

## Men's Rugby Travels to Argentina



Men's rugby, a competitive sports club team at WCU, traveled to Argentina during spring break to play rugby against several club teams.

"Rugby is organized a little differently in Argentina," says Blaise

Frost, an associate professor of chemistry and faculty advisor to the team. "While there are school teams, the most competitive rugby is played at the club level. In Buenos Aires, we played Berazategui Rugby Club, Club Beromama and Centro Naval Rugby. We also played in the coastal city of Mar del Plata against Club Pueyreddon Atletico."

Rugby is wildly popular in Argentina, notes Frost, and the level of play is high. But WCU men's rugby held its own and won three of its four matches during the week.

The WCU team had some very spirited games, he says, but even when play got "contentious," as it did with Club Pueyreddon Atletico, the WCU players were very well received.

After each match, the home team hosted a dinner for WCU's team. "The players were able to sit down with the opposing team and share laughs and food after each match," says team coach Bjorn Haglid.

"The local young women all wanted pictures with our students," he adds. "I actually saw little kids asking our team members for autographs."