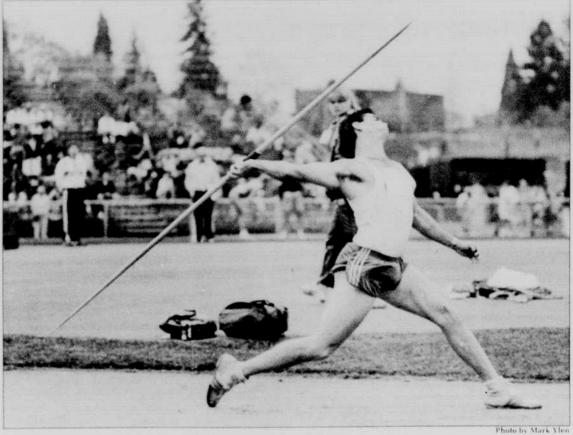


## Spring Sports **RUNDOWN**



Art Skipper has a new coach, a new attitude, and a new school record for Oregon in the javelin.

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"All of those people were coming up to me and telling me what I was doing wrong." Skipper said. "They would say you're doing this wrong or that wrong, you need more height on your throws. All of these people were telling me what I should do and I didn't even know who these people were

Most of these people almost didn't get a chance to know who Art Skipper Jr was though

Between Skipper's sophomore and junior years in high school he went in the hospital for a tonsillectomy and almost bled to death because of complications from the surgery. To say the least, that incident put Skipper's throwing on hold for a while, but he came back to have a solid junior season and then the unforgettable senior year.

Now it appears Skipper controls his own fate if he can stay away from injuries. He had to ice his groin immediately after the competition in the Pepsi meet and one of the biggest problems with young javelin throwers is injuries.

"It's (the groin) been hurting all week," Skipper said after the Pepsi meet. "I need to keep from getting hurt."

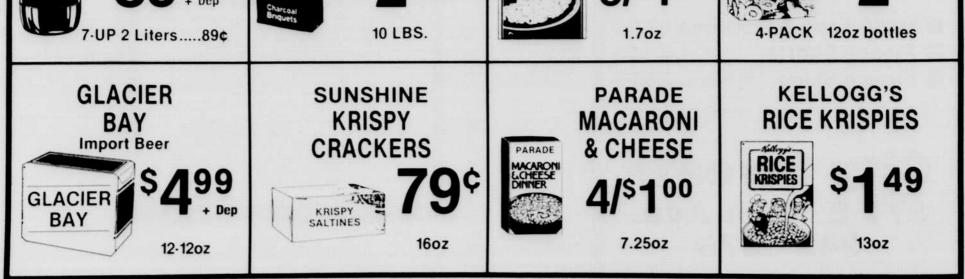
Skipper would like to win an NCAA title, but it will be diffi-

cult this season because Sweden's Patrik Boden of Texas set a new world record with a throw of 292-4 last month. Skipper might have to wait until Boden leaves after this season to win at the NCAA meet.

He would also like to make the 1992 U.S. Olympic Team and compete in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona. Spain. He will undoubtedly be at the 1992 Olympic Trials and the future seems bright if Skipper stays injury-free.

The Olympics are something that Skipper wouldn't have thought possible a year ago. But a year can make all the difference in the world.







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