

Wrecking Crew is moving up

by Carol Kassian

Contrary to their name, the intramural unit known as the "Wrecking Crew" are creators, building a legacy of participation on campus.

The unit, which began in the 1970's, originated from the sixth floor of Mackenzie Hall in residence, and emphasized the social aspect of participating in the intramural programs at the U of A. Since then, the unit has expanded to include both male and female friends of the "res" originals. Although socializing is still an important aspect of their participation, the Wrecking Crew has evolved into a unit experiencing achievement in sports.

The Wrecking Crew has developed a reputation for a sportsmanlike and dependable approach to intramurals. While members undeniably enjoy the pleasure of winning events, they find that participation regardless of final placement is most gratifying.

The unit's philosophy is reflected by its membership which includes both beginner and highly skilled individuals. Beginners are introduced to sports through Campus Recreation and the unit. As



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The Next Tomba?

Bryce Francis slaloms around this pole at the Craig Colbert Memorial Race at Rabbit Hill. The race is sponsored by the U of A Ski Team.

well, those who excel in certain activities are provided with the opportunity to refine their skills through participation. The unit is comprised of some individuals who excel in at least one activity. However, excellence does not come before participation, as unit members who are skillful in one area are encouraged to participate in other activities as well.

The Wrecking Crew's approach, with an emphasis on participation, has contributed towards

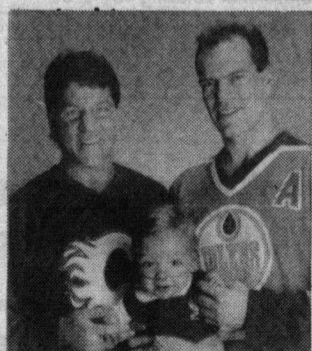
its achievements. Throughout the history of the unit, the Wrecking Crew has been the champion of major intramural activities including hockey, volleyball, and soccer. In addition, the unit participates and excels in all of the main activities each year. This small unit of approximately 40 members has finished ahead of larger units in the year end unit standings. Last year, the Wrecking Crew was third behind St. Joe's and Engineering.

While it is still early in the year, the Wrecking Crew is well on its way to attaining their goal of finishing in the top five in the unit standings. In team events, they won the Slowpitch Tournament held in September, were finalists in handball, and were participants in the play-offs of both soccer and flag-football. In individual events, Stew White, the Wrecking Crew Co-Unit Manager, won both the Racquetball and Squash Tournaments.



Darrell Dziwenka

These six Wrecking Crew members were the proud winners of the Co-Rec volleyball tournament.



Brian McAdam with Mark Messier and Paul Reinhart, co-chairpersons of the Christmas Seal Campaign.

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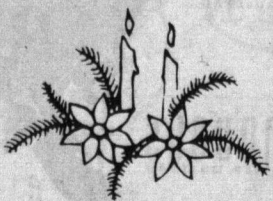
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