

Outdoor Program sponsors trips, gives advice

For some, a weekend consists of taking in a football game, or sitting around at Duffy's. Some feel they can't afford a big night out on the town, or a weekend away from their studies.

What else is there to do? University Outdoor Program director Gary Grimm has an idea. Taking a wilderness excursion may cost less money than staying in town.

The Outdoor Program may be just the place to pursue a developing interest. Trips initiated by the

have an interest to share.

An organizational meeting precedes every trip to form car pools, give out information about needed equipment and set the date.

The Outdoor Program stresses that its trips are open to everyone. The program does everything it can to provide information on how to cut expenses down to a level that many can afford.

The Outdoor Program is definitely not a commercial venture says staffer Bill Martin. There are no fees for trips with expenses for travel, food, rental equipment, and housing split up evenly among all participants. The responsibilities of the trips are also shared equally.

What to buy and where to get it are two questions that prospective outdoorsmen often ask when looking for equipment. In its 11 year existence, the Outdoor Program has accumulated a wealth of such information. Its office is staffed with several veteran outdoorsmen who are ready and willing to help answer any questions.

Another way the program helps get reasonably priced equipment and people together is to sponsor equipment swaps four times a



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year. Swaps are a good way to either sell existing equipment or get a good deal on some used equipment.

The Outdoor Program's varied resource files can also be an invaluable aid in locating the needed equipment. Catalogs of many top outdoor equipment manufacturers are available on request. The program's library contains books and periodicals on many wilderness activities. A file lists types and brands of equipment and where it can be found in the Eugene area.

The key to buying outdoor

equipment is just like buying anything else, according to Grimm. Buying practically doesn't necessarily mean buying expensively. Many excellent finds can be located at the Goodwill or St. Vincent DePaul store. Advertisements in the newspaper or in outdoor periodicals and classified advertising have probably been the source of more good deals than anything else.

One last piece of advice offered by Bill Martin is to watch out for fads. Many so-called miracle products that feature amazing results and expensive price tags in their

advertisements often do not live up to claims. With so many products on the market, one can afford to wait until a product has proven its worth in the field, Martin says.

The Outdoor Program has always been a place where people with energy and a desire to learn outdoor skills can do just that, whether one has a little or a lot of money to spend.

A wilderness trip gives you the chance to follow up an interest, share your skills with others, and learn new skills in return from them.

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program range from mountain climbing expeditions in Nepal and raft trips down the Salmon River to day hikes in the Cascades. The list of possibilities is limited only by one's imagination.

According to Grimm, the program functions mainly as a resource information and idea-sharing center. Outdoor Program sponsored trips have no formal leaders and are only as tightly organized as the participants desire. The trips are initiated, organized and carried out by people who

Yankees win World Series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Slaphitters Bucky Dent and Brian Doyle combined for six hits and five runs batted in, and Reggie Jackson added a monstrous homer as the New York Yankees defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-2 Tuesday night to claim their 22nd World Championship.

Crafty veteran Catfish Hunter scattered six base hits through seven innings to pick up the victory. Yankees bullpen ace Rich Gossage replaced Hunter after Joe Ferguson's leadoff double in the eighth and held the Dodgers in check on one hit the rest of the way.

The Yankees captured their second consecutive World Series after losing the first two games in Los Angeles. They thus became the first team in World Series his-

tory to win the classic in six games after losing the opening two.

The victory in the 75th anniversary World Series capped one of the greatest comeback seasons in baseball history.

The Yankees had to come from behind on July 19 to catch Boston in the American League's East Division. They won a division playoff — only the second in AL history — when Dent and Jackson belted home runs in Fenway Park. Then they eliminated Kansas City for the third straight year in the playoffs to qualify for the Series.

This Series started in reverse for New York. The Yankees dropped Games 1 and 2 in California last weekend and, playing with the knowledge that only five teams in Series history have come back from that kind of deficit, they turned the classic upside-down.

Blazers crown visiting Kings

PORTLAND (AP) — Rookie Mychal Thompson poured in 37 points Tuesday night, 14 in the last quarter, to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a 115-112 National Basketball Association victory over the Kansas City Kings.

Thompson, the NBA's first pick in the college draft, sank a pair of free throws with 24 seconds left in the game to ice the Blazers' first victory of the young season.

The Kings, behind the outside shooting of Otis Birdsong, built a 12-point lead, 55-43, with 2:40 left

in the second quarter. But Thompson scored the last nine points of the half to slice the Kansas City lead to 55-52.

The Blazers quickly caught the Kings in the third quarter and built a seven-point lead, 90-83, with 9:17 left in the game.

Kansas City, 0-2, came back one more time to tie the score at 104-104 on a pair of free throws by Birdsong with 2:53 remaining. But Thompson scored six straight points to put the Blazers ahead for good.

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