

# Golfers want to get back into swing

All-American Shell Joyner wants return to early-season form

By Mark Johnson  
Of the Emerald

On paper, the Oregon golf team seems as if it's in a rebuilding stage with two juniors, five sophomores and a freshman coming off a team that was 14 members strong in 1981.

In a sense, that perception is both right and wrong.

A good word to describe coach Jim Ferguson's program would be "building." Ferguson himself has admitted that the graduation of three experienced seniors last year has had little effect on the team.

Contributing to the strength of this year's team was last year's biggest freshman story since Peter Jacobsen, Shell Joyner.

As a freshman in 1981, Joyner was named an NCAA honorable mention all-American and also an honorable mention to the all-Pacific 10 Conference team. He finished his first collegiate year tying for 10th place at the Pac-10 tournament and tied for 50th at the NCAA tournament as the only Oregon golfer to make the final cut.

"Getting the honorable mention last year has probably been my greatest achievement at this point," Joyner says. "I want to improve — and I think I can go up to the first, second or third team."

Ferguson also believes Joyner can continue to improve and says the Oregon standout has the potential to parallel Jacobsen's collegiate career as a Duck.

With such praise in his ears, Joyner says there is more pressure to achieve than last year, but that it has not been too overwhelming.

"I just want to go out and play one tournament at a time, play really well and try not to let it (the pressure) get to me," Joyner says.

But the Ducks have been in a slump during the past few weeks, and Joyner is more concerned about the team qualifying for the NCAA tournament in May than he is about getting individual honors.

"The bottom line right now is that our full concentration is on qualifying for nationals," Joyner said. "Everything we do between now and the Pac-10s will be for trying to qualify."

At the beginning of the spring season, it seemed the Ducks would have no

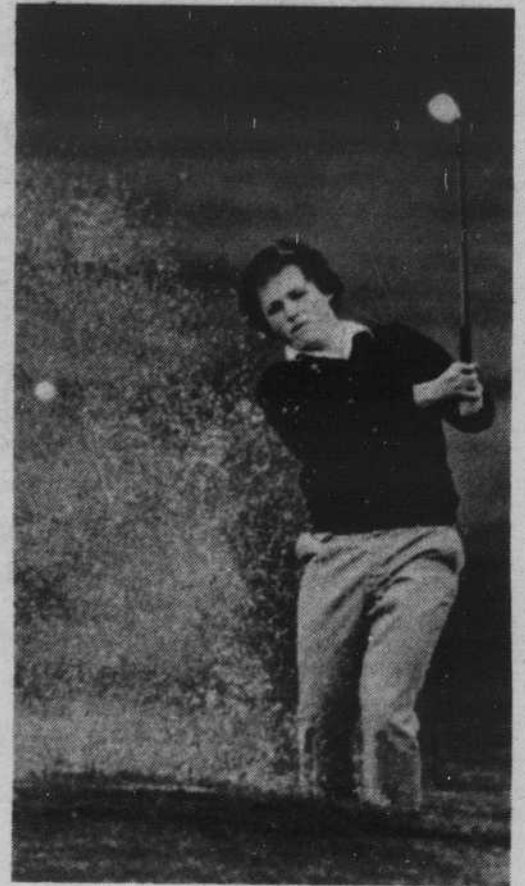
problem qualifying. They led the Stanford Invitational for two days before finishing sixth, won the University of Portland Invitational and came in second at the Northern California Collegiate tournament in Stockton, Calif. Ferguson had noted the Ducks were now not merely competing in the major tournaments as in the years before, but had become contenders to fight for the lead.

But in the last two tournaments Ferguson has described the play of his athletes as "rotten" and "disappointing," as the Ducks failed to finish in the top 10 in either tournament.

Joyner is also feeling the frustration of the slump, and has not been as consistent this year.

This weekend Joyner and his teammates will host the Pacific Northwest Intercollegiate tournament Saturday through Monday on three area courses. Joyner says the tournament is a tune-up that should allow the Ducks to test themselves on some Northwest talent.

It's a chance for him to try and regain some of that lost consistency and for the team to get back in the swing of things.



Shell Joyner

jeff dickerson/sportcuts

## The other things in life

I stood around the other day taking swings at an imaginary baseball.

I admired how my form had retained most of the original quality that helped me make the all-league team in high school in 1978.

"I miss baseball," I told my roommates later that evening.

When I came to the University in fall 1979 after more than a year's layoff from playing the national pastime, I quickly learned two things: You can't just pick up where you left off and expect to be at par with the other guys, and I didn't want to play the game anymore as badly as I thought I did.

I tried out for the team that fall and was able to stick around as a "tail-ender" who might be able to help the team someday — if I could recapture the coordination it takes to be a collegiate ballplayer. But after I sustained a back injury while lifting weights, I took

advantage of the somewhat flimsy excuse to hang up the spikes and any hopes I may have had at making a career at playing baseball.

"There are other things in life than just playing baseball," I told myself. Therein lies a large chunk of why I never made it. Those guys, even at Oregon, ate, drank, slept and even partied baseball. I always liked to leave it on the field when I went home from practice.

Many people cannot understand why anyone would want to be on the field at all. "It's too boring," they say.

But they have never understood the intricacies of the game, the difficulty in hitting a screwball, or the strategy involved in pulling a pitcher. They don't understand the history of the sport — the facts as well as the fancy.

Expectedly then, fan turnouts at Oregon baseball games were relatively low. It wasn't a revenue-producer, and

therefore leaned heavily on the income from football and basketball.

It rained too much in Oregon, large crowds rarely showed up, and the Ducks were experiencing their fifth straight losing season. Three strikes and you're out. There is no sound of cracking bats and no calls of "C'mon, bluel!" coming from Howe Field this spring.

There has been talk of bringing baseball back someday, and I suppose it would be nice to have the baseball field used for something more than fall football practice and ultimate frisbee, but that doesn't do much for someone like me. Someone who would like to take in a game of baseball on a sunny afternoon (there are still a few of them left in Oregon) at Howe Field this spring.

I didn't think it would be this way. First, I didn't think the athletic department would actually cut the national pastime from the sports program.

Second I didn't think I would miss it. But I do.

The Emerald gets all kinds of media releases from West Coast schools, and included with those releases are media guides for baseball. I look at some of Oregon's former opponents' schedules for 1982 and am reminded that no one will be playing the Ducks this year.

Last year, cries of protest came from those who would seek to save Oregon baseball. But this spring the Howe field bleachers have just a few less seats occupied than last year.

So I watch the pros play on television in front of 50,000 people who know the attraction to the sport, and I read in the paper about how tiny Western Oregon State College's baseball team played Oregon State.

I think about my "glory days" in high school. And I tell my roommates how much I miss baseball.

## et al.

### AWARDS

The University English department is accepting entries for a variety of poetry and short story competitions open to University undergraduate and graduate students. The Julia Burgess Award of \$15 is for the best original poem or poems submitted by an undergraduate; the Alicia Wood Poetry Award of \$50 is for the most outstanding original poem, emphasizing traditional verse form, submitted by an undergraduate; the Walter and Nancy Kidd Short Story Award of \$75 is for the best short story submitted by an undergraduate; the Walter and Nancy Kidd Poetry Award of \$75 is for the best poem submitted by an undergraduate student; a graduate program award of \$50 in fiction for the best short story by a graduate student; and a graduate program award of \$50 in poetry for the best group of poems (up to five) by a graduate student. For more information, contact the University English department. Deadline for all submission is May 3.

### MEETINGS

The Political Science Student Union will hold a meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 908, PLC. By-laws

will be discussed.

The University sailing team is meeting tonight at 8:30 in the EMU (room number to be posted). Bring money for T-shirts.

The Student University Affairs Board will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in Room M109, EMU.

The EMU Budget Committee will meet today at 4 p.m. in Room 319, Allen Hall. The outdoor program and the craft center will be discussed.

The Coalition Opposing Registration and the Draft will hold a meeting for the general public to discuss non-registration, prosecutions, and what we can do, today at 8 p.m. in Room 104, City Hall, Seventh Avenue and Pearl Street. Call 485-4611 for more information.

### WORKSHOPS

Want to know more about the wide world of public relations? Come to a workshop today at 3:30 p.m. in the Academic Resource Area, Room 164, Oregon Hall. Stephen Unwin, journalism school; Liz Mann, journalism peer adviser; and Mike Moskovitz, broadcast manager

for the University News Bureau, will discuss course offerings, student activities and organizations, internships, and career opportunities. Sponsored by the Office of Academic Advising & Student Services.

### CLASSES

"Healthy Eating in the Senior Years" is the topic of a six-week course beginning today at 2 p.m. at the Campbell Center. The course will be taught by a registered dietitian from Sacred Heart Hospital, in cooperation with the Campbell Senior Center. The cost is \$3. For more information on registration call 686-7074.

"The Way, The Truth, and The Right" is the topic of a class, which will examine various interpretations of the Bible and apply the message to the current world, today at 12:30 p.m. at the Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid St.

### SPEAKERS

"Elite Culture and Society in Rio de Janeiro in the Nineteenth Century" is the topic of a lecture by Jeffrey Needell, Stanford University, today at 4 p.m. in Room 189, PLC. The lecture is sponsored by

the history department.

"Jewish Religious Practices" is the topic of a lecture by Rabbi Myron Kinberg, Temple Beth Israel, Friday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 341, Gilbert Hall.

"Electronic Animation" is the topic of a lecture by artist Larry Cuba today at 8 p.m. in Room 123, Science I. Cuba, who produced a number of the computer sequences in the film "Star Wars," will offer a presentation on computer graphics.

### MISCELLANEOUS

If you're curious about how your federal tax dollars are being spent or interested in learning about military tax resistance, drop by the main post office between 9 a.m. and midnight today. Information will be offered by First Step and the Coalition Opposing Registration and the Draft. Call 484-7222 or 485-4611 for more information.

A benefit dinner for the April 24th Coalition will be held today from 5:30-9 p.m. at the Keystone Cafe, 591 W. Fifth Ave. Proceeds will go toward a march and rally opposing United States intervention in El Salvador. Come join in the Polish feast.

### DOONESBURY



by Garry Trudeau

### BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed