

## Outdoors *on the* Edge

### Outdoor Pursuits program popular despite budget cutbacks

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It was a time to celebrate. Outdoor Pursuits Director Jim Blanchard and his friends were ecstatic. The University had just made it possible for students to earn a minor degree in Outdoor Pursuits Leadership.

Students would be able to combine wilderness skills with a traditional degree, producing a graduate well-rounded in mind and body.

A week later, the celebration was only a sad memory. University administrators announced the effects of Measure 5, and Outdoor Pursuits took a big hit, along with the rest of the now-defunct College of Hu-

man Development and Performance.

Students never got the option to earn a minor, and the program was cut by one-third.

"We were stunned," Blanchard said. "We went from Valhalla to the pit of despair."

That was two years ago. Today, Outdoor Pursuits still survives, but it may be on its last leg.

Where it once received state funds, it now gets zero. Where it once offered more than a dozen classes a year in river outings, it now offers none. And where students once worked with two skilled outdoor professionals, students now vie only for Blanchard's attention.

The program has a long and, for the most part, successful history.

Jim Blanchard came to the

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### Real-life adventures fuel leader's attitude

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Ask University Outdoor Pursuits students to describe director Jim Blanchard, and they're likely to tell you two things: He's the best in his field, and he's got an attitude.

"He's an arrogant person," said Seth Koch, a senior psychology student who has worked closely with Blanchard over the past four years.

"But he's got every right to be," Koch said. "His technical knowledge is second to none. This guy has been all over the world, and he really, really knows his stuff."

Kyle Bertelsen, a senior architecture student who helps Blanchard lead mountaineering trips, agreed.

"Jim's quite opinionated, but he knows what he's talking about," he said.

Attitude or not, hundreds of students sign up every term to learn outdoor skills from a man who has led rescue teams to the Northwest's highest mountain peaks.

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Courtesy photo  
University Outdoor Pursuits Director Jim Blanchard leads students to the summit of Mount Hood on a mountaineering expedition.

### Juggling classes

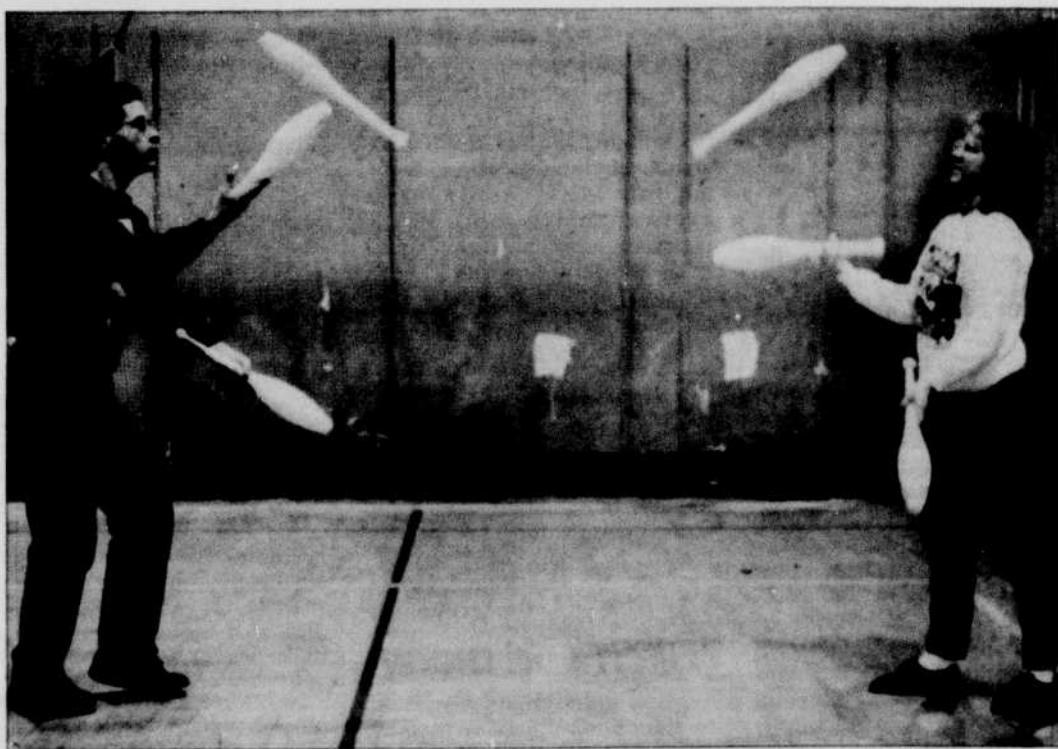


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Instructor Raymond Blalock and Jill Westover, a senior in speech pathology, practice before juggling class begins. Westover said her baton-twirling experience makes it easier to learn to juggle.

### DeFazio plans statute to help protect wolves

□ Congressman spars with Alaska lawmakers who want to promote game-hunting tourism

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U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Springfield, announced Thursday he will introduce legislation to protect Alaskan wolves from airborne hunting.

DeFazio's statement comes on the heels of last month's decision by the Alaska Board of Game to allow airborne hunting of up to 80 percent of the gray wolf population in certain areas of Alaska. The decision is an effort to enlarge the moose and caribou population, which are the prey of wolves.

The board's plan, which has not yet gone into effect, would allow wolves to be shot from airplanes by game officials. Private citizens would be allowed to track the animals from the air but would have to land before shooting.

DeFazio called the plan wrong on both legal and ethical grounds. Hunting and tracking from the air are illegal under the Federal Airborne Hunting Act. However, the law exempts these methods if a state sanctions them on grounds they are wildlife control efforts.

DeFazio said he believes there is more concern for hunters than for moose and caribou.

"Alaska's plan is a crude attempt to manipulate certain animal populations to increase game-hunting tourism," he said. "Even if it made sense from a scientific standpoint, it would still violate the spirit of the federal law prohibiting airborne hunting."

DeFazio said his legislation, to be introduced when Congress re-

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### WEATHER

Sunny skies are expected today with highs in the mid 40s. It will be fair tonight with lows in the 20s.

#### Today in History

In 1967, 11 young people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum, where the British rock group The Who was performing.

### ROBERTS WANTS RE-ELECTION



PORTLAND (AP) - Gov. Barbara Roberts, who has faced recall efforts and legislative opposition in her first term as Oregon's top executive, says she'll run for re-election in 1994.

The Democratic governor made the announcement Wednesday night at a \$150-a-ticket reception for her campaign fund.

She told more than 200 supporters at the event in the Governor Hotel that she planned after the next legislative session to "begin the efforts to support my campaign for re-election."

### SPORTS

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) - The start of the Providence-Robert Morris basketball game was delayed for about a half-hour Thursday night after the scoreboard at the Providence Civic Center tumbled about 10 feet to the floor.

The two-ton scoreboard crashed to the center of the court while workers changed the team names. No one was injured during the incident according to Steve Lombardi, executive director of the civic center.

Lombardi said cables holding the scoreboard fell after a gear broke in a motor. He said technicians from Ocean State Rigging repaired the problem by installing four new electric chain motors.