

Amherst student rides boxcars for thesis

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Ted Conover's classroom was a rolling boxcar, his first big test a fight with a drunken hobo. He fell off a train, foraged through garbage cans for food and got lice in his hair.

The Amherst College student rode the rails for 3½ months, living the life of a railroad tramp, to research his senior thesis.

He found that it wasn't all bad. "There's something about jumping on a freight train that just feels right," said Conover, a 23-year-old anthropology major from Denver.

"It's the feeling of the wind in your face and the train pulling you along. I think there's some truth to the saying that every red-blooded American boy should hop a train."

Conover rode the rails for 10,000 miles last fall, criss-crossing the American West to study what author John Steinbeck called "the last free men."

Conover said he didn't want to "suffer in the library" researching his thesis, so he spent a semester observing or interviewing 460 tramps. He estimates there are at least 10,000 hobos living in the United States today.

"They're invisible to most of us," he noted. "But there's a romance about tramps. They've found something valuable that the rest of us have missed."

But Conover also discovered some unpleasant realities about the life of a tramp.

"I went 2½ weeks without a shower once," he said. "My friends thought it sounded romantic to get really dirty. But when I got lice it took away a lot of the romance."

Conover has concluded that tramps play an important role in society.

"They define our society," he

explained. "A person can't be great unless there's someone who isn't great. Tramps are our (grade) Fs. They know that in society's eyes, they've blown it."

Most tramps, he found, are middle-aged or elderly men who either can't or won't work. They are loners without friends or family, bound together by a strange mix of failure, camaraderie and mutual distrust.

Although the transistor radio has replaced the lonely strains of a harmonica, a tramp's life is pretty much the same today as it was 100 years ago, Conover said.

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LOST: Kyes on Paralyzer key ring on campus grounds Saturday evening. Call 682-3449.

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Events

FREE PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM ON

HUMAN RIGHTS AND

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*MAY 19: LECTURE, "THE WRITER AND FREEDOM"

(7 pm, 138 Gilbert)

*MAY 20: SYMPOSIUM, "HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOVIET LITERATURE"

with V. VOINOVICH, A. SINIAVSKY, L. SCHROETER

(7 pm, 150 Geology)

*MAY 21: LECTURE by Russian writer and critic **ANDREI SINAVSKY** (Abraim Tertz)

(7 pm, 177 Lawrence)

*MAY 22: FILM, **SOLZHENITSYN'S THE FIRST CIRCLE**

J. Rice discussant.

7 & 9 pm, 107 Lawrence)

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499:5-22

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FREE TALK SERIES

Tonight: "Learning Through Dreams"

8 pm, Century Room "A" EMU

551:5-19

MT. ST. HELENS SYMPOSIUM

May 17, 18, 19

Tuesday Schedule

12-4 pm EMU Film Series

2-5 pm EMU discussions on social, economic, environmental, and scientific effects of Mt. St. Helens eruption.

7:30 pm 150 Geology. Psychological effects of the eruption.

8:30 pm 150 Geology. Journalist's Perspective of Covering the Eruption

FREE

Sponsored by the Outdoor Program

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Entertainment

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LAST CHANCE

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Friday, May 22

8 pm Beall Concert Hall

\$2 general \$1 students, seniors

552:5-22

University Theatre Presents ANYTHING GOES

by Cole Porter

May 22, 23, 27-30

8 pm Robinson Theatre

\$4.50. \$2.75 UO students & seniors, \$3.50 other students

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519:5-29

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THURSDAY, MAY 21

7 PM

In the EMU Ballroom. Only \$.50 admission at the door. Take a break and watch the (almost) stars come out.

508:5-20

WOMEN'S FILMS '81 PRESENTS

The Making Of The Dinner Party

Johanna Demetrakas sensitive yet objective documentary chronicles the communal process that brought nearly 400 volunteers together to complete a mammoth project conceived by Judy Chicago - a celebration of women from the beginning for recorded history to the present.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

177 LAWRENCE

7:30 PM \$1.25

Children under 12 free

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"John Lennon in Richard Lester's near brilliant black comedy about war, death, and truth."

252:tfm

Nightly at 7:30 pm

Alice's Restaurant

The past mirrors the future. Stars **Arlo Guthrie**. Music by Arlo Guthrie, Joni Mitchell, Woody Guthrie.

Nightly at 9:30 pm

Coming

May 21-27 **One Sings, the Other Doesn't w/ The Tall Blond Man with One Black Shoe**

May 28-June 3 **The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie w/ The Phantom of Liberty**

511:5-20

CINEMA 7

10th & Olive-Atrium Building

687-0733

Eugene Premieres start Saturday through May 20

GATES OF HEAVEN

In his first feature Errol Morris set out to film a minor local news item: the grounds of a pet cemetery were being sold for a housing project, and its occupants were to be exhumed and moved. The experience proved to be traumatic for pet owners and cemetery entrepreneurs alike. What emerges is an often sad, but usually hilarious meditation on the American soul, its myths and obsessions about love, life and death.

Plus the short film WERNER HERZOG EATS HIS SHOE

Herzog honors a vow he made to Errol Morris that he would eat his shoe if Morris actually made one of the films he'd talked about. Morris did (Gates of Heaven) and Herzog, true to his word, returned to Berkeley to consume of his desert boots in classic, obsessive Herzog style.

Complete showings of both films 7:30 & 9:30

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349:6-8

Politically minded?

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENT UNION will be holding its election of officers for next year. All students who are interested in domestic and international politics, come and attend the meeting this Thursday, May 7th at 4:00pm, EMU Room to be posted.

368:5-7

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TUESDAY, MAY 19

9:30 pm

530:5-19

PLANNING TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER SESSION?

Don't forget to file your **INTENT TO REGISTER CARD** Stop by Room 64 PLC or the Registrar's Office.

705:5-22

DERVA Happy Birthday, now we won't be bored on Friday nights!

5-19

WANTED: FULL GOSPEL CHRISTIAN STUDENTS to attend international conference on campus evangelism (Sept. 2-6, 1981) to receive training on how to reach you campus for Christ in fall of '81. Scholarships available. For details write Conference, PO Box 1799, Gainesville, FL 32602 or call 904-375-6000.

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