



Head for the hills!

...or anywhere else with
the Oregon Outdoor Program

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Interested in the outdoors but don't know an avalanche from a riptide?

Then the University Outdoor Program can help.

The Outdoor Program is a co-op structured service that offers something



Cross country skiing is just one of the many activities sponsored by the Outdoor Program.

for everybody, whether you're a mountain climber or just like to catch a sunset at the beach.

"We are a wilderness co-operative that is run basically by the participants," says Keith Nelson, assistant coordinator. "This program is exactly what the participants want it to be. They decide the scope and content by showing where their interests lie."

The Outdoor Program offers the chance to experience the outdoors through participation, in campus films and slide shows, or through demonstrations and clinics. Actual outdoor recreation can be obtained at low costs, without any red tape, and often without much advance planning.

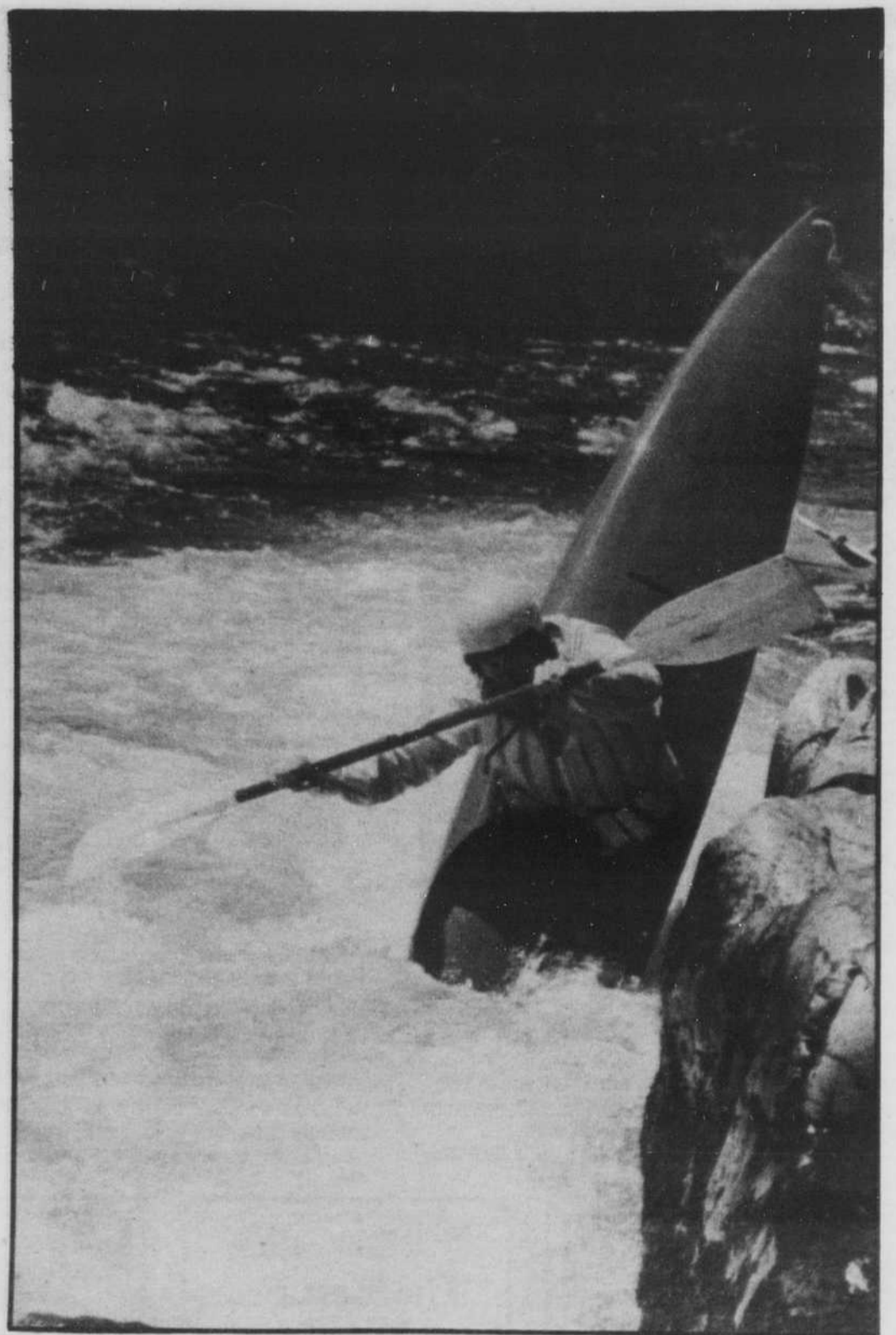
Participants merely sign up for one of the many trips offered in the Outdoor Program office, located in Room 23 of the EMU. These trips are unique in that they are set up by the participants themselves, and offer anyone the chance for a little adventure and fun.

And if the right trip isn't available, then start your own by filling out a trip sheet.

"There is usually a trip for everyone — from a one-day ski outing to a three-month raft trip," Nelson says.

"The recent white water trip to Nepal (headed by Bruce Mason, coordinator of the Outdoor Program) started here. Many of the members of that trip learned their rafting skills on the Willamette and McKenzie rivers through this program."

A trip such as the one to Nepal is a



The Outdoor Program sponsors outdoor projects such as bicycle touring (upper left photo) and white water kayaking (above). The trips "give anyone the opportunity to get what they want out of the outdoors," says Keith Nelson, assistant program coordinator.

once-in-a-lifetime experience for the program, but the majority of the trips are at the entry-level, or beginner's pace. The trips are all self-motivated, with the members teaching, sharing and learning from each other.

"The camaraderie of the program keeps the members coming back. Sharing, trusting and willing to be trusted make participants more than just members of the trip, but friends. There aren't that many opportunities to meet people like this," Nelson says.

"The trips are fun, safe, and environmentally conscientious. Many people don't think they have a big impact when

they go out in the wilderness, but they do. We emphasize having a good time without bothering others, and we think, with care, this can be done."

The Outdoor Program is more than just a takeoff point for going to the woods, but a resource and referral center. The program gives information, maps and ideas for trips. It also offers the use of a van for planned outings, and rafts for white water trips.

The program gives various slide shows, clinics and demonstrations ranging from a show of the 1980 American Women Expedition to kayak lessons. It

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