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## Misconduct in IM activities alleged

*Some students report violence, vulgar comments*

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Participants of Northwestern's recreational sports league have engaged in overly competitive behavior, resulting in racial and homophobic slurs and causing injury to some, according to interviews with students and an announcement by the associate director of intramural sports.

Ryan Coleman, associate director of intramural sports, wrote in a Monday announcement posted to the intramural sports website that over-competitiveness in the sports league has resulted in threats, fights and yelling. The behavior developed within the past few years, Coleman told The Daily, and the league is planning to implement changes to combat it.

"Too many participants have behaved poorly recently for this to be handled as isolated incidents," he wrote in the announcement.

"This behavior we have witnessed over the past few years has been very disappointing."

Coleman declined to specify the number or details of the incidents, but told The Daily he has reported several students to the Office of Student Conduct.

Several students interviewed by The Daily echoed Coleman's statements.

Communication sophomore Katherine Kearney said a fellow intramurals team member is consistently hostile toward referees and opponents, even making sexist and racist remarks during pregame huddles. Before one game, the teammate referred to a team made up of mostly students of color by using a racially offensive term, Kearney said.

Weinberg sophomore Carter Rothman said he once heard a member of the opposing team whisper a homophobic slur during a soccer game last spring. Though Rothman wasn't sure who the comment was directed at, he said he was surprised a co-ed league branded as uncompetitive would reach that level of hostility.

Coleman told The Daily he

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Paul Rusesabagina speaks at the Northwestern University Community for Human Rights keynote. Rusesabagina is a Rwandan humanitarian and survivor of the Rwandan Genocide.

## Genocide survivor offers story

*'Hotel Rwanda' inspiration urges crowd to be humanitarian leaders*

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Paul Rusesabagina, a Rwandan humanitarian and survivor of the Rwandan Genocide, told a crowd of students Thursday evening to lead as humanitarians in

the future.

"Today, I am talking to you as humanitarian leaders," Rusesabagina said. "And I am telling you that you each have a humanitarian mission to shape the future."

Rusesabagina, the keynote speaker for Northwestern University Community for Human

Rights 2018 conference, spoke about his experience during the Rwandan Genocide.

The Rwandan Genocide of 1994 was a 100-day mass slaughter of the ethnic Tutsi under a Hutu-majority government. At that time, Rusesabagina was the hotel manager at Hotel des Mille

Collines in Kigali. He turned the hotel into a sanctuary for over 1,000 Rwandans, a story that later inspired the award-winning 2004 film "Hotel Rwanda."

Rusesabagina said in the keynote that his mission began with

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## Dawes House gets grants

*Matching gifts to help final phase of renovations*

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The Evanston History Center will be able to hire an architect for the final phase of its Charles Gates Dawes House renovations with a recent \$2,500 grant from Landmarks Illinois.

The \$2,500 grant required a matching grant that the organization received from a private donor. The total sum will allow the center to make progress in the project's planning stage, history center executive director Eden Juron Pearlman said. The architect will design plans to repair the back porch and the house's infrastructure in preparation for the final phase. The first and second phase included masonry



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The Charles Gates Dawes House, 225 Greenwood St., was built in 1894. A recent grant will allow the Evanston History Center to hire an architect to plan the final phase of renovations.

work and installing a heating and cooling system.

This is the second grant Landmarks Illinois has presented to the Dawes House, Landmarks

Illinois president Bonnie McDonald said. She said EHC distinguished itself from other

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## City to look at panhandling

*Resident concerns prompt guideline overview*

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City officials are looking to revise current guidelines on panhandling in Evanston due to an increase in resident concerns over the practice.

City manager Wally Bobkiewicz said city staff will likely present amendments to Evanston's panhandling ordinance to City Council in February or March.

Bobkiewicz said that during Ald. Judy Fiske's (1st) quarterly ward meeting in December, several residents said they would like to see an ordinance that is stricter and would prohibit more types of panhandling. The first ward contains much of downtown Evanston, where panhandlers

are known to frequent.

"Residents in Evanston appreciate free speech," Bobkiewicz said. "Our residents have to balance in their mind the understanding and appreciation for people being in difficult circumstances versus the discomfort and awkwardness sometimes that people feel when they're approached."

George, who did not give a last name, said he has been panhandling in Evanston for roughly six months, and added that he has not had any issues while soliciting. In his panhandling experience, he estimates that generally one in every three people who he solicits try to help out.

George believes the city shouldn't change the way it handles panhandling.

"Leave it as is. You know, if

you're not causing a problem, leave it as is," George said.

The Supreme Court ruled in 2015 that panhandling is a form of free speech protected under the First Amendment, although aggressive panhandling, as well as asking for money in certain areas, including near bus stops or within 20 feet of an ATM or bank, is not allowed in Evanston.

Bobkiewicz added that there are several current court decisions around similar ordinances throughout the country in the last few years that severely restrict limitations on panhandling.

"The courts see this as free speech and the abilities for local communities to very aggressively regulate it is pretty difficult," Bobkiewicz said.

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