Gymnastics
The Women’s Gymnastics Club has won their 3rd National Championship in the last 3 years. They competed at the National Association for Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs National Championship at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to the national championship, Renee McEntire placed 2nd in the women’s all-round competition. Candice Deroche, the past women’s all-round champion in 2007 and 2008 placed 1st on the beam event. The Men’s Gymnastics team also had a outstanding showing at the competition. Eli Richardson won the men’s all-round gold medal. Richardson also placed 1st on four individual events and placed 4th on the vault. The Men’s team placed 2nd at the Texas State Championships, while the women’s team took the top spot.

Women’s & Men’s Volleyball
The Men’s & Women’s Volleyball club both claimed conference championships in the Southern Intercollegiate Volleyball conference on the weekend of March 28-29. Both conference championships were held here on campus at the Student Rec Center and Read Building. This entitled the clubs a spot at the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association National Campus Championship Series held in Kansas City, MO. The Women’s Club advanced to the semi-final round by surpassing Texas in two games. The club completed the tournament tied for 3rd place.

Triathlon
by Jordan McGowen
The Triathlon club has improved each year in the club’s five year existence as a team. The frigid 52 degree waters of Buffalo Springs Lake in Lubbock, Texas made for a numbing start to the 1500m swim, 40k bike, and 10k run course. There were hundreds of very impressive competitors throughout the sixty-four complete male teams and forty women’s teams. However, our stronger swimmers such as Aaron Gray and Chase Bielamowicz on the men’s side and Alex Weber in the Women’s competition, who had the fastest swim from the Aggie team, were able to get into strong positions coming out of the swim and held on during the bike and run. Others such as Meredith Bunkers, Meghan McBride, Jordan McGowen, and Michael Wilkinson were able to hammer through the hilly and windy bike course and use their running skills to pull back some of the quicker swimmers and get in the mix as well. In the end, the Aggies finished 13th, securing their place as the top team from Texas with their combined team scores, and 14th/16th for the men’s and women’s respectively. Impressive individual results include freshmen Alex Weber finishing in 16th place and Meghan McBride in 73rd out of the women. On the men’s side, Jordan McGowen placed 64th followed by Aaron Gray in 94th.
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Player Spotlights

Team Sports

Blake Pellerin– Men's Rugby
Hometown: Houston, TX
Class: Senior (2009)
Major: Political Science
Position: Inside/Outside Center

Peter Deleeuw– Fencing (President)
Hometown: Grapevine, TX
Class: 2012
Major: BIMS
Weapon: Epee
Accomplishments: Ranked B by USFA. He was also part of the Texas A&M epee team that placed second at an intercollegiate fencing tournament (SWIFA).

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Jonathan Olson– Men's Volleyball (Vice President)
Hometown: Allen, TX
Class: 2010
Major: Supply Chain Management
Position: Setter
Accomplishments: Invited to play with USA club team in the Virgin Islands this fall. Sports Info Chair of Sport Clubs Executive Committee (08-09). President of Executive Committee (09-10)

Crystal "Pru" Reardon– Fencing (Vice President)
Hometown: Houston, Texas
Class: 2009
Major: Political science/History
Primary weapon: Epee
Accomplishments: USFA ranking E-05 in Epee, and fenced at multiple Summer National tournaments, Collegiate Nationals with A&M and 05-'06 Junior Olympic competitions.

Nathan Mentzer– Men's Rugby (President)
Hometown: The Woodlands, Texas
Class: 2011
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Position: Fly-half, Scrum-half, Fullback
Accomplishments: Eagle Scout & Texas Select All-Star team (2007)

Nick Reinsvold– Men's Lacrosse
Hometown: The Woodlands, Texas
Class: 2009
Major: Civil Engineering
Position: Defense
Accomplishments: All American Nominee; 2 time All Conference
Player Spotlights

Team Sports

Rachel Edwards – Women’s Water Polo (President)
Hometown: Houston, TX
Class: 2010
Major: Political Science
Position: Goalie
Accomplishments: 2008 Texas Division MVP, 2008 All-American 2nd Team

Brad Broussard – Baseball
Hometown: Sequin, TX
Class: 2009
Major: Ag. Economics
Position: 2nd & Shortstop
Accomplishment: Ranked in the top 10 in hits (35), batting average (.556), and stolen bases (30). He leads the team in RBIs (25) and on-base percentage (.587) in 17 games played.
His performance and leadership on the field has helped the club to a 16—5 record this spring.

Erin Kasperek – Women’s Water Polo
Hometown: Cypress, TX
Class: 2011
Major: Political Science
Position: Goalie
Accomplishments: 2nd Team All-Conference 2008

Michael Cook – Bowling
Hometown: Houston, Texas
Class: 2012
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Position: Club Representative
Accomplishments: Was club newcomer of the year, had 2nd highest average on the club with 200, and repeatedly placed in the top 15 in conference tournaments.

Individual Sports

Curtis Engel – Bowling
Hometown: League City, TX
Class: 2009
Major: Electrical Engineering
Position: Club Representative
Accomplishments: Maintained highest average on the team (201). He also repeatedly placed in top 10 in conference tournaments as well as a top 30 finish at nationals.

Rachel Edwards

Erin Kasperek

Clay Groover

Brad Broussard

Curtis Engel

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Sport Club Spotlight—Sailing

The Sailing Team had one of the best outings they have seen in years. The sixteen member team has participated in six sailing events already this semester as well as six in the fall. In addition to traveling, the team hosted the Aggie Fall Regatta in November and an additional two regattas this spring, including the Harris Kempner (co-hosted with Texas A&M Galveston) and Barnyard Bizarre in March at Lake Bryan.

The team practices twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. until nightfall out on Lake Bryan. Practices consist of practice races, as well as, drills dealing with tacking, jibing, and other sailing terms that are foreign to most. Although, don’t let the lingo scare you, the club welcomes all levels of sailing and even those who have never left the shore.

On the competitive side, team members compete in the Southeastern Intercollegiate Sailing Association (SEISA), which includes schools such as, the University of Texas, University of Kansas, Oklahoma State, University of Oklahoma, Texas A&M Galveston, and University of South Alabama. The club concluded the 2008-2009 conference season finishing fifth at the SEISA Dingy Championships. This was an improvement of seven places from last year’s twelfth place finish. The club is looking to placing in the top four at the championships for a berth at semi-nationals.

In addition to sailing, the club also participated in the Big Event held this past March.

Community Service

Sport Clubs at A&M are great for students. They allow for us to be involved in an athletic organization and teach valuable life-skills. Not only are they good for their members, they are good for the community. Many of A&M’s sport clubs participate in community service projects through-out the year. The bowling club volunteers to coach a youth bowling league. The Men’s Rugby club travels to Casa Hogar, an orphanage in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, where they do service work as well as hang out with kids. The club was also scheduled to host a Rugby Challenger match this past march but was canceled due to weather. The club hopes to organize this event next spring. Also, the sailing team recently participated in Big Event, where they did a service project in the Bryan/College Station area. The pistol team has participated in Big Event for the past two years. In addition the Pistol team participated in a soccer tournament that benefits a group called Full Hearts, which helps out the same orphanage in Nuevo Laredo that the men’s rugby team visits. Thanks to all of the sport clubs that have been serving their community!

Club Highlights

The Powerlifting team took 3rd place overall at the 2009 National Championship meet in Baton Rouge, LA. This was the highest finish in 25 years. The Women’s team finished 2nd with 55pts behind LSU’s 60pts. The Men’s team finished in a three way tie for 6th place. Alesha Summers (97lb) won her weight class. Tiffany McKinney (181.5 lb) squatted a personal best of 413lbs, topping her weight class. Jake Carney (242 lb) also won his weight class. He squatted 705lbs, benched 501, and deadlifted 617lbs. Dustin Witte (198 lb) squatted 750lbs, which was the largest in the meet.

The Ice Hockey club finished the season with a 20-5-1 record. The club was ranked 14th in the ACHA Division II West. This is one of the best records the club has posted in the team’s history.

The Baseball club ended the season just missing the regional competition with a 16-5 record this spring. The club was 14-0 in the fall season. They are looking forward to a promising 2009-2010 season.

The Pistol Team attend the NRA Intercollegiate Pistol Championships over spring break (March 16-20) in Fort Benning, GA. The team had one of their best finishes, placing 3rd in the standard pistol event. It was the first time the team had earned medals since 1993.

The Men’s Water Polo club competed at the Collegiate Water Polo Association’s National Collegiate Club Championships November 14-16, 2008. The championship ships were held in Athens, Ohio at Ohio University. The club entered the competition ranked 14th but fought through and finished 9th.

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