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Soaking up the sun



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Practicing their volleyball moves, freshmen Alec Meadows and Alibaster Randall, a freshman biology major, enjoy the sun Monday afternoon at the volleyball court outside Carson Hall.

Cleanup combines fun, environmental concern

■ CONSERVATION:

Participants in the Outdoor Program's annual effort clear debris from a section of the Rogue River

By Jennifer Carter
Student Activities Editor

The Rogue River can be found about three hours away from Eugene. Beginning at Crater Lake, its 215 miles wind around the Cascade and Siskiyou Ranges before blending with the Pacific Ocean at the shores of Gold Beach. Its clear waters and the green banks that line them are home to a variety of water fowl, fish and other animals, making it one of eight U.S. rivers designated as wild and scenic.

And for four days, University students rafted down the Rogue, pulling debris and other garbage that threaten the river's national status and the health of its creatures.

More than 20 people left Eugene Thursday morning to participate in this year's Outdoor Program Rogue River Cleanup. The group returned Sunday night.

Approximately 70 percent of the participants were students, and the rest were community members, said Dan Geiger, assistant director of the Outdoor Program and this year's Rogue River Cleanup coordinator.

He said about 75 students initially signed up for the trip, and participants came from a diverse crowd of old and new Outdoor Program members.

The annual cleanup began six years ago through the work of an Outdoor Program intern who was interested in rafting and the environment. At that time, no one else was doing cleanups

except for the Bureau of Land Management, Geiger said.

Members of the program saw the need for maintaining the river and had the resources to make the cleanup work, Geiger said. People enjoy doing the work because it is hands-on — they can see the effects of cleaning the river as soon as the work begins, he said.

The cleanup work and its immediately visible effect at the first event helped lead to future cleanups, he said.

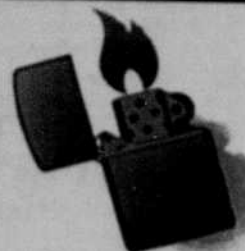
"We saw the impact we made pulling garbage out and decided to make it an annual event," he said.

This kind of work has also led to the Outdoor Program's adoption of a section of the Rogue through the state's Adopt-A-River Program. During this year's cleanup, participants concentrated on a portion of this section, clearing more than 20 miles between Rainie Falls and Mule Creek Canyon.

Darshan Schmitz, the Outdoor Program donation coordinator, said rafting down this stretch of the river was amazing.

"The waters were amazing. There were tons of wildlife, and it just blew me away — bears, bald eagles and even a river otter [catching] an eel," he said. "It was an experience that will stick with me for a while. We weren't just out there to have fun for ourselves, but to also help the environment."

Schmitz said the Outdoor Program had help making the experience happen for University students and community members. More than 25 businesses donated food and other supplies to offset the cost of the trip, he said.



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