

Champ Jacobsen returns, but what about the inconsistency?

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After all the 30-foot, turn-around-jumpers have been tallied in the basketball record books, another group of players will get a chance at some 30-footers of a different nature.

While practice starts in the dead of winter, the University's golf team does not get a chance to show their skill in competition until spring break. Last year their skills, at times, were camouflaged a little too much. There was one exception, whose talents were recognized nation wide.

Peter Jacobsen, the personable, smooth swinging junior from Portland, won his first college tournament, the Far West Intercollegiate, in mid-April. Jacobsen followed two weeks later with the university division individual championship at the Viking Classic in Bellingham, Wash. Peter, who won the 1972 Oregon state high school championship, capped the season with a victory at the PAC-8 championships in

Palo Alto, and was later named a second team All-American.

The team qualified for the NCAA championships in Santee, Calif., but poor putting sent the squad home early. John Pennington, a sophomore from Eugene, was the only Oregon golfer to qualify for the final two days' action.

The problem last year was that Peter was the only player with consistency. On occasion, Ted Mills, Dick Shafer, Dave Jacobsen, John Adler, Steve Prugh and Pennington contributed to the team's effort. But all too often, a good round would be followed by an atrocious round, damaging the team's chances of a tournament championship.

Coach Jim Ferguson, after what he calls "my best recruiting year ever," may be adding some new faces to the 1975 roster. Three Oregon preppers head Ferguson's signee list, with a former Oregonian and a talented Californian heading his freshman list.

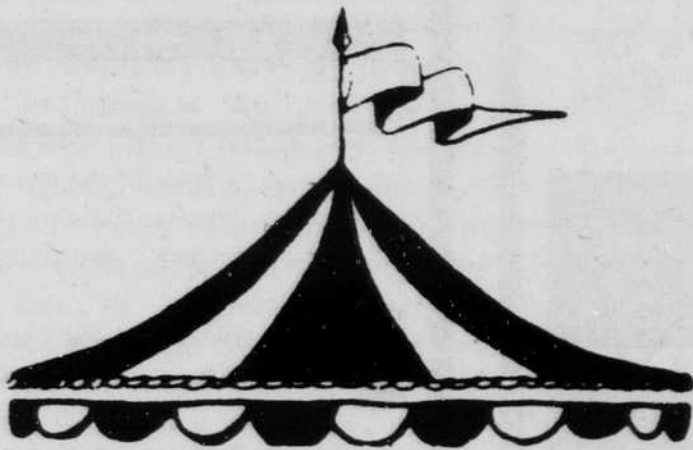
"All five of these guys have the talent

to contribute right away as freshmen," says Ferguson.

Jeff Sanders, from Sunset High School in Beaverton, and Rod Livesay and John Ford both of Lake Oswego, will provide some needed depth to the squad next spring. Brian Dampsey, formerly of Jesuit High School in Portland and now of Everett, Wash., will see a lot of action for the Ducks.

Scott Tuttle of Piedmont, Calif., is one of the top junior players in the state. Tuttle's adjustment to Oregon and the Eugene Country Club will have a distinct effect on the team's success in the coming season. Tuttle was the runnerup in qualifying for the 1973 California Amateur and was one of the representatives from his state to the Hogan Cup, held in Portland.

The squad lost only one player from the 1974 team and is expected to show marked improvement over last season. With Jacobsen the only "sure" member of the six-man team, qualifying this fall should prove quite interesting.



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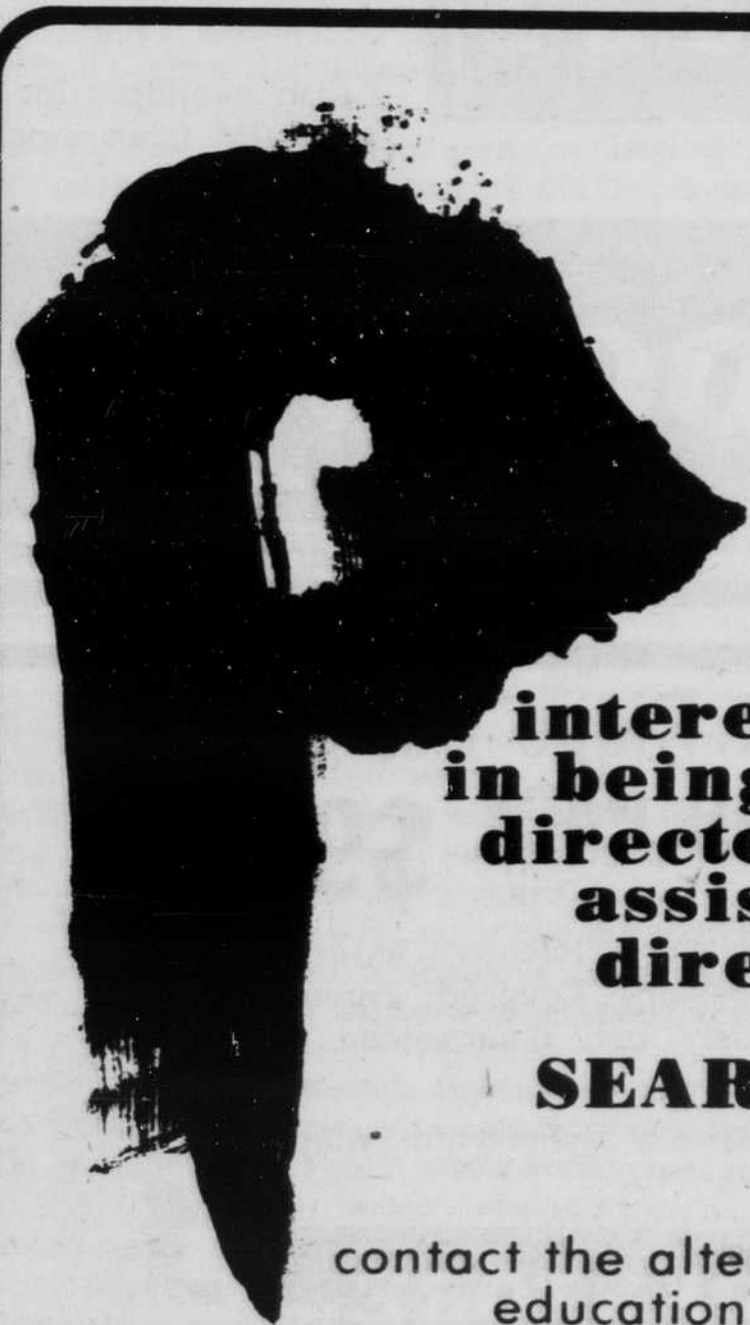
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