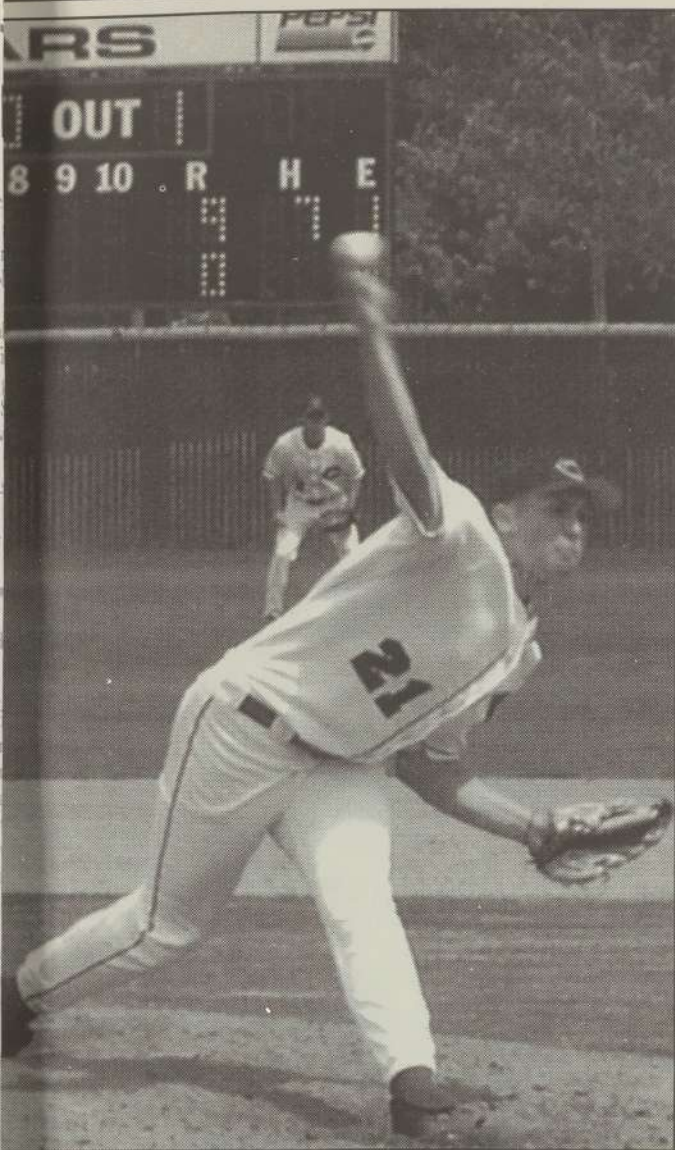
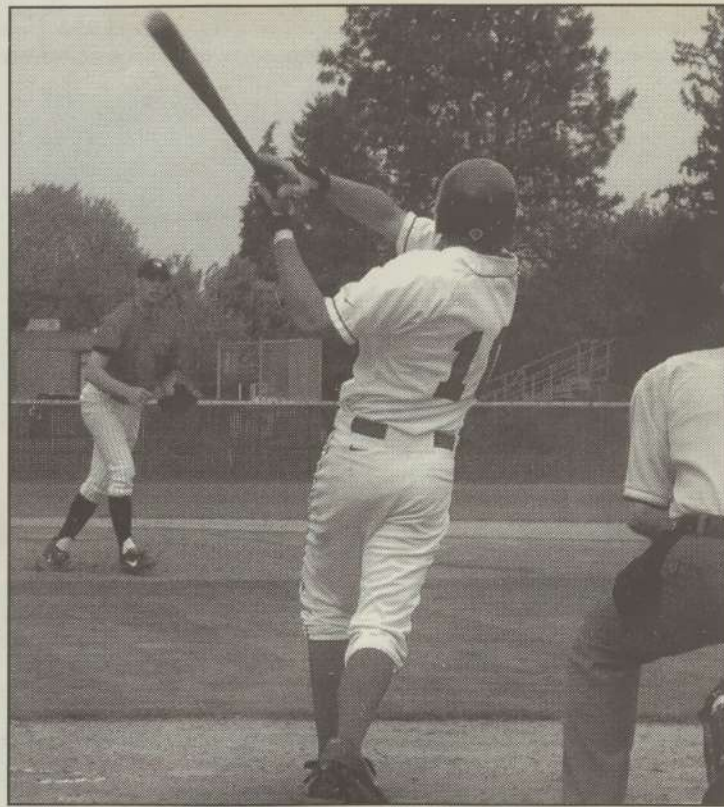


CCC baseballers sweep SWOCC



LEFT: Ben Corser (21) spits fire as he delivers a pitch during Tuesday's home game against Mt. Hood. **RIGHT:** Ty Combs smacks a foul ball. Results for the Mt. Hood game were not available at press time. Rain postponed April 20 home game against Linn-Benton CC and has been rescheduled for Thursday. The Cougar baseballers finished the week by sweeping their doubleheader against Southwestern Oregon CC on April 24. The Cougars won game one 5-4 and game two 3-1. In game two, outfielder Chris Kosmas went 4-4. The Cougars are now 7-7 in league and 11-14 overall.

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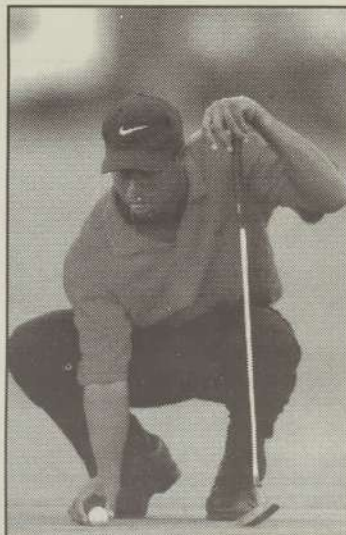
Golf: a good walk spoiled by chasing flying white balls

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An interesting conversation occurred in *The Print* offices last week and I thought that I would take the opportunity to put all of our rumors to rest. The topic of conversation was whether or not golf is a sport. One of my medical colleagues tried to say golf is not a sport. I beg to differ with him (him being Joel, not, but from now on he shall be nameless). Golf is one of those games that is so much fun to play, yet is frustrating. There are those who play golf and there are those who play at golf. There is a huge difference. My golf game is such that I can go through at least a dozen balls per round (if there is water involved here on the course). But for those who persevere, golf can be a rewarding.

For those on the professional level, golf is definitely rewarding. But to earn a paycheck on the pro level, one has to perform week in and week out. Unlike other professional sports, where a person signs a contract for their services so if they are hurt or otherwise indisposed they still get paid, golfers have to be good or they end up working at Sears pushing Lady Kenmores. Golf has been described as a good walk spoiled. I couldn't agree more. Yet, I find myself enjoying more of the overall nature of that walk. Namely, the trees and the sand and the woods and so on. I admire those who do play the game for a living and wishing I were good enough to pull in those fat checks. Alas, I probably will never get there, so I will continue to enjoy my little forays around the course. Other sports to consider: ultimate frisbee, bowling, poker, table

tennis, foosball and the like. Are these games really sports? What is the purpose of ultimate frisbee? You run around a field throwing a



'GOLF ICON' TIGER WOODS

frisbee back and forth, apparently trying to end up scoring some kind of goal at either end of the field. I will stick to frisbee golf, thank you very much. Bowling has been called a blue-collar sport, where people can smoke and drink and still be very good. It is too bad that bowling is so boring to watch, or the guys and gals that bowl professionally would be making golf-like money. The only worse sport to watch on television than bowling is hockey, but that is another column. Poker has been around for eons, and only recently has poker hit the big time on television. Poker is a strategy game, with a little bit of luck involved, but with all of the televised events taking place nowadays, it seems to have taken its place among the realm that we call sport. Why else would they call it the World Series of Poker? Table tennis (or ping-pong, as most of us know it) is a great

game; it's even an Olympic sport (brought to you by the organization that gave us synchronized swimming). I have played ping-pong for years; it took up a lot of my free time while stationed in the Army. It's a lot more exciting to watch than bowling, especially when those guys at the world-class level hit the ball back and forth at 100 miles-per-hour, while standing at least 15 feet behind the table. Just don't get in the way of that little plastic ball moving at a high rate of speed. I actually heard of a guy who got his nose broken after getting smacked by one of those 1.5 ounce balls. To sum up, Joel, golf is a sport, pure and simple. There is nothing like chasing that little white ball as it heads for its home, while getting some much needed exercise. I just wish more courses let its patrons play beer golf once in a while. I would most definitely be there.

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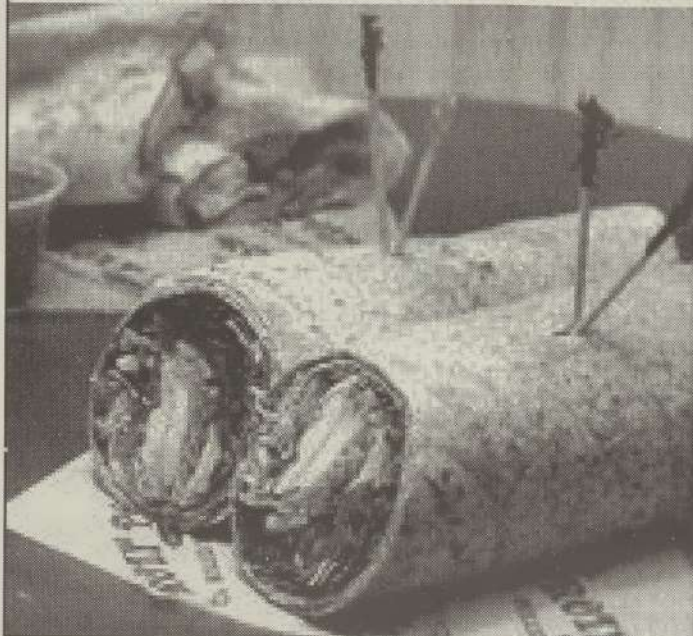
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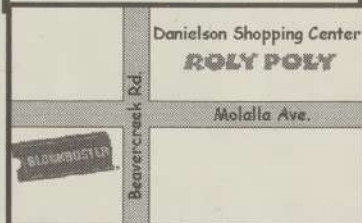
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