

Photo by Jim Marks

Club sport cyclist Kevin Klein (center) leads the pack in the recent 45-mile Wolf Creek Tour race along the Oregon coast range.

Club sport cycling offers fellowship and a workout

By Randy Elliott

Of the Emerald

While cycling in this country has not traditionally enjoyed the same position of celebrity that it has in Europe, the sport's popularity is increasing, say local cycling enthusiasts.

Many take it up with a single image in mind: a lean, sinewy athlete atop a construction of the most recently-developed alloys, pedaling along the side of the road, legs driving incessantly like the piston rods on a civil war locomotive.

But riding alone can become tedious, making it difficult to

maintain the required level of motivation. Must discouragement inevitably follow? No.

The University Cycling Club offers an alternative to those cyclists who enjoy a little fellowship in addition to a good workout.

The 35-member club is open to anyone interested in cycling, from beginning to experienced cyclists.

The phrase "club sport" carries with it connotations of an intensely competitive atmosphere, but that is not entirely accurate in this instance, says Cycling Club president Jackie

Mann.

"We do have some very good cyclists in the club, such as Ken Allen, who has trained at the Olympic Training Facilities in Colorado, and Doug Clark, winner of last year's Criterion race," Mann said. "But we also have some triathletes and some people interested in touring."

While Eugene and all its rain might seem like a dubious locale for outdoor sports to thrive, the area does have its advantages, Mann said.

"Eugene is an excellent place

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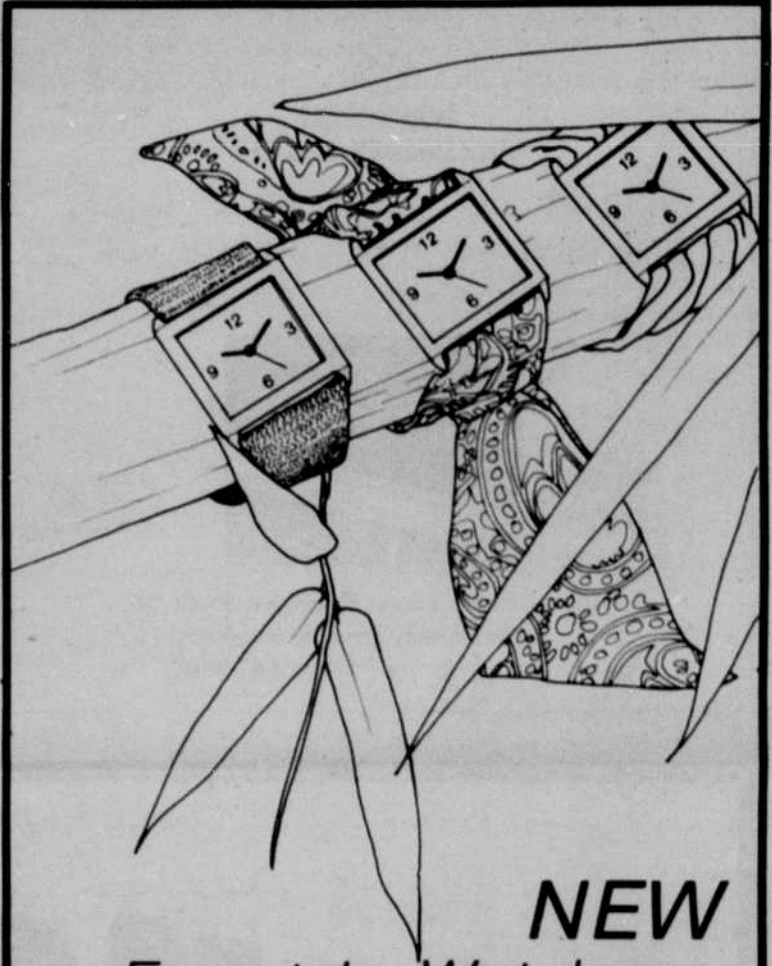
By The Associated Press

Everything's coming up roses for Arizona State University, the first college football team to gain a bowl berth.

By clinching the Pacific-10 Conference title Saturday with a 49-0 romp over California, the fifth-ranked Sun Devils are set for the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day against the Big Ten champion.

"We have two goals this season — to win the Pac-10 championship and to win the national championship," said ASU's quarterback Jeff Van Raaphorst. "We got one and got one to go."

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