramural softball to Spring where we saw a significant increase in women's coed participants. Interestingly, overall participation figures were barely down but overall participations were significantly up. This means that although total participants were nearly identical, those who did participate did so more frequently. Another new statistical category was added to the report this year – spectators and staff. This is judged to be significant in that staff members are responsible for spectator issues as well as staff and participants. This gives a much better picture when evaluating the lines of responsibility for liability and level of engagement by the university community in recreational sports offerings.

An ongoing concern remains the condition of the fields at Rec East. The north field continues to lose turf due to poor drainage caused by construction decisions when the complex was created. Last summer the homeplate and base pad areas were landscaped by the intramural staff. Weeds were cleared, clay bricks installed under the surface and field dressing installed. Additionally, the entire complex suffers from pressure on turf due to ISU Marching Band practice in the fall. With the work that has been done to "Recreation North" it is hoped that marching band will move to that location. However, there are concerns the move may not be favored by Doug Keiser.

#### Intramural Sports Participation

	2004-05	2003-04	Variance
Men's Teams	259	266	- 2.7%
Women's Teams	75	78	- 4%
Coed Teams	93	77	+ 17%
Total Teams	427	421	+ 1.5%
Male Participants	3,464	3,598	- 3.8%
Female Participants	1,299	1,174	+9.7%
Total Participants	4,763	4,772	- .2%
Male Participations	11,388	11,103	+2.6%
Female Participations	3,723	3,233	+13.2%
Total Participations	15,111	14,336	+5.2%
Spectators	8,643	N/A/	
Officials Participations	1,874	N/A	

Supervisors Participations	742	N/A	
Grand Total	25,657	N/A	
League Games Scheduled	1,440	N/A	
Games Played	1,320	N/A	

“Participations” = 1 hr/participant activity  
Ex.: Player “A” played 5 games = 5 participations

### Get Fit

The Get Fit group instruction program had a successful year. The program, coordinated by Betty Reagan, was taught by seven instructors comprised of four students and three non-students. Participation was very strong as reflected in the table below.

#### 2004-2005 Get Fit Participation

Class Offerings Per Week	Fall – 19 8	Spring – 17	Summer -
Total Sessions Scheduled	688		
Total Participation	5032		

### Ancillary Operations

#### Facility Reservations

The recreation facilities supervised by the department are available for reservation by both university groups as well as non-university groups. University groups are charged \$10/hr “out-of-pocket” for each necessary staff member to be placed on duty. These funds are deposited to supplement the student wage account. Non-university groups pay additional rental charges. These rental charges are deposited into the university’s general fund and are not accessible to recreational sports. A total of **500** reservations were booked for non-academic and non-intercollegiate athletic recreational and special event activities. Of those 500, **358** were for dance room reservations and **142** for other. Although recreational sports facilitates the reservations for classroom meeting uses, those are not reflected here.

HHP Building Reservation Facilities	Outdoor Reservation Facilities
North Gym	Wolf Field
South Gym	Rec East
Dance Room B92	Duane Klueh Tennis Complex
Dance Room B93	Marks Field (through ICA)
Racquetball Courts	
HHP Pool	
Tirey Hall Pool	

#### Sycamore Climbing Wall

The Sycamore Climbing Wall has now been active for 2 ½ years. The numbers have increased slightly as the more students are introduced to the activity. There were six student instructors who staffed the wall. Total income this year was **\$1,503**. These funds are utilized for the replacement of equipment and to supplement instructors’ wage budget.

#### Sycamore Climbing Wall Participation

2004-2005	2003-2004	Variance
471	410	+13%

**Total Participation Hours for All Supervised Activities: 67,228**

### Outdoor Recreation Rental Program

The department coordinates a small rental program where the university community can rent camping gear such as backpacks, tents, sleeping bags, cookware, etc. Although the program is a good offering it remains a “best kept secret.” It is hoped that as students become more use to using our web site, the visibility of this program will increase. Income for the program is used to replenish and purchase new camping gear. **\$700.96** was taken in as rental income during the reporting period.

### Annual Facility Memberships and Daily Passes

Memberships are offered to the non-university community on an annual, semi-annual or monthly basis. There is also a daily pass available. This year, due to the need to increase revenue brought on by budget reductions and to keep pace with other recreation membership pricing, fees were increased from \$150/yr to \$240/yr. Additionally, due to the closing of Body Heat, a popular racquetball facility in town, revenue has increased in that area. Unfortunately, due to incomplete records from last year, the amount of increase is subjective. Revenue typically supplements the overall student wage budget.

535 Daily Passes	\$2,675
Annual/Semi Annual Memberships	\$5,898
Total User Fees	\$8,573

### Experiential Education Assessment

The Office of Recreational Sports administered an email survey to all student employees of the department in April. The purpose of the survey was to determine the perception of the level that professional and personal development skills were enhanced through experiences working with the department (see attachment). 32 student employees responded. Although it was hoped more of the 100+ student employees would respond many of the intramural employees are seasonal and therefore are not as attached to the department when their intramural specialty sports are out of season. Overall, **81%** of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed that working with recreational sports improved their professional and personal skills.

### Assessment of Program Health

The Office of Recreational Sports is proud of the efforts it makes with the significant budgetary restrictions in place. Strengths of the program include the following.

- Caring, customer service oriented staff
- Stable intramural sports program led by new professional staff member
- Successful student referendum for proposed student recreation center

- Resourcefulness with budget issues
- Program and staff that are team players and enjoy collaborating with other university and community entities
- Experiential learning opportunities that are derived from participating in programs and working as a student employee within recreational sports
- Development of professional interest in the recreational sports field by graduate assistants and undergraduate student employees
- Field experience and other practicum opportunities that are offered through the department
- Student participation figures are very favorable, especially considering the significant enrollment drop

Although we feel that we do what we can with what we have there remain serious concerns that need to be addressed.

- The future of facility planning is uncertain. In the event that the rec center project is not approved, where does the program go? Students would continue to suffer from the lack of favorable recreation facilities.
- The HHP weightroom, pool, lockerooms, and sauna are in very poor aesthetic condition that, in turn, directly impacts user satisfaction.
- The continual incursion of intercollegiate athletics and academics within the indoor facilities during prime recreation time directly affects student usage patterns and, consequently, student satisfaction.
- The recreational sports budget does not approach the national standard in the industry for our program and institutional size. Student wage allocation is below what is necessary for current facility hours of operation. This results in cannibalizing from other accounts at the end of the year and to use income accounts via memberships and intramural team fees to make budget. We chose to do this rather than to cut facility hours to match appropriations as our hours of operation are currently significantly less than the norm for a residential campus.
- Recreational sports has no form of budgetary reserves. This was not an issue until approximately three years ago when the practice of “capital requests” was abandoned. The nature of recreational sports is not unlike intercollegiate athletics in that equipment costs can be extremely significant. We have no method to procure items such as weightroom or cardio equipment. The non-routine purchases that cost upwards of \$350 and higher are usually left behind as the current athletic equipment and supplies line goes towards normal programming costs. Currently we have six table tennis tables that are nearly 20 years old. They are all in need of replacement at the cost of approximately \$550 each. Without capital requests, or the ability to use income accounts that have been used for student wages we have no method to purchase such items or to build reserves.
- Although our facilities are rented by outside groups and our staff usually assists in some manner of set-up or at least the time to facilitate such, recreational sports does not get these rental dollars. Student usage can

often times be affected by these activities. Rental monies could be a significant source of equipment reserves as well.

- The office currently has three fulltime professional staff and three graduate assistants with one fulltime time clerical/administrative assistant. The activity that takes place in our office needs at least an additional part-time OA position. Additionally, the physical aspects of the office make for a very noisy and congested atmosphere during the academic year.