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# The crowd never roars

*Intramural sports at Oregon:  
Playing for the fun of it*

As I ran down the field, signalling with waving arms that I was open, I had hoped my teammate would throw the frisbee to me.

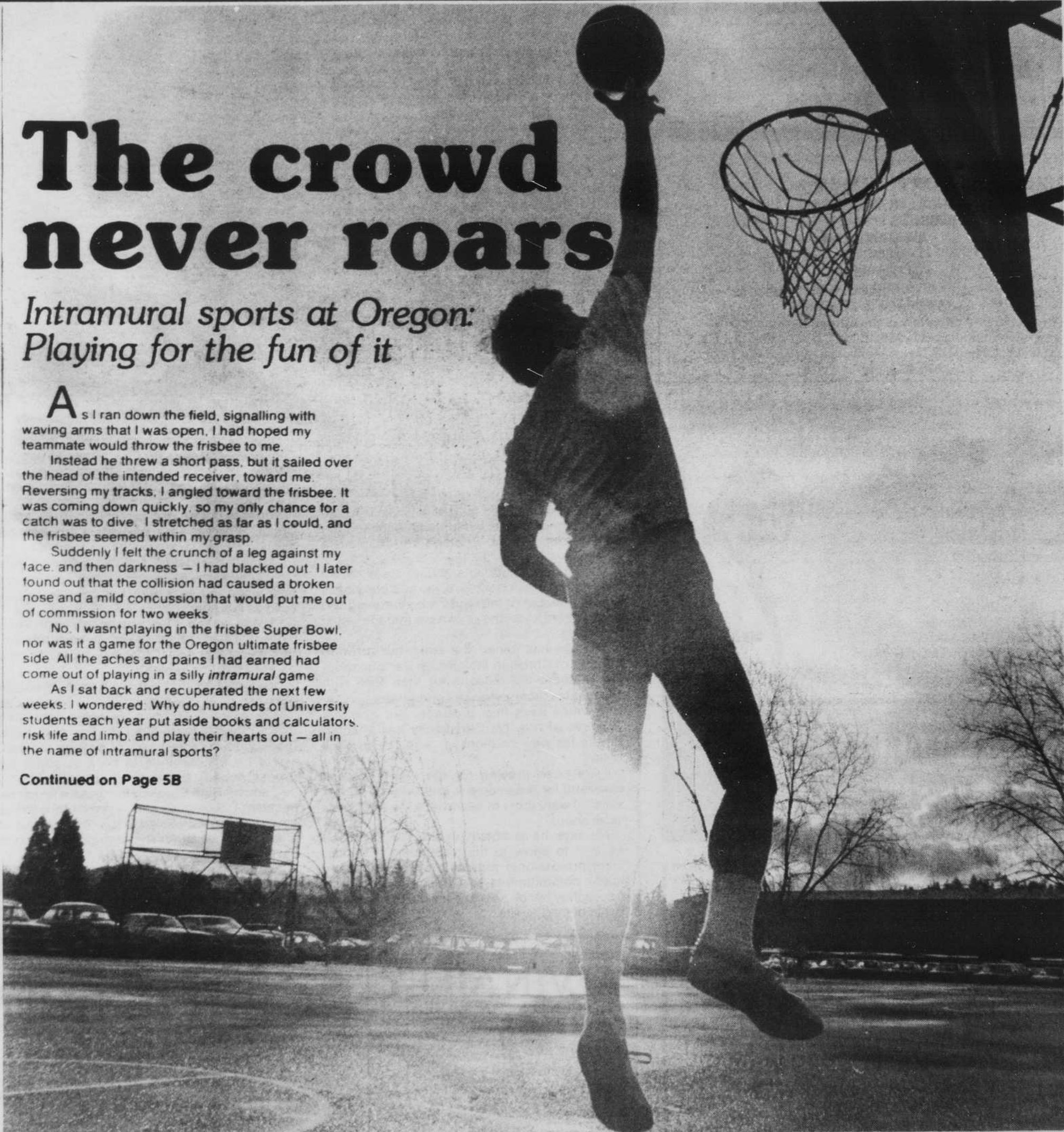
Instead he threw a short pass, but it sailed over the head of the intended receiver, toward me. Reversing my tracks, I angled toward the frisbee. It was coming down quickly, so my only chance for a catch was to dive. I stretched as far as I could, and the frisbee seemed within my grasp.

Suddenly I felt the crunch of a leg against my face, and then darkness — I had blacked out. I later found out that the collision had caused a broken nose and a mild concussion that would put me out of commission for two weeks.

No, I wasn't playing in the frisbee Super Bowl, nor was it a game for the Oregon ultimate frisbee side. All the aches and pains I had earned had come out of playing in a silly *intramural* game.

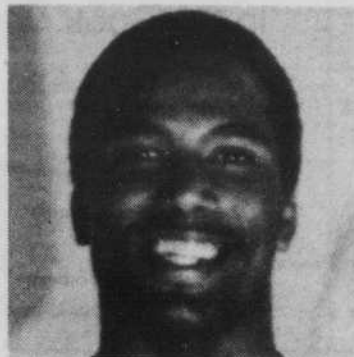
As I sat back and recuperated the next few weeks, I wondered: Why do hundreds of University students each year put aside books and calculators, risk life and limb, and play their hearts out — all in the name of intramural sports?

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