Pseudo-jocks can 'purge the urge' by joining one of Rice sports clubs

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Often after, or even during a great sporting event, such as last week's auspicious stomp of LSU, there is regret among many spectators that they are not amid the action themselves.

At Rice this longing to participate in one's favorite sport is filled by sport clubs whose purpose is to foster sports activity regardless of individual skill. These clubs are open to both male and female students and faculty, and require only a few hours activity per week.

Two of the most popular clubs are the handball and soccer clubs, which field teams against similar organizations at the University of Houston, the University of Saint Thomas, and Texas A&M.

An exception to the general rule of unlimited club size is the scuba diving club. Because of the careful instruction required for safe participation this club will be limited to about 40 members.

Fencing

The fencing club also has one stipulation for joining, members must belong to or join a fencing association. Information will be available when the club's formation is announced.

Organizations having no restrictions on membership other than a desire to participate are the gymnastics, karate, bowling, and badminton clubs. In addition, a water polo club will be formed for the first time this year.

For faculty members only the women's swimming program and the men's physical fitness and recreation program are being offered. The latter plans to meet three times a week for four sessions in physical training and sports participation.

Information concerning these clubs will be found in the Thresher as the organizations start forming. Additional information may be found on the bulletin board in the Physical Education Department building.

Separate Department

It should be remembered that the organization fostering these clubs is the Department of Health and Physical Education, and not the athletic department which oversees the inter-collegiate domain of Rice. H & PE provides complete instruc-