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Barriers and Facilitators to Adaptive Sports on College Campuses

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Mixed-ability adaptive sports have the power to create community on college campuses.

Victor Viking, the Western Washington University mascot, sits in a Quickie Titanium sports wheelchair poised to throw a chest pass with a basketball in one of the Carver Academic Center gyms on campus.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS
1. Conduct pilot program offering adapted volleyball on campus
2. Examine participant perceptions of how a community does or does not form
3. Provide recommendations to university regarding adaptive sports
4. Encourage development of adaptive sports programs nationally, in part, to gain longitudinal data about student perceptions of their disabled peers
5. Encourage mixed-ability sports over separate sports for disabled and non-disabled participants to better gauge health benefits for all groups involved

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