

SNOW

Down-hill skiers can look forward to good skiing this weekend, but cross-country devotees may not have such good fortune.

A scarcity of snow at lower elevations is the hardship for cross-country skiers, according to Bruce Mason, Outdoor Program coordinator. "There's almost no snow below 4,500 feet," Mason estimates.

The Outdoor Program coordinates both downhill and cross-country ski trips. Mason says a ski-touring trip is planned for 5 this evening, "to take advantage of the full moon." Sign-up sheets are posted in the Outdoor Program office, in the basement of the EMU.

All the ski resort areas are reporting — some of them glowingly — excellent ski conditions, with clear, cold weather for at least the next few days. (The clear weather is due to all those "high" fronts the weatherman keeps talking about.)

Mt. Hood Meadows and Mt. Bachelor both have more than eight and one-half feet of snow.

Timberline Lodge reports a six and one-half foot snow pack and Mt. Ashland is just behind with more than five feet of snow.

Hoodoo Ski Bowl says it has sunny, 12 degree weather with four feet of snow.

Multipor has the lowest snow pack at 21 inches, but says all facilities are operating.

Another and more serious aspect of the region's snow pack is the run-off it will produce to fill reservoirs in the spring.

Tom George, snow survey supervisor of the State Soil Conservation Service, is in charge of measuring snow around the state to predict the amount of water that can be expected when the snow melts.

"We had a normal snowpack in southeastern Oregon for January," George says. His survey unit measures the snow for both actual depth and moisture content.

"We're still vulnerable in the Cascades, but there's also still a lot of snow season left," he notes. At this point, Oregon appears safe from another wide-spread drought.



EMU panel may change room policy

EMU Board member Barry Pilip says the board is willing to submit a proposal to change the present EMU room scheduling policy.

The board's House Committee, which Pilip chairs, will make some kind of recommendation to the EMU administration, he says. The board now is waiting for a proposal from ASUO program directors.

Last term the program directors submitted a proposal which was turned down by the EMU administration.

Former EMU Board Chair Don Steele says, "Both systems are bad. There are inherent problems in both. I don't think a change would accomplish much, but right now, I can't think of a compromise."

Steele says the present system could be improved by "doing a better job of getting information to new people in the ASUO" or others who would schedule rooms. He suggests informational handouts at program director's meetings.

A better map of the building would help also, he says and EMU Director Adell McMillan said the EMU plans to have one done this summer. Handout maps will be available soon.

EMU Board chairer Dusty Rhodes says the board's resolution "should carry weight" with the administration.

If the administration vetoes the resolution, the issue "then will be dropped on Gary's (Feldman) lap," says Steele.

Leukemia in soldiers linked to nuke blast

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Atomic Energy Commission scientist said Tuesday that radiation from test atomic explosions in Nevada could have caused leukemia in military troops who examined the blast sites.

"There is no safe level of exposure and no dose of radiation is so low that the risk of it causing malignancy is zero," said Professor Karl Z. Morgan, who for 29 years was director of the health physics division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

He made his statement on the first day of hearings on radiation conducted by a House health subcommittee.

The subcommittee's investigation of the health effects of radiation exposure is initially centering on the controversial atomic blast called Smoky which was conducted in the summer of 1957.

In all, 3,153 people, most of them military personnel, were involved with that blast. At least 78,000 people participated in the series of atomic experiments in Nevada before the tests were stopped in 1958.

The Center for Disease Control has tracked down nearly 500 participants from Smoky and determined that six have leukemia.

The atomic experiments involved military maneuvers which sent troops into the areas of the explosions after detonations of the bombs.

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Revenues Committee considers many issues

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EMU Board member Dusty Rhodes replaced Don Steele as chairer after Steele's resignation at the Monday board meeting.

Rhodes, former head of the board's House Committee, says the group will continue working on several issues. One of these is a study by the Revenue Proposals Committee regarding two unused spaces in the EMU.

The coatroom next to the ballroom and the bike parking area under the EMU building near the bowling alley are being considered for private development lease or EMU-sponsored remodeling, says Rhodes.

The Revenue Committee is also now dealing with the EMU Tavern issue.

"Out of seven years, this is the first time it's being handled by the EMU board," says Rhodes.

Although the board will work closely with the ASUO administration regarding the tavern, Rhodes

says in large part decisions on where the tavern will go and who will run it will be handled by the EMU group.

The committee will submit a proposal for board approval in three weeks.

The tavern proposal developed two years ago under Jim Bernau's administration was never submitted to Pres. Boyd. Rhodes says the proposal will get to Boyd this time.

Rhodes says the "EMU is down on the capital budgeting list" for renovation of the Fishbowl.

"That room is the same way today as it was 28 years ago," he says.

If approved by the full board, the EMU will borrow approximately \$100,000 from the state for the renovation and repay the loan with food service revenues. Rhodes says there would be "some increase in food prices, but nothing you'd really notice."

Plans for the Fishbowl include a more efficient food line, more accessibility to handicapped persons, and a "more comfortable and inviting atmosphere," says Rhodes.

Improving the poor lighting in the skyight is another target for Rhodes.

"It's one of the few spaces on campus attractive for studying," he says.

Steele, who resigned to work full-time, thinks "the board accomplished a lot" this year.

At the meeting Monday, the group also passed an amendment making the three non-board positions eligible for board committee chairs.

Rhodes says the positions now are only "half-way", with not as much responsibility or power. The amendment goes to Paul Olum, provost, academic affairs, and if approved, Rhodes says it will "open up student involvement."

Senior citizens need drivers

If you have a car, some free time and a desire to help an elderly person who urgently needs a ride, Lane County Senior Services would like to get you involved.

Drivers are needed to use their own cars to take senior citizens to and from appointments, and sometimes to escort them on the trip. Volunteers may be reimbursed for the use of their cars.

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