

Rain or snow or 60 below...

Skiers fit up for alpine trek



Drawing by Steve Sandstrom

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A few hardy souls, under the auspices of the Cooperative Wilderness Adventures program, are steeling themselves for a 500-mile Alaskan ski tour which will take them over the Alaskan Range and completely around McKinley National Park.

Nine people have so far committed themselves to the tour departing Feb. 15. They expect to complete the run by May 1.

The planning for the expedition started two years ago, and the group met all summer deciding on such matters as food and equipment. However, "We still have a lot of organizing left to do," said

Katy Flanagan, a cross-country skier for six years.

According to Flanagan, the group is taking special care throughout the planning stage. They're preparing to bone up on first aid techniques, since no outside medical assistance will be readily available on the trek. In addition, they plan to make practice trips to the mountains this winter in order to accustom themselves to Alaska's sub-zero temperatures.

One matter yet to be resolved is whether the group will bring a CB radio for added safety.

The group is presenting a slide show tonight at 7 in 177 Lawrence to explain the concepts behind CWA and enlighten people interested in participating in the trip. It will feature a three-screen showing of a CWA excursion last year, in which a party of mountaineers skied 80 miles to Winter Lake and from there began their ascent of Mt. McKinley.

Cooperative Wilderness Adventures is part of the University's Outdoor Program. Initiated in 1969, the program has two full-time and six work-study employees, plus volunteers and participants. Their office is located in the EMU Room 23.

As with the upcoming ski tour, all Outdoor Program outings are student-initiated and run.

Limited student input thwarts hearing

By DAWN CALVERT
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Poor attendance limited the effectiveness of a hearing before the Planning Committee on Minorities and Disadvantaged Students Tuesday night, and committee members are concerned.

"There has been very little student input," said Frances Scott, gerontology director and chair of the committee. "We hear a lot of talk about what they want and don't want but we don't hear it from the students."

The committee is asking for input from students, faculty and members of the community concerning the current University Academic Opportunities Program (AOP). AOP has recently drawn criticism questioning its value to minority and disadvantaged students.

Committee members discussed setting up classes aimed at establishing pride in individual cul-

tures, obtaining qualified instructors experienced in minority needs and the possibility of these classes satisfying degree requirements.

A major point discussed concerned establishing greater communication between the University and surrounding Oregon ethnic communities. It was emphasized that a more realistic outlook should be given to job needs within the communities as minority students remain after their stint at the University.

Loren Simonds, representing ALERT, presented testimony on behalf of physically handicapped students. He stressed the need for organization within departments providing services for handicapped students and cited specific examples illustrating the problems students often have in obtaining necessary aid.

Simonds submitted a written explanation to the committee outlining a recent study at a Texas University examining the needs of

handicapped students.

Committee members emphasized that they welcome student testimonies and input and are hoping for a greater turnout at the next open hearing, scheduled for Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in the EMU.

According to Scott, any students who may be hesitant to give public testimony should contact a committee member. Statements will be taken into consideration without public identification of the student.

A target date of Dec. 1 has been set for presenting final recommendations to the faculty.

Morse chair initiated

Pres. Ford Wednesday signed a bill that will provide matching funds up to \$500,000 for the formation of a Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics at the University.

The provision for the money was included in the Education Amendments Bill recently passed by Congress and provides a dollar-for-dollar match for any money that can be raised from private sources.

"This was especially important to us," said University Pres. William Boyd, and law school dean Chapin Clark deemed it "a boost for the University and an appropriate memorial" to the late Sen. Wayne Morse.

The money, both private donations and federal funds, will be invested, Clark explained, and any income earned will be used to pay the salary of guest lecturers and professors from around the nation.

The length of the educators' stay will be determined by Boyd and an advisory committee for the chair.

"I don't know when it will come to fruition," Clark said. "It may be a year or longer depending entirely on how long it takes to raise sufficient funds."

"We have a modest amount raised so far," said Boyd, "and we have the organization ready to swing into action to raise more." Morse was a faculty member at the University Law School in the 1930s.



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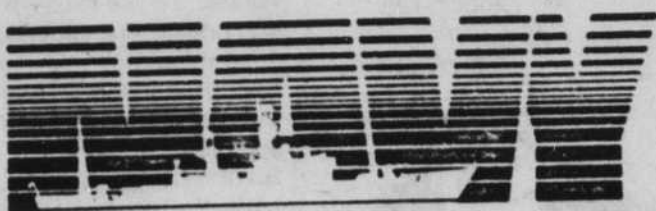
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