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Students taste thrill of white water



By TOM VISOKY

Of the Emerald
 Martins Rapids lay just 50 yards ahead. As our raft drifted toward the foaming water, I felt a twinge of anxiety.
 Steen, the bowman of our raft, didn't want to be the first through the rapids.

"Maybe we should let a few other rafts go so we can watch them," Steen suggested.
 But I insisted on going first. And it became my responsibility to guide us safely through Martins.

It was my first rafting trip, and Martins was the biggest challenge of the day. I didn't want to blow it.
 My feelings undoubtedly were shared by the other nine beginning rafters.

Our group had met Wednesday evening at an introductory rafting lecture where Outdoor Program Director Bruce Mason explained the program's philosophy.

The Outdoor Program rents rafts for \$10 per day. But unlike other raft rentals, the Outdoor Program's is run cooperatively. Members initiate and supervise their own trips and take

responsibility for maintaining the equipment. Beginning rafters are accompanied by an experienced program member for their first few trips. After that, they can initiate trips of their own.

During the lecture we learned the basics of rafting, from the care of rafts to rowing techniques and proper rafting attire. But it wasn't until we unloaded our gear at the McKenzie River Saturday morning that we were tested on what we'd learned.

We'd been advised to prepare for cold weather, so most of us wore several layers of wool clothing. The day was hot and sunny, though, and most of the shirts, sweaters and wool caps soon disappeared into two rubber bags.

The main goals of rafting are to stay upright and to avoid rocks, logs and other dangerous obstacles. Throughout the morning our group ran a series of small rapids for practice. Most of us were successful, though some of us occasionally became entangled in branches along the shore.

In the calm stretches between rapids we talked, enjoyed the scenery and soaked up the sun.

Through my talks with Steen, I learned he was from Denmark and that he was thrilled with rafting.

"In Denmark we can't do these things," he said. "We don't have all the rivers and wilderness that you have in America."

Of course, the McKenzie River between the towns of Blue River and Leaburg doesn't qualify as a true wilderness area — wilderness suburbia might be more accurate. The scenery along this stretch includes not only forests and fields, but also trailers and wood-frame houses perched precariously along the shore. Occasional "Beware of Dog" signs warn unwary boaters to steer clear of private beaches.

Such man-made aberrations are unknown along rivers such as Oregon's Salmon or Rogue. Steen and I agreed we'd like to run some of those bigger, wilder rivers soon.
 But before we could run the raging waters of the Rogue we'd have to master the McKenzie and Martins Rapids.

For a few brief moments above Martins, I tried to recall everything I'd learned during the day.

"Let's see," I thought, "if you want to avoid a rock, point the front of the raft at the rock and

row like hell in the opposite direction. To turn left, pull with the left oar. To turn right, pull with the right oar. It's all very simple."

As I contemplated my lessons, a rock appeared directly in front of the raft. I pulled back on the right oar, and the raft swung sideways toward the rock.

I quickly corrected my mistake by pulling back hard on both oars, and the raft drifted safely past the rock. Unfortunately, that maneuver left the raft too far to the right of Martins' main channel, and within seconds we were plunging over a steep drop-off.

As we hit the bottom of the dip, the raft tipped up on its left edge, and Steen lunged toward the water. The raft remained on its edge while we rode up out of the dip. When we crested the top, I dropped back in the raft and pulled hard on the right oar.

The raft straightened out.

At the bottom of Martins Rapids, Steen and I congratulated each other on our tremendous luck. We'd stayed dry on our first rafting trip. Our feet were soaked, true, but that's to be expected.
 Even expert rafters get wet feet.

Nearby rivers offer raft challenge

Oregon has dozens of white-water rivers that offer outdoor adventures plenty of challenges and wilderness scenery.

Most of those rivers, however, have difficult and dangerous rapids that require a mastery of basic rafting skills to run. Novice rafters should take a few trips on smaller rivers such as the McKen-

zie to master the basics before attempting larger, wilder rivers.

Persons interested in rafting can stop by the Outdoor Program below the EMU Cafeteria. The program office has rafting trip sign-up sheets and a wilderness resource file containing maps and information about individual rivers. The file also contains the ad-

dresses of agencies that issue permits for popular wild rivers such as the Illinois, Rogue, Salmon and Snake.

Beginning rafters should attend one of the Outdoor Program's raft repair sessions on Friday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. People who attend those sessions and help repair rafts receive a 50-percent

discount on rafts rented for their next trip.

Locally, the most popular beginners' rivers are the Lower McKenzie from Finn Rock to Martins Rapids and the Middle Fork of the Willamette. The Upper McKenzie above Blue River is considered an intermediate run. Advanced rafting rivers in the local area include the

North Fork of the Willamette, the North Santiam and the Breitenbush.

Because these rivers and those farther afield are well-traveled, they suffer much human abuse.

Finally, remember that rafting — even on rivers like the McKenzie — can be dangerous. Wear a lifejacket.

Creswell features Garden Lake Park, stocked fishing ponds

Everyone knows where Alton Baker Park is. But few know about the gravel-pit ponds in Creswell's Garden Lake Park.

Creswell is a two-bar town an easy seven miles from Eugene. It also boasts of a city park with one tennis court, a town mill and an Oregon Fryer chicken plant. The main recreation for the residents is

trips into Eugene.

To get to the city, begin at Dillard Road off the East Amazon Drive. From there it's a steep mile-long climb to the top of Dillard road, but it's worth the energy just to cruise down the other side.

The view is nice from the top of Dillard — to the south Creswell is nestled in the valley foothills, and

to the east you can see the Three Sisters mountains on a smogless day.

Dillard Road ends at Highway 99. Take a right. It's then a straight four-mile stretch to the town, advertised as "a friendly city."

Once in the city limits, don't stop at Panda Pizza — all the high schoolers hang out there. Skip the

Dairy Queen — it's the first place folks head when they really want to go out on the town. Avoid T.J.'s Restaurant — it's packed with mill-workers on weekday afternoons guzzling coffee.

To get to the gravel pit ponds, continue on Oregon Avenue. Right after the bridge over I-5, turn left. Watch out for potholes. Soon, on

the right, Garden Lakes Parks will appear. All the locals fish in the stocked gravel pits.

For the city folk, the Emerald Valley Golf Course (plus hotel and restaurant) is a good place to spend money. It's on Dale Kuni Road, which is on the left ¼ mile after the I-5 overpass.

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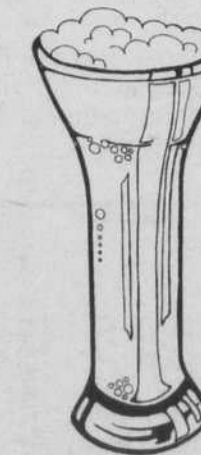


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