

# IM football's no-contact rule needs roughing up

It's about as predictable as the swallows returning to Capistrano.

Every year, conflicts arise over intramural football — and this year is no exception. In previous falls, squabbles have started over poor officiating, field conditions and scheduling.

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This year, the major hassle involves none of those. Instead, it involves new rules instituted by the University's Recreation Intramural department.

Rules adopted this year to cut down on injuries have come under fire from most flag football players.

The major complaint with the guidelines is the lack of contact involved. The new rules state that "only screen blocking is permitted." Screen blocking is described as "obstructing the

rusher's path to the quarterback or the ball carrier, as long as it is done behind the line of scrimmage, with any part of the body except head and legs."

In layman's terms, that means no contact whatsoever on the football field.

Being on a team myself, I have first-hand experience playing under these rules. I can unequivocally say they aren't a lot of fun.

After talking to other players, I find many share my feelings. Judging from phone calls and conversations with others, reaction to the new rules has been negative.

Most people are griping about the no-contact provisions. What's football without contact anyway? It seems like powder puff football to me.

"Coming out of high school, you are still serious about football," says one player. "The rules are not real football at all. You need something with a little contact," he adds.

"What they have now is too wimpy."

Some players even have opted for the sidelines because of the new rules.

"I personally know a lot of guys who are usually out there, but aren't this year because of the rules," says the same player. "But there's not much we can do about the rules."

RIM Office Director Bob Moss indicates major uproars over the new rules at the beginning of the season since have cooled down.

"People didn't like them (the rules) at first," says Moss, "but now I think they are becoming more accepted."

Moss also brings up injuries. In the past, there have been numerous injuries on the intramural field; not so this season, according to Moss. He says injuries have been drastically reduced.

Still, that's not good enough for some. One player I talked to says he and his friends are so disgusted with the rules, they're thinking of forming their own league next year.

That's pretty far-fetched, but there is a point there. Something definitely needs to be done. Football isn't football without some hitting and blocking.

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### MEETINGS

**IMPORTANT AFS RETURNEE** meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in the EMU Fishbowl. For more information, call Karen at 485-1593.

**ASKLEPIADS** meets tonight at 7 p.m. at Chi Psi fraternity, 1018 Hilyard St.

**THE NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE** program is looking for adventurous, economically-minded people. Come to an orientation meeting today at noon in the EMU Forum Room to find out more about study opportunities abroad.

**STUDENT UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS BOARD** is holding a very important meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 337 EMU.

**OPEU CLERICAL COMMITTEE** meets today from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. in EMU Century Room D.

**THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION** meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the EMU. Testimonies of healing through prayer are shared.

**WOMEN'S RESOURCE AND REFERRAL SERVICE** is sponsoring a personal growth workshop entitled "Women, Food, and Self-Esteem." The first meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 336 EMU. For more information, call 686-3327.

**GALA** is holding a business meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 318 EMU. For more information, call GALA at 686-3360.

**LESBIAN DISCUSSION GROUP** meeting tonight from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in EMU Century Room D. The topic is lesbians and language. For more information, call 686-3360.

**THE ASIAN STUDIES SOCIETY** is holding a general meeting today at 5 p.m. in the second floor lounge of

Friendly Hall. All interested students and faculty are welcome.

**BATS OF OREGON** will be the topic of the Lane County Audubon Society meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St. Wildlife biologist Alan Dyke will present a slide show on research he has done concerning bats in Lane County. For more information, call 484-BIRD.

### LECTURES

**HOW MUCH VOICE** should students have in University policy? The proposed cut in student representation on the University Senate is the topic of this Wednesday's Open Mike at 11:30 in the EMU Courtyard and of the Brown Bag Forum at 12:30 p.m. in the EMU Forum Room. Sponsored by the ASUO and Campus Interfaith Ministry. Bring your lunch.

**THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY** student affiliates are sponsoring a "Graduate School Seminar" presented by three members of the chemistry faculty tonight at 7 p.m. in Room 331 Science II. Speakers will discuss how to choose and apply to graduate school and describe admission procedures and the student selection process. All students are encouraged to attend.

**PACIFIC UNIVERSITY** will have a representative on campus Monday, Oct. 31. A presentation on Pacific's optometry program is scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m., followed by a session on their physical therapy and occupational therapy programs from 10 to 11 a.m. Both presentations will be held in Room 101 EMU.

**THE UNITED NATIONS** is holding a banquet in

Portland on Friday, Oct. 28, in honor of its 38th anniversary. Ambassador Charles M. Lichenstein, United States Department Delegate to the United Nations, will be the principal speaker. The banquet will start at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 1119 Southwest Park Avenue.

### INTERVIEWS

**THE UNIVERSITY HISTORY DEPARTMENT** is seeking an Assistant Professor to teach one course in Western Civilization in the Honors College during winter term. Ph.D. and university level teaching experience in Western Civilization required. Send curriculum vitae including names and addresses of referees to Head, Department of History, 175 PLC, Eugene, Oregon 97403 no later than Nov. 1.

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**NOV. 2** — U.S. Bancorp/U.S. National Bank group meeting at 12:30 p.m., Room 101 EMU.

**NOV. 2** — Hewlett Packard (for 1 Factory & Field Marketing/Info Systems/EDP for CS; 2 Management Accountant/Financial Analyst; 3 Research and Development/Information Systems/EDP and Factory/Field Sales).

**NOV. 2** — University of San Diego School of Law group meetings at 9 and 10 a.m., EMU Century Room D.

**NOV. 2, 3** — U.S. Marine Corps (for Officer) Also at EMU.

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**OCT. 26, 27** — Coopers & Lybrand (for Staff Accountant).

**OCT. 26, 27** — U.S. Marine Corps (for Marine Corps Officer). Also at EMU.

**OCT. 27** — University of San Diego, Lawyer's Assistant Program (for Graduate School). Group meeting 9 to 10 a.m., Room 240 Susan Campbell Hall. Interviews follow.

**OCT. 27, 28** — Deloitte, Haskins & Sells (for Accounting positions).

**OCT. 28** — Ford Motor Credit Company (for Assistant Customer Accounts Representative).

### MISCELLANEOUS

**APPLICATIONS FOR STUDY IN JAPAN** spring term are now available. For more information and application forms, contact the U.S.-Japan Cross Culture Center at 244 San Pedro St., Suite 305, Los Angeles, CA. 90012. Deadline is Nov. 31.

**DRUIDS APPLICATIONS** are now being taken. Pick up forms in Suite 4 EMU or in the library Student Lounge. Requirements include junior standing with a 3.0 GPA and service-oriented activities. Deadline for application is today. Return forms to Room 110 Johnson Hall.

**COLLAGES** by Julie Roeman will be shown today through Nov. 23 at the Book & Tea Shop, 1646 E. 19th Ave., open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

**THE STUDENT AFFAIRS DIVISION** is pleased to announce that there is a Xerox copier now available for student use on the first floor of Oregon Hall.

**PSYCHOLOGY PEER ADVISING** Program is currently accepting applications for peer advisors for winter term. If interested in becoming a peer advisor or would like additional information about the program, stop by the peer advising office, Room 141 Straub Hall. Closing date for applications is Nov. 14.

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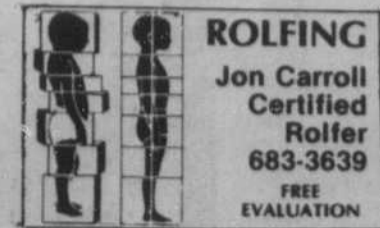
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