

Two U.O. Students Spend Summer On Economical Bike Tour of Europe

By Mary Ann Delsman

Like to go to Europe?

If anyone really wants to go and is willing to get by without a lot of souvenirs and luxuries, he can do it economically, said Joan Hodecker and Gerry Patterson in an interview this week.

These two students bicycled through Europe last summer for about \$900 each.

"Most of this was spent for transportation," they pointed out. "We stayed in Youth Hostels where it costs only 25 cents a night."

Asked if they had any language difficulties, Gerry said, "Well, we ate an awful lot of bread and cheese when we first got there because we couldn't remember any other words for food."

KNEW LANGUAGES

Joan, or Jo as she prefers, knew enough German to get by, and Gerry had two years of French and two years of German a few years ago. He is a graduate student in psychology from Ely, Minn., and Jo's a junior in liberal arts from Redmond.

French is the most practical language to learn if you are planning a trip to Europe, they said, because it is understood in almost all of the European countries.

They visited Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, England and Scotland on their bike tour. Both carried 40 pounds of baggage, including food and other essentials.

LIKED LUXEMBOURG

The best country for cycling is Luxembourg, they agreed. Jo described the landscape as hilly and "like a fairyland."

They purchased light, French-made bicycles when they started. The bikes were nearly worn out after the trip, but Gerry managed to "smuggle" them back to America on the boat.

"Most of the people in Europe are friendly and hospitable," Jo and Gerry said, "but they get the wrong impression of America and the American people because they seldom see any but the more wealthy tourists."

"They laugh about the way Americans come to Europe in herds, referring to the organized tours."

TRAVEL ADVICE

"We think the best way to travel in a foreign country is on your own. That way you get to know what the people are really like. When you go to the more expensive restaurants and hotels you don't see the people as they really are because they put on a front for the benefit of the tourists."

"It's more interesting and a lot less expensive to stay at the Youth Hostels. There you meet young people of other nationalities and can discuss their ideas and aspirations with them."

EUROPEAN CRITICISM

The Europeans criticize us mostly for our racial discrimination and our treatment of the Communists. They call it "undemocratic."

This last is true particularly in Holland, Jo and Gerry explained, where the Communists have candidates up for election just as any

other political party. The Dutch seem to feel that Communists don't have a chance anyway.

1700-MILE TRIP

Jo and Jerry travelled 1700 miles on their bicycles, in keeping with the hosteling regulations which say you must travel under your own power. Walking, bicycling, and hitchhiking are the accepted means of travel.

The Youth Hostels in which they stayed had been castles, air raid shelters, mansions donated by rich persons, old schoolhouses and farm houses. Each of these places has a "father" and "mother" to manage them.

Their overseas transportation, by plane going over and on water coming back, was arranged through Youth Argosy, a non-profit organization which provides low-cost transportation to Europe. The same facilities are used which bring displaced persons to Canada and the United States.

Jim Aiken's Car Stolen

Everything happens at once. If it's not heart-breaking losses on the football field, something else happens to complicate the life of Oregon's grid coach.

Coach Jim Aiken reported to police Wednesday the theft of his car, taken sometime Tuesday night.

The 1949 Ford sedan was taken sometime after 11 p.m. from its parking place by Aiken's house. So far, police have no leads on the vehicle's whereabouts.

Survival Chances Low as Students Cross 13th Ave.

By Bill Stanfield

Closing 13th Ave. E. between University and Kincaid streets during the 10-minute rush period between classes has undoubtedly saved many students from serious injury.

No students have been injured in that block since 1946, when temporary stop signs were placed at the intersections of University and Kincaid with 13th, according to figures released by the Oregon State Highway Department. Three students, however, have been injured at the intersections.

BUSY STREET

A survey of the busy campus street estimated that 1500 students cross 13th avenue each time classes change. With the detour signs in use, approximately 20 cars enter the area during the rush period or are waiting at the intersection for the stop light to go off.

Assuming that many more than 20 cars would use 13th if the detour signs weren't there, the chances of a student being injured or even killed mount rapidly.

HIGHER MATH

If 50 cars, a low figure, traveled over the street and each car had 1500 chances of hitting a student, there would be 75,000 possibilities that a student would be injured in each 10 minute period. With each injured student, of course, the chances of another student being struck down would be reduced.

From the students' angle, each would have 50 chances of being hit before he reached the other side of the street.

A SOLUTION

The students' chance of reaching the other side of the street could be further raised by completely eliminating traffic on 13th street on the campus.



THEY TOURED EUROPE on bicycles, and had a lot of fun. Gerry Patterson (left) and Joan Hodecker are back on campus this term after a 1700-mile jaunt through nine European countries last summer.

There's a Story Behind Names of U.O. Buildings

By Eleanor Johnson

Stories behind names of University buildings could provide an accurate if somewhat sketchy history of the school. Most were named for people whose interest and financial aid have helped to build the University.

The new Erb Memorial Union, now nearing completion, is named in honor of Donald M. Erb, president of the University from 1938 to 1943.

Deady Hall, built in 1876, was the original University building. It was named in honor of Judge Mathew Deady, president of the board of regents at the time.

VILLARD HALL

Several years later, railroad magnate Henry Villard's contribution of \$50,000 saved the school in a debt crisis, and the University named Villard Hall in his honor. Villard also founded the University library.

Friendly Hall, originally a men's dormitory, was named for Samuel H. Friendly, dean of men in the early 1900's. Fenton Hall was named for W. D. Fenton, Portland lawyer and defender of the school in many of its controversies.

NEW CAMPUS BUILT

These buildings, along with several others, comprise what is known as the old campus. Eventually, the school expanded and buildings were erected across 13th street on the south campus.

McClure received its name from Edgar McClure, member of a prominent Eugene family and later a faculty member. Johnson and Chapman Halls were named in honor of the first two presidents of the University. Gerlinger was named for Mrs. George Gerlinger of Portland, whose influence aided the University many times.

Dormitories as well as class and office buildings are named for people who played a prominent part in school history.

DORM NAMES

John Straub was named for an early dean of men, and Carson Hall, the new women's dormitory, was named for Luella Clay Carson, a

U.O. Graduates Training at NYU

Five University graduates started training at the New York University School of Retailing, Oct. 17, according to Charles M. Edwards, dean of the school.

A three-month period of full-time employment at five of New York City's largest department stores is included in the training program.

Robert J. Wilhemi, Cherryville, Oregon; Melvin K. Sherrieb, Hood River; William T. Green, Ashland; Fritaz V. Sander, Canon City, Colorado; and Ella Mae Kelly, Pocatello, Idaho, all of the class of '49 except Sander who graduated in '43, are working under the store-service plan.

With a group of 54 men and 13 women they are working under a revised work-study program which enables them to combine classroom training with practical on-the-job experience.

By January, the graduate students will have selling, non-selling and supervisory experience, after which they will return to the University for classes in the practices and techniques of retail management.

The students are paid standard rates of pay while working in the stores, which enables them to be partly self-supporting while at school.



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