



Students and instructors at the University of Florida get some valuable tips on golf from Louise Suggs, one of the nation's foremost women players. (L to R) Instructors Mrs. Sammie Horton, Wayne Crawford, Bill Dellastatious, Varsity golf coach, and Conrad Rehling, Miss Suggs (Kneeling), and students, Irene Whittington, Sue Smith and Mary Rhoten.

U. of Florida Accents Golf --Country Club Helps

When one thinks or speaks of figures in connection with a college or university, he is usually thinking of one of three types of figures—a mathematical equation, a coed, or a scorecard.

At the University of Florida, all three are given a considerable amount of thought, and in the College of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, the golf scorecard is considered by some 400 students most every day in the week.

Golf at Florida is getting a great deal of interest. When the P.E. College was set up in 1946, there were a great many plans for the sport of the links in the curricula.

The teaching of golf at the University of Florida is divided into six phases—physical education instruction, the teaching of golf for physical education majors, golf clubs,

intramural golf, intercollegiate golf, and golf tournaments for faculty and staff.

Through these six methods of presentation of golf at the University, student and faculty members alike are given countless opportunities to dig divots with the best of them in the fastest growing sport in America.

Golf instruction in the Physical Education Division is limited to beginners and intermediate golfers, as the beginning type instruction would benefit those more acquainted with the game very little if at all. This phase of instruction is usually taught freshmen and sophomores.

The College has seven golf instructors, as the sport is taught with emphasis on individual attention as well as group instruction. These instructors are armed with a

teaching syllabus, which is in a constant process of change and revision by the instructors in order to present instruction in a concise and thorough manner.

Golf Instruction Plan

The syllabus consists of teaching methods, testing, daily lesson plans, ethics and rules of golf, and the complete explanation of equipment necessary for the correct play of the game.

One of the best advantages that is derived from the use of this syllabus is the fact that students can advance from one class to another without having to "acclimatize" himself to different methods of instruction.

The beginning golfer at the University of Florida has a class meeting two times per week for an hour at a time. He is taught the use of six different clubs—5, 7, 9 irons, putter, and woods. These are considered basic. The clubs are used in the following order—5 iron (chip shots), 7 iron (pitch shot), 5 iron (medium swing), the driver, 9 iron (trap shots) and the putter. The clubs are used in this order as one of the important objectives of this program is to develop the swing by progression.

Five periods are allowed for each shot; the first four periods consisting of instruction and practice by the pupil, and the fifth being used for testing the skill of the student golfer for that particular shot.

The golf program at the University of Florida has attracted coeds as much as it has the male students. Not only are there regular girls' classes, as in the boys' physical education instruction, but the coeds have formed the Women's Student Golf Association, and have already held a tournament on the local course.

More time is provided for wood shot instruction in the girls' program, as it is believed a girl will use the woods more than any other clubs in the bag.

A written test, which usually takes an average student one hour to complete, is

given every golf student at the end of his or her golfing semester. The questions on these tests are derived from a golfing booklet that is prepared by members of the staff.

With the completion of the written tests, the students are taken to the local course and allowed to play nine holes. They are accompanied by the instructors who advise and instruct in the execution of the various shots.

In the College of Physical Education, Health and Athletics at the University of Florida, there are 34 physical education majors who are taking "teaching methods in golf." This course is a pre-requisite for all students majoring in Physical Education.

Golf clinics, lectures, and movies are all a part of the objectives of the University's boys' and girls' golf clubs. All such events are sponsored by the Physical Education Department.

This year, one of the first events under the University's sponsorship was the appearance of Miss Louise Suggs, National Women's Open Golf Champion, who gave a clinic and lecture before more than 300 students.

Each spring the University of Florida Intramural Department sponsors two golf tournaments, one for independents and one for fraternities. The winners of each tournament meet for the golfing championship of the University.

This year, for the first time, the Physical Education Department, in conjunction with the Department of Sports Publicity, is sponsoring an "All-Faculty" tournament, in which participants will be put in flights based on qualifying round scores. This is the first time such a tournament has been tried at the University, and over 150 faculty members are expected to enter.

The University of Florida varsity golf squad emerged as one of the strongest in

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Joe Bryan, Varsity golfer, practicing wood shots in driving cage made by students, Broyles Plemmons, local country club professional, and Bill Della-station, Varsity coach look on as Joe swings.



Miss Suggs demonstrates blast shot from sand trap built by students who use it to get much needed practice for those shots that stray from the fairway when they get on the golf course.

now being about in the class of routine practice in first class course maintenance. Soil and weather conditions seldom being ideal for a crop that must be maintained as sturdily and as finely as greens and fairway grass the help of aeration is due to be figured in budgets annually from now on.

John C. Schread, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, spoke on The Tropical Earthworm and Its Control. Dr. Schread's paper on this pest which has been a great nuisance on eastern and north-eastern courses will be printed in GOLF-DOM.

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the South by winning every meet in an eleven match schedule last spring.

This year, the Gator golfers are hard at work preparing for another tough season that will find the Saurian swingers meeting such teams as Tennessee, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Stetson University, Florida Southern College, Vanderbilt and Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

Under the able guidance of Conrad Rehling, head of the Boys Golf Program, students have made two sand traps, a beautiful green, and a large "hitting" cage that

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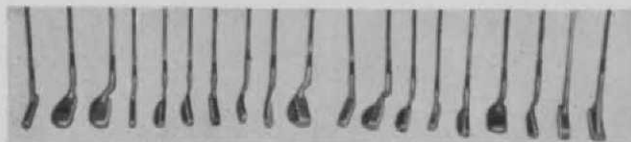
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The University of Florida is making rapid strides in the presentation and teaching of golf in its physical education program as well as in intercollegiate competition, and the University's program is rapidly developing into one of the top plans of the nation.

Local Club Big Help

In January GOLFDOM incorrect information accounted for an item that there was difficulty in university students and faculty members getting use of the Gainesville (Fla.) CC course, which is the only one in the university city. Quite the opposite is true, university authorities and students have hastened to advise. The attitude of the country club officials and members has been tremendously helpful to the development of the golf program at the university. Every possible cooperation is extended by the Gainesville club. L. Calvert Pepper, President of the Country club, says, "We are anxious for the student and faculty to use our facilities. We fully appreciate that the beginners of today are going to be the golfers of tomorrow and we welcome our opportunity. Since ours is the only course in Gainesville, we have larger crowds than we can normally handle on Wednesday (the day the stores close)

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So all's well down Florida way between the Country club and the University. . . . GOLFDOM just got a bum steer. And we gladly set things straight again.

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played the cup can be changed often and prevent the upper surface of the green from tightening up.

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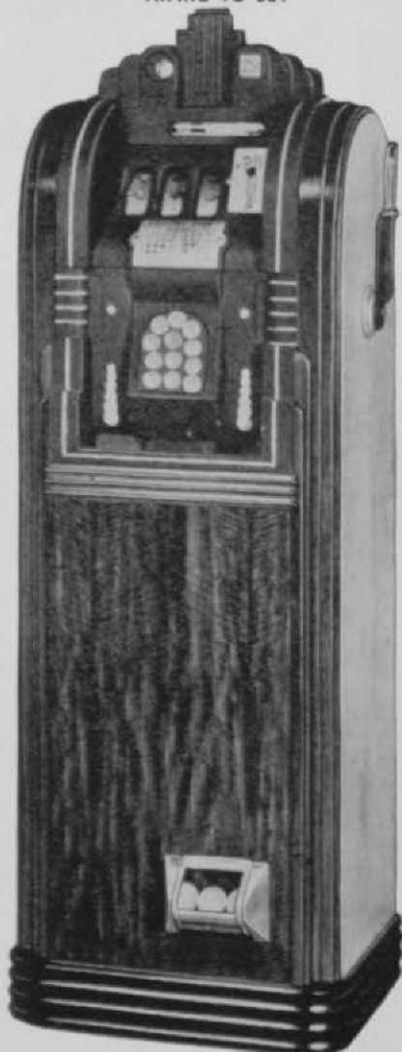
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