

# Outdoor group lends a hand

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Whether novice or expert, adventurers yearning for a new experience in the great outdoors may find the University's outdoor program is the place to start.

Thousands of people are involved in approximately 500 yearly trips coordinated by the outdoor program. And members who have participated in the program consider it "a cooperative — not a hierarchical — club sport."

The outdoor program operates on ideas and initiative, according to coordinator Keith Nelson. Anyone can initiate a raft trip down a whitewater river, a climb up a rocky crag or a photography jaunt.

The outdoor program is there to lend a hand.

"People come together and do the work themselves," he says. "By assuming more of the responsibility, they learn more of what it takes to put a trip together."

"Many times a group will come together and won't know each other at all. There is usually a real cross section of community and student members which allows a sharing of life styles."

Within the walls of the outdoor program office, located on campus on the south side of the EMU cafeteria loading dock, are bulletin boards posted with

trip ideas, sign-up sheets and raft and bicycle repair sessions. One wall features an interest exchange board and one supplies transportation information.

A small memorial library containing information about trails, routes, and tours fills one corner and a bulletin board advertising used equipment lines another.

The rafting program is the most popular outdoor activity in the summer, Nelson says.

For \$10 a day, the outdoor program supplies two and four-person rafts or paddle boats and all the necessary equipment.

"There is nothing comparable in town for that price," Nelson says, "but we aren't a rental agency."

He says the program tries to provide an "educational-recreational experience."

"There are no formal classroom settings, no paid instructors or guides, just a sharing between participants who have shown interest by signing up for the trip."

Nelson says many trips that start at the outdoor program are "spontaneous."

"It is best to come down to the office and check out what is happening," he says. "It is also best not to wait for someone else to initiate your idea."

"If you do that, you may wait all summer."



Photo by Bill Wack

Keith Nelson and Kathy Lacombe prepare for a whitewater rafting trip.

# 'Independence and challenge' excites new benefits director

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While President Reagan nominated Arizona judge Sandra O'Connor to the Supreme Court, the University added another woman to its own administrative staff.

Thirty-year-old Linda King will join the University in August when she becomes the personnel benefits director, leaving the post of benefits director with the City of Eugene that she has held since 1976.

"I'm flattered to have the position," King says. "It's exciting to be returning to a campus environment."

King says she looks forward to the "independence and challenge" the University post will offer her.

Challenge is a familiar word for King, who took up running in March and completed the 6.2 mile Butte to Butte run July 6.

"I'm very proud of myself," she says.

Discipline and a desire to see things completed seem to be two of King's trademarks.

During her five years in the field of benefits and personnel, King gained a reputation among her co-workers for efficiency and assertiveness.

"She is so outgoing — you're

going to love her," says one city worker, summing up King's ability to work with a variety of people.

With the University facing an uncertain financial situation next year, King's talents will be put to immediate use.

Besides counseling faculty members about benefits that best meet their needs, King also will inform University staff about tax-deferred annuities, retirement plans, survivor's benefits and social security.

Benefits may help make the University more attractive to new faculty members during a tight fiscal year, King says.

Although King isn't sure how the benefits program will improve faculty morale, she says she hopes they all can "hang in there together."

King will work under Ray Hawk, the vice-president for administration and finance, and will act as a liaison between the University and a variety of other boards associated with benefits.

The time-consuming requirements of the benefit director's job will be nothing new for King, who says 50-hour work weeks were not uncommon during her tenure with the city.

During her five years as benefits director for Eugene, King

was responsible for researching, developing and then teaching people how to use a performance-appraisal training manual for city employees.

She also developed a policies and procedures manual for city administrators and a position-classification manual, updating job descriptions that were "100 years old."

King says "opportunity" and a willingness to work have helped her career. But "some modesty, initiative and a willingness to stumble and make mistakes helped," she adds.


Although one of the posters in King's current office reads "Everybody has a right to my opinion," she preaches confidence in herself without the need for arrogance.

Originally from Fargo, North Dakota, King moved to Eugene with her husband eight years ago. She says she likes Oregon, likes Eugene and likes her new job.

"We've become Oregonians, and better yet, Eugeneans."

King brings a no-nonsense concept of efficiency to the University that is expressed by another office-wall poster.

"Anybody can learn to whine."




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