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Ultimate spins to Oregon

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Mention the word Frisbee, and casual observers think of lazy summer afternoons and plastic discs in flight.

But Frisbee sports are no longer just for casual observers. Frisbee golf is now rivaling hacky sack as a University athletic passion.

The latest Frisbee spinoff is a game mixing football, basketball, and soccer skills that's modestly called Ultimate.

In Eugene, two teams, the Mojo Flyers and Dark Star, compete in this action-packed sport.

But it is there that similarities between the two teams end.

"Dark Star is a lot more competitive than us," says Flyer coach Bill Spicer.

Indeed, the Star has progressed from a University Club Sports program to a high-powered city team.

And unlike the Club Sports Flyers, the Star plays together on a year-round basis.

"It hurts our team to not be able to play together in the summer," says Spicer.

What hurt even more was the defection of five top-notch Flyer players to the Star last year.

"I wanted to see what I could do at a higher level," explains former Flyer Mike Moran.

Make no mistake about it — fun plays only a small part in the Star's philosophy.

"We don't just go to tourneys to have fun. We like to do as well as possible," says Moran.

Spicer and Moran agree that a rivalry has developed between the two teams, but they insist that it is purely a "fun" one.

"We're not out to get each other," says Moran.

The Dark Stars, actually, are out to get their opponents — and with experienced and competitive players, they've gotten results.

At the Northwest Ultimate Championships Oct. 23-24, the Dark Stars finished second. That finish sent them to the Western



Photo by Brian Erb

Bill Spicer, winging the Frisbee here, says Club Sports Frisbee is mostly for fun.

Regional Championships Nov. 5 in Davis, Calif., where they won one of three games. The Flyers, meanwhile, are set to host the spring season's first tournament, The Mudbowl.

While the Dark Stars set winning a goal, the Flyers depend on entertainment.

"A good attitude is necessary for our team," says Spicer, "We like to have a lot of fun."

Lady Dark Stars fly high

Eugene's women's Dark Star team finished first in the Ultimate Frisbee Western Regional Championships in Davis, Calif., Nov. 5-6, to earn a trip to the national Ultimate competition in New Orleans, La., Nov. 26-28.

The lady Dark Stars defeated the Santa Barbara Condors 15-8 in the finals to earn a trip to New Orleans.

The Dark Stars, featuring

nine University students on their 13-woman roster, qualified for Western Regionals by winning six straight regular-season games.

Michigan State University should provide stern competition for the Dark Stars at nationals. They may not face that competition without money, though. Those who wish to contribute to the Dark Stars should call 344-2482.

University sets public hearing to discuss rule banning alcohol

From Associated Press reports

The University has scheduled a public hearing to discuss a rule banning alcoholic beverages, fireworks and other items from athletic facilities.

The rule went into effect Aug. 15 on a temporary basis for 180 days. It expanded a 1977 rule that forbids glass containers at the athletic events.

The new rule was proposed in connection with a plan to begin selling beer and wine at Autzen Stadium during Oregon football

games.

University Pres. Paul Olum stopped that plan, saying the decision was made too quickly.

The hearing will be held Nov. 16 at the EMU.

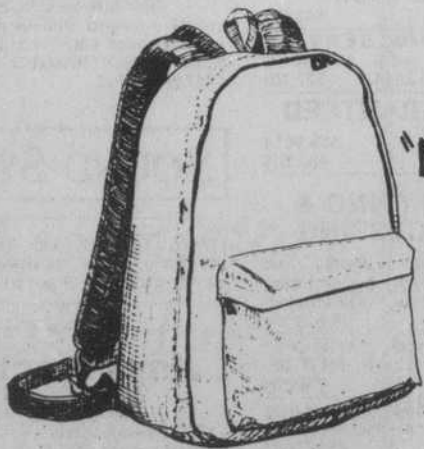
The temporary rule authorizes employees to ask for a visual in-

spection of backpacks, large purses and bulky items to ensure prohibited items are not concealed.

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