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Woods and irons replaced by Frisbee as new twist to an old game emerges

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For the Emerald

The next time you're walking to class and somebody nails you with a Frisbee, don't pick it up and throw it back. You might be in the middle of a Frisbee golf game.

Frisbee golf is catching on in parks and colleges all over the country. First invented by A.K. "spud" Melvin of the Wham-O Mfg. Co., Frisbee golf combines the free spirit of Frisbee with the stuffy respectability of golf. At least 25 "golf courses" have been built in the nation's parks in the last three years, and more are in the planning stages.

Students on the Oregon campus have already organized an in-

formal 18-hole course starting at Carson Hall, but the more enthusiastic players are not satisfied. They would like to see a permanent course constructed for student use.

Henry Callahan, captain of the University's Ultimate Frisbee team, sees a need for such a course. Having played on campus courses such as the one at Michigan State, Callahan feels an established course would allow for "a standard with which to check your own progress and compare yourself with other players."

To help focus attention on this need, Callahan and others are sponsoring the "First Annual University of Oregon Frisbee Golf

Tournament" to be held Saturday on the Carson Hall course.

Callahan says the long-range goal is to check into the availability of funds for establishing a permanent marked Frisbee golf course on the University of Oregon campus.

For those not familiar with Frisbee golf, rules are simple and based on regular golf. Courses are usually 18 holes, with fairways laid out in any open area. Players "tee off," and then play each shot from where the last one fell. A running start is permitted if the leading foot does not cross the original Frisbee position. Holes average around 100 yards in length, and are completed by hitting or landing on a predetermined object. Score is kept by counting the number of throws, or "strokes."

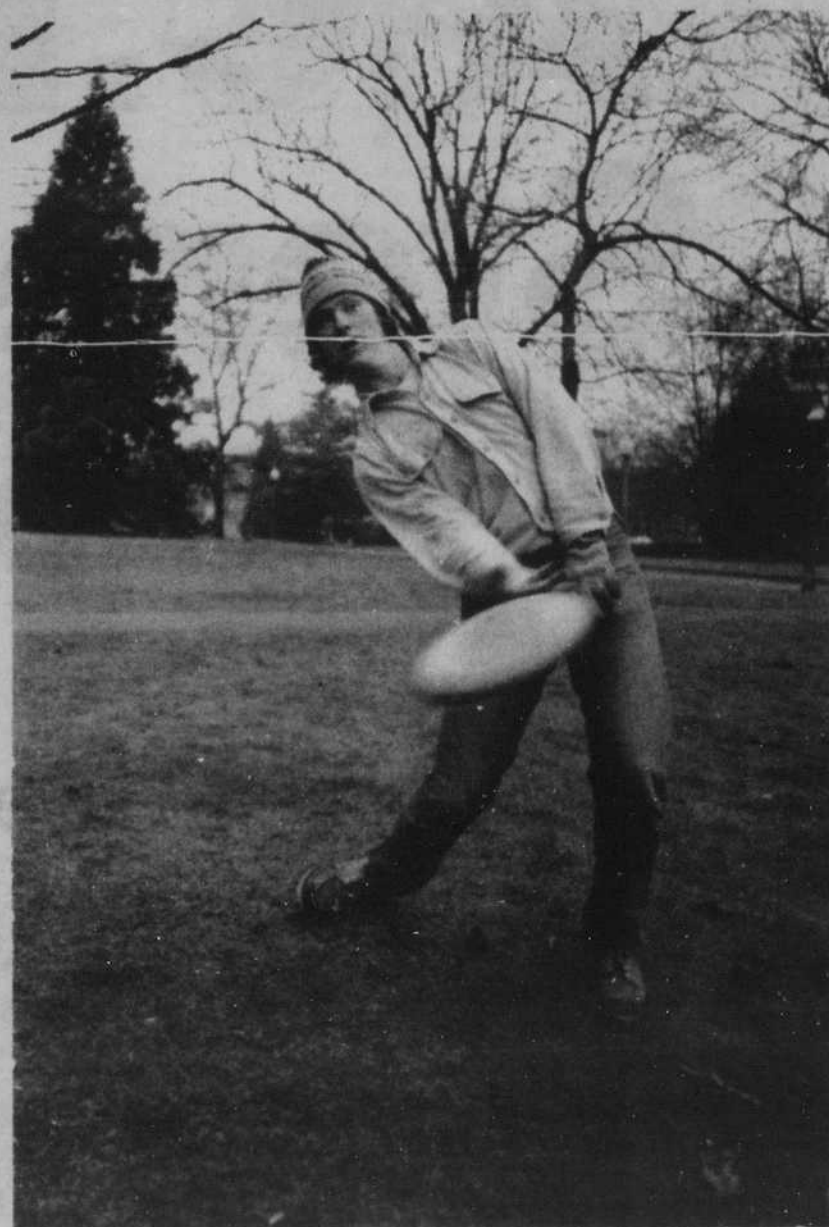
Frisbee golf has three basic shots. The side arm stroke is a long distance shot and usually begins with a running start. The backhand reverse is also used for long distances, but its clockwise spin allows for curves and bounces. Putting is used only at close range and is achieved by using the standard toss without a wind-up.

Experienced players may call on variations of the basic three shots for tricky situations. According to Callahan, a roll shot on a windy day can be effective, but is very difficult to perfect. Luke Hunsberger, another Frisbee golf veteran, advises an overhand toss to get around tall objects in front of players.

For the tournament bound, Hunsberger warns that the Carson Hall course is "challenging and requires both distance and accuracy." Callahan also feels a good understanding of Frisbee flight characteristics is needed.

Beginners may find Frisbee golf frustrating at first, but practice and patience should bring about improvement Hunsberger says, "It's a great feeling coming off a round one-under and heading for the clubhouse."

Persons interested in participating in Saturday's tournament should contact Callahan at 343-3039, or stop by Room 210A, Carson Hall, for information or maps of the course.



Photos by Steve Dykes

Bill Lindsey displays proper form (left arm straight, weight on the front foot) on this Frisbee golf chip shot.



Hazards are plentiful on the University's Frisbee golf course. Bill Lindsey found himself stuck behind a bush on his way to one of the "holes."

Trail Blazers thrashed

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP) — Guard Johnny Davis scored 30 points and rookie forward Rick Robey added a career-high 28 points and 15 rebounds Wednesday night leading the Indiana Pacers to a 115-109 National Basketball Association victory over the Portland Trail Blazers.

The Pacers built a 14-point lead early in the fourth quarter, then withstood a late rally that saw the margin closed to two, 100-98, on a three-point play by Lionel Hollins with under three minutes remaining.

Robey, the Pacers' No. 1 draft pick from NCAA champion Kentucky, then got his final basket, and guard Ricky Sobers scored a three-point play for a seven-point Pacer advantage with under two minutes remaining.

Maurice Lucas who led the Trail Blazers with 29 points brought Portland to within three, 108-105, on a three-point play with 56 seconds to go. But another basket and free throw by Davis and a pair of foul shots by Alex English pushed the lead back to eight with 33 seconds left.

Hollins and Tom Owens added 19 points apiece for Portland. The Pacer victory, snapping a two-game losing string, came with a 22-point advantage at the free throw line as four Portland players fouled out. Indiana hit 43 of 52 foul shots to 21 of 28 for the Blazers.

The 6-foot-11 Robey, who hit nine of 13 field goal attempts, added three assists five steals and one blocked shot.

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