

Looking Out

# Touring on Rise

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It's winter now, out there in those stony mountains, and already the snow has begun to fall, softly, quietly, stacking higher and higher.

Not so quiet, however, are the seasonal occurrences currently taking place at lower elevations. It's ski season, sports fans, and the horn-tooting of the downhill schussboomers has long since been to town.

In a way, it's a little like Christmas. You can always tell when ski season is about to descend upon you. Warren Miller and a host of others arrive, cinematically, to herald the occasion; ski school sign-ups begin; the shops open, and, on rainy Saturday mornings, Volkswagens, crammed to capacity with skis, poles and assorted implements of destruction, protruding ominously from all directions, head for the slopes.

Alpine, or downhill skiers, whichever term suits you, are at present the chosen people. Equipment is readily obtainable, though expensive. Areas are open and maintained, though crowded. And instruction is available in a variety of programs, depending on what you wish to spend.

This winter I predict another side of skiing, heretofore in this country virtually unknown, will leap into popularity.

Ski touring, for the uninformed, is the national pasttime of the Scandinavian countries of Europe. Its beauty, to those who have discovered it, lies in the following characteristics:

- You can ski tour anywhere there is snow; you need no lifts, no lines, no gondolas.
- It is relatively inexpensive—\$50 will buy skis, boots, poles, bindings, waxes and all odds and ends of miscellaneous equipment. After the initial investment, there is little additional expense, save for occasionally replenishing waxes.
- It offers a wide spectrum of activity, i.e., a chance to see new country, at a new time of year—winter. An individual can do as little or as much as is desired; trip length can range from one mile to 30. The sport is also adaptable to other winter activities, such as camping and mountaineering.

Ski touring in the Eugene area has been interesting to watch. Except for a few smart individuals who've known about it for years (most of whom practiced it in the days before downhill resort skiing gained its present popularity), there have been few people taking it up.

Last year, however, the University's Outdoor Program and the Eugene Bureau of Parks and Recreation began promoting touring, and people began to get interested.

This year touring is getting under way on a large scale. Instructional sessions have been held, and a Ski Touring Workshop to discuss such things as equipment, environment, technique and winter planning, is scheduled for Nov. 14 and 21 at 8 p.m. at the Sheldon Community Center. It is sponsored by the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department and the Outdoor Program.

In addition, a number of individuals intimately involved with ski touring and cross-country racing are currently approaching the PE department with the idea of establishing an accredited class through SEARCH to be offered winter term with a limited enrollment. The course would offer instruction in touring, plus other material on various phases of outdoor living under winter conditions.

All in all, ski touring appears to be headed for a much-deserved increase in popularity. Perhaps to the point where local ski shops will recognize the demand, and stock touring equipment and rentals.

In Field Hockey Clash

# Duck Coeds, OSU Vie

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MARCI STUBBART  
Awaits OSU Thursday

A clash between Oregon and Oregon State coeds wielding 40-inch sticks is anticipated Thursday, and the confrontation will not be controlled by riot police, but by a referee and time-keeper.

Actually the clash is a field hockey game, matching the Women's Recreation Association (WRA) Hockey Club with Oregon State's team. Face-off is at 3:30 p.m. on the field behind South Eugene High School, as the construction at Gerlinger Hall has reduced the University's own field to substandard size.

Oregon will enter the game with a 1-1 record against collegiate opposition and is seeking to avenge a 3-0 defeat at Oregon State three weeks ago. Last week the UO team evened their record with a 4-0 win over an Oregon College of Education team which had held OSU to a 1-1 tie.

The Hockey Club, most extensive sport in the WRA program, is coached by WRA advisor Becky Sisley and led by officers Linda Brown, Gail Lyon and Cindi Franck.

Should Thursday's game be rained out, the match may be rescheduled next Tuesday before the team leaves for Ellensburg, Wash., and the three-day

Pacific Northwest Collegiate Field Hockey Conference hosted by Central Washington State College, Nov. 22-24.

Over 24 teams are expected at the gathering with schools grouped according to playing ability. Miss Sisley expects the British Columbia universities to continue domination of the large school class, although no championships are awarded in the round robin tournament.

Field hockey is best compared with soccer, although the ball is about the size and hardness of a baseball. The sphere is propelled entirely by the sticks which each player carries, and only the goalie may catch or kick the ball in her effort to protect the 12-foot wide, seven-foot high goal.

Eleven players fill the same positions as a soccer team, with the international no substitution rule modified for local collegiate play. Two halves of 20 to 35 minutes are played, with ball control changing between teams frequently and almost constant running required.

In Southern Asia where field hockey is most popular, the game is almost exclusively a man's sport. But ever since it was imported to the U.S. from Europe in the early 1900's, it has been played by American women.

## Cagers Making Swift Progress; Positions Set

"Everyone has shown a lot of improvement this fall," Oregon basketball Coach Steve Belko said. "But we've still got a ways to go."

Belko and his Ducks are less than three weeks away from their regular season opener, and only eight days from the annual Varsity-Frosh clash.

"We have our players pretty well standardized at positions now," said the Oregon mentor, "although we have no idea yet what starting lineups will be. With 10 sophomores on our 15-man roster, it's hard to determine that as yet."

There have been a few minor adjustments among the Ducks in practice. Sophomores Stan Love and John Green have been alternating back and forth between the forward and center spots, and will continue to swing between those two positions.

Len Jackson, a guard on last year's Frosh squad, is now playing forward, while Bill Drozdak, second leading scorer as a forward on that team, is a swing man between forecourt and backcourt. "He can play either place," said Belko.

"We've been working more team situations in practice lately," Belko said. "According to our scrimmage last Friday, our defense needs lots of shoring up. Our fast break is improving, but our rebounding must be better."

"Our returnees—Glen Campbell, Bill Gaskins, Rick Abrahamson, Bob Rodgers and Jim Henry — have made big improvements. Henry especially—he could help us quite a bit this year."

"Drozdak and Slater (Carlton), along with John Green, have made quite a bit of improvement. Larry Holliday has been a pleasant surprise — his rebounding is really something. Rick Brosterhous has shaken off his injuries and is a definite threat. And Lenny Jackson's defense has been impressive."

### IM Schedule

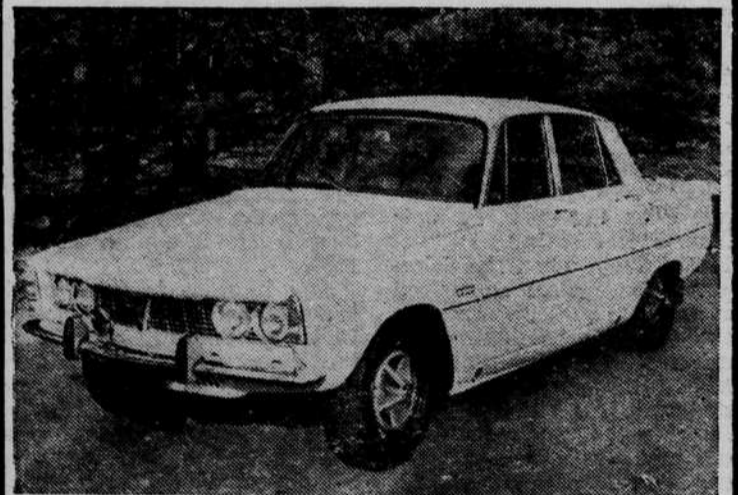
- VOLLEYBALL**
- 3:35—Court 40—Sheldon A vs. Dyment A
  - Court 43—Henderson A vs. Young A
  - 4:20—Court 40—College Inn A vs. PNFR A
  - Court 43—Beta Theta Pi A vs. Kappa Sigma A
  - 5:00—Court 40—Hale Kane A vs. Collier A
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