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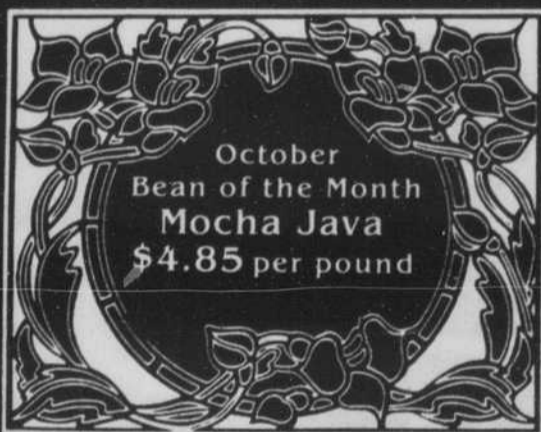
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Sports

I-M football can be a pain

By Doug Levy
Of the Emerald

It was one of those passes thrown into the seam between a zone defense. From my left cornerback position, I could see that the receiver was running a route between me and our free safety. He was open and the ball was coming to him. I dove.

What I didn't know was that our free safety, playing slightly behind the receiver, was diving for the ball also. I remember that my hand was about to deflect the ball, and then...

What day is it? Who cares what day it is? Why was this guy asking me? My head hurt so bad.

When I came out of my second blackout, I realized I was in the student health center with a black eye, and they were sewing seven stitches into my brow. I kept thinking, "not again!"

Almost a year earlier to the day, I had suffered a broken nose and a concussion following a cleat-to-nose collision in an ultimate frisbee game.

At the health center, they knew that Tuesday, Oct. 5 was going to be a busy night. It was the first day of intramural flag football, which meant some injuries were sure to occur.

However, Dr. Frank Baynes,



trainer who oversees intramural action.

But Baynes is angry about what he considers slack officiating this season.

"One of the common denominators I've been getting from treating players is loose officiating," said Baynes. "Players have talked about illegal blocks and tackles without any penalties being called." He added, "If things keep up this way, they should just call it football and issue pads."

Yet Baynes admitted that officiating is a "thankless job, and they have my admiration." He said most of the officials seem to be doing a good job, with only a few of them responsible for the bevy of injuries.

Baynes disputed the notion that many athletes who play intramurals are injured because they are out of shape. "Most of the students I see are in good shape. In fact, I'll put this student body up against any other student body — this is a well conditioned bunch."

Meanwhile, I must walk around campus with a black eye. It's no fun being famous. Girls I barely knew actually cooed over me. Teammates keep telling me what a great sound the hit made. They keep talking how great the play was, and how mean I look. Well, I don't want to look mean.

During my college intramural career I've now suffered a broken nose, a concussion, a black eye, several sprained ankles and a pulled hamstring. I could open up my own treatment clinic.

Believe me, it's no fun being injured. Just once, I'd like to walk off a field without feeling an ache or a pain. My parents have threatened to disown me if I'm injured again. They don't want to see me at the health center, and I don't want to see them.

on call that night, did not figure on the staggering amount of injuries he would have to treat. "We treated three lacerations, four ankles, a wrist fracture and a knee injury," he said.

As if that was not enough, there was also a player who suffered a skull fracture. He was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in an ambulance.

Baynes, who has been with the health center since 1968 and acts as sports medicine physician, asserts that this is the worst year for injuries he can remember. "This, I would say, not only from what I am seeing, but from my colleagues also, is the worst year we have had," he said.

The storm of injuries even prompted Dr. James Jackson, director of the health center, to place a call to the intramural department inquiring about a way to curb the injuries.

It's not as if the intramural office has not tried to neutralize the injury situation. A rule was added this year which prevents blocking below the waist, and, for the first time, there is a

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Sports shots

Michele Potestio's eight goals led the Oregon women's soccer club to a pair of victories this weekend, as the Ducks trounced Central Washington 10-0 and Evergreen State College 8-1.

Potestio tallied five goals against CWU and three more against ESC. Lyn Kunz helped the Oregon cause by drilling four shots of her own against Evergreen. Christy Baksey also had a big weekend for Oregon, scoring two goals against Central Washington and another against ESC.

The Ducks, who are 6-1-1, will take on rival Oregon State Wednesday at Southbank Field at 4 p.m.

The Oregon lacrosse club will start practices today at 3 p.m. on the field at the corner of 18th and Agate St. The club will practice every Tuesday and Thursday at that time.

The club is also looking for a non-player coach who would be interested in helping out. Those interested may either go to the practice or contact the Club Sports office.

Behind goals by Scott Thompson and Andrew Moore, the men's soccer club beat Lane Community College 2-0 in their first league win. The victory jumped the Ducks' record to 2-1-1 on the season and 1-0 in the league.



ANNUAL TELEFUND STATISTICS

Watch this space for the daily report on what the student organizations have raised for the Annual Fund Telefund. Each organization will be competing for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50, based on the total pledges from alumni for gifts to the Annual Fund.

If your organization would like to participate, contact Joe Farmer, Annual Fund Director, 142 Susan Campbell Hall, ext. 3016.

Tonight the Black Student Union will be calling to establish the record other organizations will attempt to beat.