

ACTIVITIES OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT DEPARTMENT, BRANCH OF THE MARIA CURIE-SKŁODOWSKA UNIVERSITY IN RZESZÓW IN THE YEARS 1969-2001

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Abstract:

Department of Physical Education and Sport Department branch of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Rzeszów, functioning in the years 1969-2001, conducted intense activity in the broadly understood physical culture. It manifested not only the organization of physical education, but also the popularization among students of healthy lifestyle and active recreation. These objectives are realized both during compulsory classes of software, as well as during the summer and winter sport and recreation camps. Thanks to the involvement of employees of Department - instructors and trainers, students of Rzeszów branch of UMCS have achieved a number of successes, starting in the academic sport competitions of different rank.

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN RZESZÓW IN THE YEARS 1951-2001

The foundations for the development of public higher education in Rzeszów was the creation in September of 1951 years of the Evening School of Engineering, which after many transformations in 1974 gained the rank of Rzeszów University of Technology. Another independent Rzeszów university was established in 1965. It was the Pedagogical University, based on the consultation point of Cracow WSP, which was functioning from July 1962. The beginnings of the branch of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska were closely related to the rise of consultation point in Rzeszów in 1959 of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, which educated students, among others, within three years Extramural Vocational School Administration. In 1964, the Faculty of Law UMCS introduced in Rzeszów five absentia Masters of Law for working. Five years later, in 1969, the Rzeszów consultation point was transformed into a branch office University in Rzeszów. Within the framework established with sometimes two faculties of law and administration and economics. In 1973, the Rzeszów began operations Faculty of Economics of Production and Trading Agricultural Agricultural University. In Krakow, then transformed into Faculty of Economics. In 2001, under a law passed by the Polish Parliament on 7 June 2001 established the University of Rzeszów. The university was established as a result of the merger of three independent educational institutions operating in the city: Pedagogical Higher School, Branch of the UMCS and Nonresident Faculty of Economics of Agruculture Academy of Hugon Kołłątaj¹.

THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF STUDY WFIS BRANCH UMCS

Integral parts of any university operating in Rzeszów were studying physical education - inter-unit set up to implement the program activities in the field of physical education for

¹ Based on: internet sources (www.bip.ur.edu.pl; www.portal.prz.edu.pl; www.swfis.prz.edu.pl; www.ur.krakow.pl).

students of all faculties and fields of study. The first unit of this type was set up on the Rzeszów University of Technology in February 1964, another with the formation of other institutions. Department of Physical Education and Sport functioned well in the structures of the Rzeszow Branch UMTS.

In the first years of its existence, the University in Rzeszow Branch had not yet own physical education teachers, classes conducted employees of Physical Education and Sport Pedagogical University in Rzeszów, which also make available its base. With the influx of students and increasing the number of exercise groups in 1970, the university authorities have recruited the first physical education teachers. In 1971, he created a Physical Education and Sport Branch of the University in Rzeszow, which took over from the WSP all issues related to the implementation of the program of physical education, sport and mass physical culture among students and staff Branch². The study was the first head mgr Maria Ordyna. Her absolute commitment to the work of organizational, educational and training resulted in dynamic development of the study in the first years of its existence.

Throughout the whole period of its operation Department struggled mainly with problems related to the lack of its own sports facilities. So they had to use the rented facilities. This fact was a big obstacle for both students and teachers conducting classes. However, despite the difficult local conditions Physical Education acted on the basis of the then rich program of the Ministry of Science, Higher Education and Technology. Along the lines of ministerial classes implemented in three groups: mandatory physical education, activities in the framework of the sports section and elective courses. This division helped turn an area of action study of all full-time students, as well as created an opportunity for significant development of competitive sports in the sections affiliated to the Academic Sports Association³.

In subsequent years, it developed a dynamic competitive sport between groups, vintages and departments. More and more individual sections represented a branch office in competitions, tournaments, and leagues Spartakiads intercollegiate championship and Polish types of universities. Although initially the representatives of the Rzeszow Branch of the UMTS had to acknowledge the superiority of his opponents, it is already in the academic year 1972/73 there were first successes in inter-Spartakiada and during the performance of judos within the VII Polish Championships Types Universities⁴.

With successfully growing interest in youth participation in physical culture. Specific opportunities created developed and approved in 1974. The program of Physical Education and Sport and the Regulations of the Department of WFiS. Enabled it to take an even wider group of students the responsibility to participate in physical education classes and sports and leisure activities.

The next stage was the inclusion of all students first years the mandatory swimming lessons and participation in the program camps, sports and tourism. This occurred at the beginning of the academic year 1976-1977. After the death of Maria Ordyny 1977 management study took M.Sc. Jerzy Rut. In subsequent years, the program of physical education, which was subject to all listeners daily studies, enriched with new elements, such as skating, recreational activities, tourism.

² *Sprawozdanie z działalności Studium Wychowania Fizycznego i Sportu w okresie dziesięciolecia istnienia Filii Uniwersytetu Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej w Rzeszowie*. Rzeszów 1980.

³ *Sprawozdanie z działalności...*, dz. Cyt.

⁴ Based on: *Sprawozdanie z działalności...*, dz. Cyt.; Oral report of R. Kołodziej – directress of SWFiS branch of UMCS in Rzeszow.



Photo. 1. Students of the branch of UMCS during summer camp at Lake Solina (1979)

In the second half of the seventies Department of WFiS, based on a wide range of sports equipment and owned tourist camps organized compulsory program and sports facilities for students after the first year of study, as well as camps adaptive (before the first year of study). The camps were organized, among others, in Krępna, Mielec, Podgrodzie, Sanok, Tarnobrzeg, Ustrzyki and twice at the seaside - in Gdynia and Sopot. They were popular as ski Saturday and Sunday, and one and two-day ski camps for students combined with training slopes for beginners and advanced⁵.

In the second half of the seventies, for the outstanding athletes and activists of KU AZS touristic recreational camps were organized in the German Democratic Republic and the Hungarian Republic⁶. The end of the seventies was a period of the greatest achievements in the study of teaching and sports.

⁵ *Sprawozdanie z działalności...*, dz. Cyt.

⁶ *Sprawozdanie z działalności Studium Wychowania Fizycznego i Sportu Filii UMCS w Rzeszowie w roku akademickim 1977/78*. Rzeszów 1978.



Photo. 2. Students of the branch of UMCS – participant of riding camp in Zabajka (second half of the 70s)

The beginning of the nineties was characterized by a strong instability and favorable conditions for the implementation of the teaching process. Drastic financial constraints have led to the necessity of giving up part of the rented sports facilities, and the need to join groups and to work in poorly adapted buildings forced to seek new forms of activity⁷. In the academic year 1992/93 abolished compulsory physical education classes for students of the third year.

In October 1992, the function of Head of Department was taken Renata Kolodziej. Lack of university grants caused that in the coming years, some forms of participation in physical education, students have to overlap with their own funds. This was, among others, in the case of classes at the swimming pool and ski camps. Nevertheless, these forms of classes enjoyed among the young lot of interest. In 1993-2000 the organized annual ski camps attended each approx. 60 students. In the mid-nineties we organized sailing camps on the Lagoon Solina and in Wilkasy Mazury. They accounted for to some extent a reference to summer camps, where the organization was abandoned in the early eighties due to lack of proper equipment base and financial subsidies⁸.

⁷ *Sprawozdanie z działalności SWFiS Filii UMCS w Rzeszowie za rok akademicki 1991/92 i początek roku akademickiego 1992/93.* Rzeszów 1993.

⁸ Based on: *Sprawozdania z działalności Studium WFiS Filii UMCS w Rzeszowie z lat 1993-2000*; Oral report by J. Grymanowskiego – Chairman of KU AZS Filii UMCS in Rzeszow.



Photo. 3. Students of the branch of UMCS – participants of the ski camp at the top of Jaworzyna Krynicka (2001)

It is worth emphasizing that the activities of the Department and KU AZS met with great kindness of the then Rector of the branch of UMCS prof. Zbigniew Sobolewski. As a result, it was possible to maintain a high level of sports sections of AZS and financing their trips to major competitions. Moreover, the greatest success achieved by players and coaches sections were awarded cash prizes handed personally by the Rector⁹.



Photo. 4. Volleyball players with coach Jerzy Ruciński during a meeting with J.M. Rector of the branch prof. Zbigniew Sobolewski at the end of the twentieth Academic Polish Championships (2000)

⁹ Based on: *Sprawozdania z działalności Studium Wychowania Fizycznego i Sport Filii UMCS w Rzeszowie z lat 1996-1999*; Oral report R. Kołodziej – directress of SWFiS Filii UMCS in Rzeszow.

In the years 1990-2001 WFiS Department interacting with KU AZS organized, like in previous years, regular sport events. These included in particular, the annual football match between employees of the faculties of law and economics, and initiated in 1991 in the men's basketball tournament in memory of the deceased in 1990, long-time employee of study M.Sc. Lesław Stepaniak¹⁰.

A kind of business card Study WFiS Branch UMTS constituted created in 1990 Polish Dance Theatre "Wisłok." A team led by choreographer M.Sc. Janusz Chojecki - Employee Study, presented a high artistic level, appreciated not only on the domestic scenes. During numerous performances, the band presented the Polish national and regional dances, developed in the form of original and theater - ballet. "Wisłok" performed in many countries of the world. Their programs presented at international folk festivals, among others, Italy, France, Turkey, Germany and Cyprus, winning prestigious awards and prizes. Reorganization of the Rzeszow branch of UMCS and its inclusion in the nascent University of Rzeszow, as well as the departure of Janusz Chojecki to the Song and Dance Ensemble "Mazowsze" made "Wisłok" disappeared from the landscape folklore Podkarpacie¹¹.



Photo. 5. The winning team of employees of the Faculty of Economics Branch UMTS after the annual law-economy football game (1997)

In the years 1969-2001 in the Department of Physical Education Branch of the University in Rzeszow worked: M.Sc. Bolesław Budziaszek (since 1969 r.), M.Sc. Tadeusz Czułno (1977-1989), M.Sc. Antoni Domino (1975-1983), M.Sc. Janusz Chojecki (1990-2000), M.Sc. Adela Jabłeczka (since 1998 r.), M.Sc. Rafał Kołodziej (since 1995 r.), M.Sc. Renata Kołodziej (since 1974 r.), Ann Kotcher (1991-1992), M.Sc. Wiktor Marciniak (1980-1986), M.Sc. Katarzyna Maś (since 2000 r.), M.Sc. Krzysztof Micek (1989-1995), M.Sc.

¹⁰ Based on: *Sprawozdania z działalności Studium Wychowania Fizycznego i Sportu Filii UMCS w Rzeszowie z lat 1990-2001*; Oral report of T. Świątka – employee of SWFiS Filii UMCS.

¹¹ www.folklor.podkarpackie.pl.

Maria Ordyna (1972-1977), M.Sc. Bogdan Pliś (1990-1995), M.Sc. Maria Pliś (since 1990 r.), M.Sc. Zbigniew Rak (1986-1991), M.Sc. Jerzy Ruciński (since 1984 r.), dr Jerzy Rut (1977-1998), M.Sc. Lesław Stepianiak (1972-1990), M.Sc. Tomasz Świątek (since 1991 r.)¹².

In the years 1969-2001 Department of Physical Education and Sport Branch of the University in Rzeszów led lively activities in the realm of training, sports, tourism, popularization and education. Its actions are not just confined to the implementation of the compulsory curriculum of physical education, but get much wider. Employee involvement in the activities of education and upbringing and the close cooperation of the Department with the Academic Sports Association Study resulted in many successes in the inter university competition at the national area. Representatives of Rzeszow branch of UMCS could often make an equal fight with teams representing a much larger facility, including having in their structures faculties of physical education.

An important manifestation of activity in that period was the organization of summer and winter camps, recreational and sport events with the participation of both students and university employees. These actions constitute an excellent platform for integration between the entire academic community.

¹² Based on: *Sprawozdania z działalności Studium Wychowania Fizycznego Filii UMCS w Rzeszowie z lat 1970-1991.*