

# Students resort to winter work

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Imagine trading in your books and the Oregon rain to spend winter term on the ski slopes and working in a ski resort.

Many University ski fanatics are doing just that at resorts such as Sun Valley, Ida., Keystone resort in Colorado and Oregon's Mt. Bachelor. Sun Valley Ski Resort will be on campus Nov. 19 recruiting students for the winter season.

Interviews will take place in Century Room C at the EMU. Interested students should visit the Student Employment office in Hendricks Hall for more information.

Carolyn Miller, a University senior majoring in business, plans to spend her winter at Sun Valley.

Miller plans to work evenings as either a housekeeper or a food service employee at the ski resort.

"I want to spend the mornings and the afternoons skiing," she said. "Skiing is so expensive. I don't want to miss this opportunity. I want to ski all I can."

College students who work at Sun Valley either rent an apartment or stay in a dormitory located within the ski resort. Dorm room costs average around \$70 a month, and a typical two-bedroom apartment in the Sun Valley area rents for \$600 a month.

Many students, like Gary Bennett, an economics and political science major, decide to share an apartment to keep costs at a minimum.

Bennett said he plans to share a two-bedroom apartment in Sun Valley with three friends.

"Sun Valley is far less expensive than Colorado ski areas, where a hole-in-the-wall, two-bedroom apartment can rent for \$1100 a month," Bennett said.

Kara Kiste, a spokeswoman for Keystone Resort in Dillon, Colo., agreed with Bennett, saying housing in Colorado tends to run higher.

"Last year I paid \$600 a month for an average one-bedroom apartment," Kiste said. "And for employee housing, it costs anywhere between \$100 and \$300 a month," she said.

Kiste said most students are hired to operate ski lifts or to teach ski classes. Others work in the resort as kitchen helpers or housekeepers.

Kiste said winter is the busiest time at Keystone, and college students are hired for the Christmas season.

"We expect to hire between 200 and 250 students to work at Keystone during Christmas break, from mid-December through January," Kiste said.

Typical jobs at Sun Valley are similar to those at Keystone, including food prepping, food bussing and bartending.

There are also bakeries and movie theaters nearby that employ students.

Shannon Besoyan, a spokeswoman for Sun Valley, said although most jobs pay minimum wage, some pay more depending on a student's work experience. Students who work at Sun Valley also pay less for a ski pass. Instead of paying \$41 a day to ski, students pay \$12 a day.

Ken Klecker, Director of Skiing at Mt. Bachelor, said the University's trimester system makes it easier for them to recruit student workers.

Students are usually interviewed for jobs six weeks before the jobs begin.

Wayne Allen, a recruiter for Sun Valley, said Sun Valley employers want to hire a total of 60 students recruited from the University of Washington, Oregon State University and the University. They will be hired mainly for restaurant jobs.

"We are looking to staff the mountain restaurants," Allen said. "These are generally 8-hour day positions. We try to get forty hour weeks out of the students."

Most students average two-and-a-half days of skiing per week, he said.

Both Miller and Bennett said they are looking forward to putting away their books and hitting the slopes. They see this as an opportunity of a lifetime.

"I'm doing it for the fun of it," Bennett said.

Miller agreed, saying, "Soon I'll have a real job and lots of responsibilities. If you like skiing, this is just something you want to do."

## MADD

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Bill Rice, president of the MADD's Lane County chapter, said his involvement with the group began four years ago, shortly after his son died in an alcohol-related accident.

"I'm hoping this year that there are no fatalities, that no one gets that phone call from a police officer," he said.

Rice said MADD recently established a telephone hot-line for victims and families of drunk driving to call for help or support. The number is 1-800-598-6233.

Police officers from Eugene and Springfield were also on hand and said their involvement is more substantial this holiday season, helped by the recent addition of the DUII car to the Eugene police department.

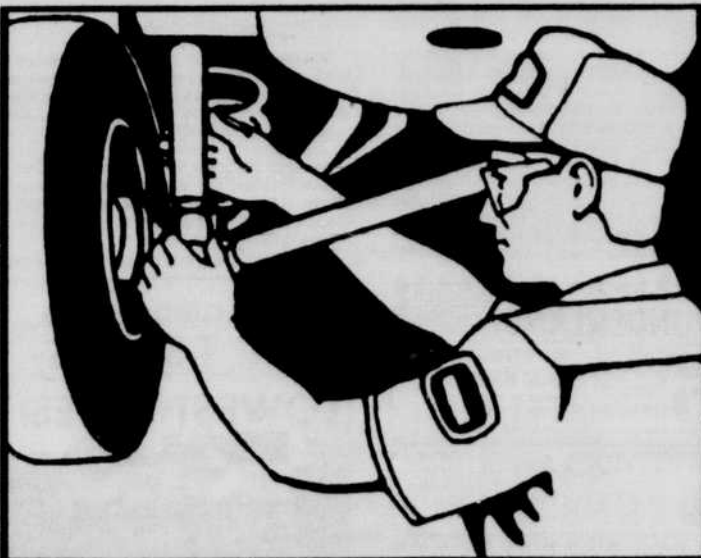


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Bill Rice, president of the Lane County chapter of MADD, ties a red ribbon on Eugene's DUII car, which was made to track drunk drivers.

The DUII car is designed specifically to track down drunk drivers and is even equipped with a video camera to catch offenders on film. More than 100 arrests have already been

made with the car, which made its debut in late September, EPD Capt. James Horton said.

To receive a red ribbon or for more information, call MADD at 343-8115.

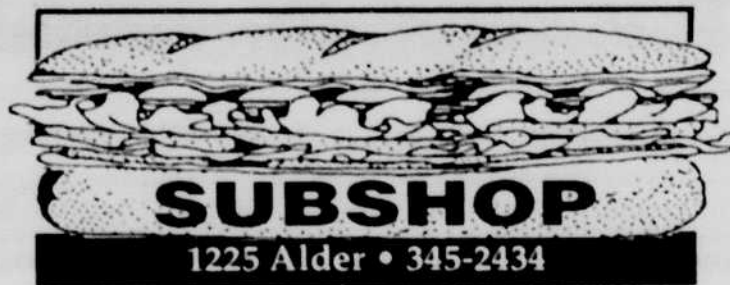


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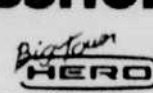
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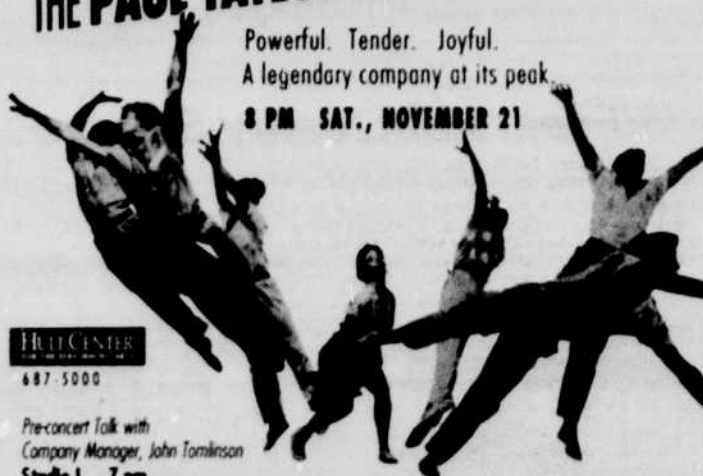
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