

ASI Women's Soccer Kicks Off Homecoming Week!

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The ASI women's soccer club will take on the Bruins of UCLA at Mangrum Field this Saturday Oct. 12th at 11:00 a.m., the week of Homecoming. For the second time, soccer, rather than football, is the main sporting event for Homecoming this year, which is the week of Oct. 5th - 13th.

The CSUSM Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) women's soccer club is an inter-mural sport that is sponsored by ASI which competes in the National Intramural-Recreation Sports Association league (NIRSA). The teams' outdoor season began in September and will last until the end of November. Right now, the team practices Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. - 5:

00 p.m. on the Mangrum Field. During the rest of the year, the team will continue to play in indoor leagues to stay on top of their game.

There are currently 16 women on the team that are from all levels of skill and experience. "To field a team, only 11 people are necessary, however it is good to have a few substitutions," explained Casie Burke, one of the team's captain. When asked about the challenges that the team faces, Burke replied, "Getting everyone to commit to ALL games, practices and fundraisers is the biggest challenge. For the most part there is a lot of commitment, but we would still like to see more. Everyone is active in trying to make the Women's soccer season a success. We are not giving up, and we give it our

all in every game."

One area of weakness that Burke feels the team could improve on is the number of girls they have on the team currently. They would like to strengthen their team and add additional talent to the lineup. "Right now, we are really looking for people who are experienced and will make a commitment to the team!" Burke added.

The team is led by Coach Carl Farmer who has been coaching women's soccer teams for 15 years at the competitive level, ages ranging from 8-19. Burke said, "He has coached multiple all-star teams, as well as multiple championship first place teams at the San Diego County level. He has also coached three teams that have finished in the top four

at the state level."

Women interested in playing on the team are encouraged to contact the team captains as soon as possible. The participation fee is \$125.00, which covers cost for uniforms, referee fees, and equipment. Participants must also

have proof of health insurance. Team captains Casie Burke and Carol Devendorf can be reached at burke013@csusm.edu and deven002@csusm.edu for more information. Those interested can also go to ASI in Commons 203 and ask for Valerie Cuevas.

