UPCOMING EVENTS

On October 16th, the Cycling team attended the Collegiate National Mountain Championship at the North Star Resort in Lake Tahoe, California. The team competed at an altitude of 7,000 feet, where the thin air posed a challenge to the Aggies. In the women’s short-track and cross-country events, Catherine Webber placed 35th in both events. In the 30-mile men’s cross-country event, Chad Haga placed 28th, Steve Mitchel placed 35th, and Shane Haga placed 46th. In the men’s short-track event, Steve Mitchel placed 42nd, Shane Haga placed 51st, and Matt Hattaway placed 59th, while Chad Haga suffered a flat tire. For the first time, the cycling team competed in the downhill event as Krishna Gandhi placed 42nd out of 70 competitors despite a number of crashes. The team returned to Aggieland on October 20th, having completed 4,000 miles of round-trip travel.

During the Region IV Texas Collegiate Soccer League Regional Tournament, the Men's & Women's Soccer clubs secured a bid to the 2009 NCCS National Soccer Championships. The championships will be held November 19-21 at the Reach 11 Sport Complex in Phoenix, Arizona.

Men's Water Polo was edged out by Texas, 8-4, in the Texas Division Conference championships on October 24 & 25 at the University of Houston. The team completed the season with a 7-1 record, finishing second in the division. The club will begin preparing for another nationals run for the 2010 season.

The Water Ski Team experienced a wonderful national tournament this year. After traveling all the way to Bakersfield, California, the team spent three very competitive days at the lake skiing many personal bests. The men’s team placed first overall and although the women were not able to take a full team, they ended up placing ninth. The combined team placement was sixth. The team looks forward to a semester full of recruiting in the hopes to win nationals next year in Buda, Texas.

Club Spotlight—Ice Hockey

The Ice Hockey team has been growing over the past few years. The team currently consists of 24 players and three coaches. On their schedule this year they will be competing against 13 different teams and will play all of the other Texas schools twice at home and twice away. The team had an outstanding record last year of 25-5-1 and was ranked 12th. They are off to a great start this year with a record of 9-1. They are pushing towards their goal of making it to regional’s, in order to do this they must be ranked in the top 10. The team has a great fan base behind them and can have anywhere from 250-750 fans come out to support them at their home games. The next home game will be on January 15th against UTSA, head to the game and help cheer the Ice Hockey team to a victory!

Current Team Record 9-1
The weekend of October 17th was the 40th anniversary of the Rugby Club with over 120 current and former players taking part in both the alumni game and Old Maroon banquet at Pebble Creek. The goal of this weekend was to raise funds for the endowment and alleviate costs for current players. President, Nate Mentzer, was excited by strong support from the alumni, “the Old Maroon is extremely supportive and we were impressed by the contributions and efforts made to promote Aggie Rugby this weekend”. Recently, Old Maroon Rugby Football Club has become a 401C3 non profit organization which sponsors scholarships for current aggie rugby players and helps with monetary donations. Surely, with such steadfast support, a national championship is on the cards for the future.

Current and former members of the Men's Volleyball Club met at the Student Rec Center for the club's annual alumni tournament. Twenty-seven alumni were in attendance and the tournament was a smashing success. The tournament lasted from 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Rather than play against teams of alumni, the tournament was focused on intermingling former and current players, and developing a greater sense of connection to the current club. A new addition to the weekend was having a family night on Friday night, to cater to families with younger children. This event generated some buzz among alumni, and a lot of excitement about next year's weekend. Men's Volleyball is excited about next year too, and hopes that this will turn into a great source of revenue for the club, as well as spark excitement about the club's winning tradition. The club would also like to thank James Welford for his help with getting the word out to the alumni about this event.

The Men's Lacrosse Alumni weekend was very successful. The current team beat the alumni 11-10. We had a great turnout with approximately 40 former players. That night we held our banquet at the Student Rec Center which gave new players and their parents an opportunity to meet some of the current and former players. We announced our schedule for the upcoming season and unveiled the new shafts that the team will be playing with this year. The shafts will be provided by 1Lacrosse, a lacrosse equipment company in its second year who's founder is one of our alumni, Brian Despain.

The Baseball club season, despite the rain, is going well. The club currently has a fall record of 6-0. The club's next home game will be November 14 vs. Texas at 2pm & 5pm at Brazos Valley Bank Ballpark.

Wrestling opened up the National Collegiate Wrestling Association Season on October 31. The tri-match featured A&M, Texas and Sul Ross. A&M won 24-21 against Sul Ross with big wins for Whitaker, Forster and Rice, but lost narrowly to UT, 18-15.

Men's Volleyball matches up against UT on Friday the 13th of November at 6:00pm in the Student Recreation Center, come watch the Aggies BTHO UT!!

Men's Rugby will also have their first home game against the Longhorns Saturday the 14th at 2:00pm at the East Campus Rugby Pitch. Come watch hard hitting action as the Aggies compete for the University Cup!!

Jill Vogel, a Student Development Specialist from Student Activities came to discuss effective leadership and how to recognize and deal with “toxic” leaders. Jill was very informative and encouraged us not to be a follower and always question the means of doing something before taking part in it.

The three main topics covered included:

**Combating Toxic Leadership** – How it affect team performance and ways to deal with negativity among leaders

**Challenging the norm** – Learn to question “why?”; Why did you not challenge the person who prevented you from signing the sign in sheet?

**Cultural Lenses** – the lens through which your organization operates; goals you may have, what is important to your organization.