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It was evident from the beginning of the school year that there were students at Florida International University who were interested in participating in some area of sport, but did not possess the skill or the desire to participate in one of the five intercollegiate offerings.

Lacrosse seemed to be the answer for a number of these students and in the fall Dr. Paul E. Hartman, Chairman of the Division, asked for men interested in forming a lacrosse club to come out and learn the sport. Fourteen men answered the initial call and by spring twenty-six young men had given the sport a try. The squad with only three experienced personnel put a great deal of effort into learning the game and surprised themselves by tying for the Florida Lacrosse League championship with a record of 7-2.

Most of the men are undergraduates and will be back.

However, it is interesting to note that several men who

normally would be graduating and leaving their athletic careers

behind them have indicated that they may prolong their education

in order to continue playing this new found sport.

As a club lacrosse was not supported to the extent as the intercollegiate program and funds were expended only for basic equipment, officials, insurance, and a major portion of travel funds.

At the beginning of the season one might have wondered who the lacrosse club would play since there were no teams in Florida. However, by the end of spring there were six teams playing a competitive schedule and there are indications that there will be at least nine in 1974.

In addition to the Florida lacrosse playing clubs a large number of teams from the north have indicated an interest to come south on spring trips.