

Students flock to club sports

Funding, practice space are issues

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For students who do not possess the basketball skills of Tyler Hansbrough or the football prowess of Brandon Tate, the world of club sports might be an option.

About 1,600 students are involved in more than 50 club sports on campus, which are overseen by the Sport Clubs Council.

This year, its athletes will have to pay more of their own money to participate than ever before.

The SCC includes the presidents of each campus sport club and falls under Campus Recreation's jurisdiction. It meets once a month to discuss rules and operations.

"We bring in outsiders to discuss club development," Director of Sport Clubs Jason Halsey said. "This includes stuff like using Web sites and fundraising."

A five-person executive board, composed of members from various clubs, heads the SCC.

It meets one to two times a week, depending on current events, to discuss budget allocation, approval of new clubs and disciplinary actions.

Like most student organizations, funding is among the council's biggest issues. Student fees cover about 25 percent of the budget and members must cover the rest, Halsey said.

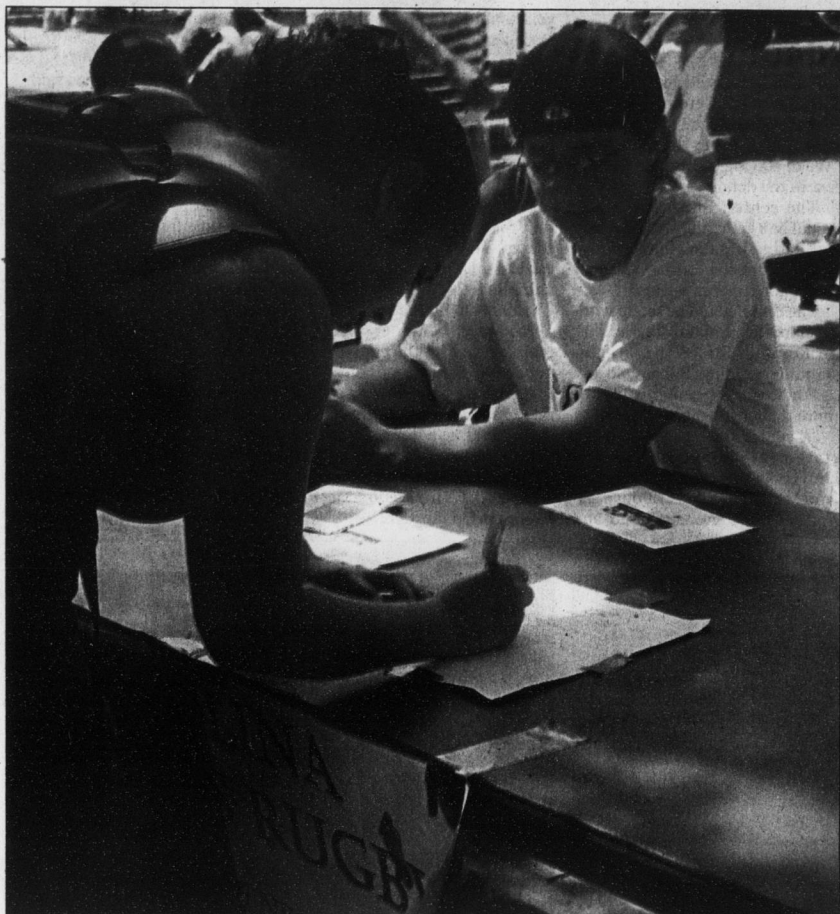
"Money from the council doesn't come close to covering the costs of each club, therefore the members have to pay a lot out of pocket," executive board member Virginia Ariail said. "Depending on the club, member and travel plans, it can be a burden."

Costs are expected to rise, as the price of fuel has increased. In addition to travel, national dues might increase, as it will now cost more for referees to travel to games, Ariail said.

But an increase in participation might help to mitigate budget woes.

In 2007, enrollment rose by about 130 students, Halsey said.

Halsey is expecting that number to rise following high turnouts at recent membership drives.



Natasha Prados, a sophomore, is encouraged to sign up for the UNC women's rugby team by its president, Martha Wood, a junior. Some sport clubs held a membership drive in the Pit on Wednesday and Thursday.

"Turnout at Fall Fest was incredible," he said. "I expect us to be at or higher than our numbers last year."

Several UNC sport clubs held their membership drive in the Pit on Wednesday and Thursday. A final membership drive is scheduled for this Tuesday in the Rams Head Plaza.

A lack of on-campus practice space — including this year's renovations to Woollen Gym — also has been a cause for concern among SCC members.

"There are very little outdoor fields," Halsey said. "Clubs are very limited in practices and access."

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JASON HALSEY, DIRECTOR OF SPORT CLUBS

Still, the SCC is not without its triumphs.

"The accomplishment I'm most proud of is 'Race for a Reason,'" Ariail said of the annual 5K race sponsored by the SCC. "For the past two years we've had increasing numbers, a successful race and raised a lot of money for local charities."

As this year's club sports seasons

get under way, the SCC continues to plan for the future.

"It's continuing to promote our programs to the general student body," Halsey said. "Over the next few years, we are planning a lot of noteworthy things ... and it's all student-driven."

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SERENADING, AT YOUR SERVICE



Cameron Rosenow sings at University Baptist Church, which hosted the Clef Hangers for its Sunday service. The Clef Hangers sang the blessing during the service and treated guests to Coldplay's newest hit, "Viva la Vida," and James Taylor's "Carolina in My Mind."

Book store 'gives back' to student organizations

BY ANIKA ANAND
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Campus organizations can make some extra cash by having their members mention their group while buying textbooks on Franklin Street.

At the end of each semester, Ram Book & Supply donates 5 percent of its profits to individual organizations whose members purchase or sell their books at the store.

Last spring, 60 organizations participated in the program, and the store gave back a total of \$2,422.19 to student groups, said Jeff Pellicani, assistant store manager.

Kelly Giles, Blue & White magazine president and creative director, said the magazine raised about \$170 through the program last semester.

The extra money allowed the magazine to print a full-color issue for their 10th anniversary, she said.

Pellicani said the "Ram Gives Back" program has been available to all student organizations for at least two years he has been there.

To join the program, members of a student organization can contact the store at rambooks@nc.rr.com.

They must then provide the name of their organization and a primary contact.

At the end of the semester, when the book buyback period is over, the store totals up the organization's sales, excluding sales tax, and writes a check to them, according to its Web site.

"It is a good promotion and a good way to give something back to people for coming in here and giving us business," Pellicani said. "Without students and organizations, we wouldn't be here."

If 50 members participate, with the average costs of books per year being \$600, the organization could make up to \$1,500 over the course of two semesters, the Web site says.

Store Manager Christian Campbell of Tarheel Book Store, another Franklin Street book store, was not familiar with the Ram Gives Back program.

Currently, Tarheel Book Store gives discounts to UNC's General Alumni Association members.

Campbell said he is open to programs like Ram Gives Back and is willing to speak with different groups to work out an arrangement.

"I am a firm believer in us as a business giving back to the community," he said.

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Carolina Sports Menu

FRIDAY, AUG. 29
MEN'S SOCCER
vs. Fla. International
7:30 PM

SATURDAY, AUG. 30
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6:00 PM

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