Open Recreation Volleyball Offered Every Friday
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Every Friday night from 9-11 p.m., Campus Recreation will be providing Open Recreation Volleyball in Swetman Gymnasium.

The opportunity for Open Rec Volleyball allows for students to take advantage of an open space to participate in one the most popular sports on campus. “The purpose of the program is to have some late night activity programming happening on Fridays to give the students a chance to unwind, and get out and recreate over in our facilities. It’s something they can do to let out stress from the long week that they had,” said Campus Recreation Coordinator Bill Ling.

Along with a Women’s Varsity and Club Volleyball team, there is also over 45 intramural Volleyball teams this semester in five different divisions, showing just how many people on campus enjoy the sport.

No matter your level of expertise, any student can come in and practice their skills during Open Rec Volleyball. “Our open recreation component is all inclusive, and it is open to anyone that has access to our facilities and is willing to just come out and play,” said Ling. “I think that through open rec, it gives people the chance to learn and develop their skills, so we don’t want anyone to have any restrictions because it can be a learning experience for anybody.”

Open Recreation Volleyball follows immediately after Open Rec Badminton in Swetman gym on Fridays, which happens from 8-9p.m. Ling looks at Open Rec Volleyball and Badminton as a chance to highlight other areas of Open Rec other than Basketball. “We don’t have any intramural or special events on Fridays, so because we stay away from there, we have this opportunity for students to come and play a sport that is outside of the norm of Basketball happening during the week. That’s why we have Badminton and Volleyball happening to fill that void.”

Although there is designated times on Friday’s devoted to Volleyball, students are welcome to play Volleyball at any time during Open Rec hours during the week in both Swetman Gym and Lee Hall, permitting there isn’t already Basketball being played.