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## Committee to continue working on realignment

■ **MLB:** Acting commissioner Bud Selig said a decision on realignment must come by October

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Baseball realignment came no closer to reality Wednesday during a four-hour meeting by a committee studying plans to readjust the leagues as early as next season.

Acting commissioner Bud Selig promised, however, that the issue will stay in the forefront.

"I will keep pushing this very aggressively," he said.

"There are a lot of different ideas. Every club has a different thought process, but yet the feeling about realignment is very positive," he said after the 12-member realignment committee met. "Each plan has a lot of variations to it and it gets complicated.

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Selig said the next step would be another meeting of the committee, perhaps by conference call early next week, and then to take any plan to the executive council.

Any realignment plan would have to be approved by a

vote of the full ownership before a schedule could be completed and presented to the players' union.

"We are still on track to try to do something to implement for 1998, although that window closes a little bit every day," said committee chairman John Harrington, chief executive officer of the Boston Red Sox.

"We have to be done by October, absolutely," Selig said.

"We've discussed the benefits, the pluses and minuses of various realignment plans and we've discussed a lot of overall philosophy, some results of some data on different plans and scheduling."

## scoreboard

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES AND NEWS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Oakland . . . . . 0	Texas . . . . . 1
NY Yankees . . . . . 7	Baltimore . . . . . 3
Seattle . . . . . 7	Anaheim . . . . . 5
Boston . . . . . 8	Cleveland . . . . . 2
Detroit . . . . . 2	Minnesota . . . . . 11
Chi. White Sox . . . . . 3	Kansas City . . . . . 1

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Montreal . . . . . 6	Cincinnati . . . . . 0
Colorado . . . . . 12	Florida . . . . . 4
Chi. Cubs . . . . . 5	St. Louis . . . . . 4
Atlanta . . . . . 6	Houston . . . . . 7
NY Mets . . . . . late	
San Francisco . . . . . game	

## SUMMER RECREATION



UO OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Bruce Mason, coordinator of the University Outdoor Program, pulls off an "ender" in a play hole on the McKenzie River.

# Magnificent McKenzie

By Ryan Frank  
Associate Editor

Looking for an easy, calm rafting experience? How about a challenging kayak outing full of stunts? Or even a whitewater raft trip with up to class three rapids?

All the above can be found in one place: the McKenzie River.

Bruce Mason, the coordinator of the University Outdoor Program, said the McKenzie, located east of Eugene out Highway 126, offers a wide range of opportunity for rafters, kayakers and canoers.

"In our area, [the McKenzie] is the ultimate as far as offering anything from an entry level to something challenging for kayakers," Mason said.

Mason said the river is wide enough in challenging parts so that difficult, technical areas can be maneuvered around.

"In that respect it is a great river for beginning to intermediate boaters because it has stretches you can learn on, and stretches where you can be more challenged on," Mason said.

For the less experienced boaters, the Fin Rock to Prince Helfrich Landing run offers an opportunity for whitewater rafting and kayaking without many technical worries.

"As far as an introductory whitewater run, the Fin Rock run is a nice run," Mason said. "Most of the day is easy enough stuff that you can get your skills together, so by the time you get to a couple of harder rapids at the end, you can know whether you're capable of doing

that."

The Fin Rock run, the most popular on the river, is approximately a 4 1/2 mile ride that covers 11 miles of the McKenzie. For intermediate kayakers, there are three "play holes" along the McKenzie. These play holes allow kayakers a place to perform stunts and maneuvers then paddle out and rest, then go back to the "play hole."

In addition to its variety in difficulty level, Mason said the river's changing environment sets it apart from other Oregon rivers.

"A lot of rivers have the same general nature or scenic vista throughout their reach," Mason said. "But the McKenzie goes from a fairly technical, interesting whitewater wilderness setting in its beginning, to a fairly calm, urban demeanor as it gets closer to town."

While most rivers get easier to maneuver the further down the mountain they are, Mason said recent floods have left logs on the lower stretches of the McKenzie, causing what he called "some real death traps" on an area that before could have been floated in an inner tube.

For a summertime McKenzie raft run, Mason said a swimsuit, footwear, a life jacket, sun protection and drinking water are all necessary equipment.

Kayak runs require a little more equipment. A helmet and paddle jacket, which is similar to a rain jacket but specialized for kayakers, are also necessities.

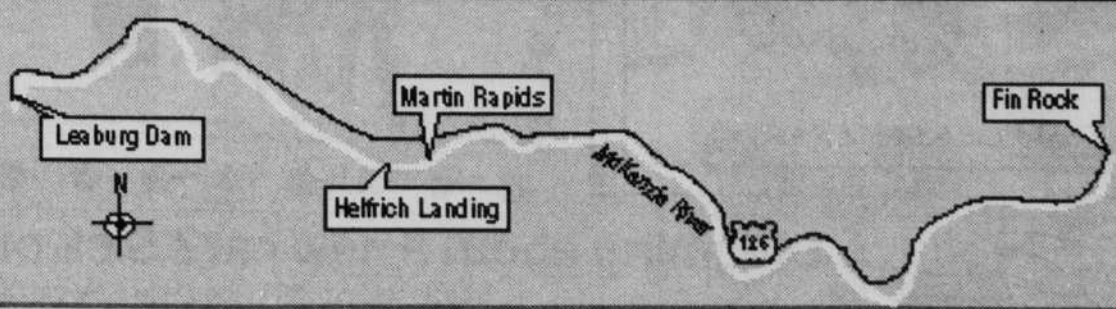
For a trip coordinated through the University Outdoor Program, a rafting trip down the McKenzie would cost \$10, and a kayak trip would be \$15, Mason said. The cost includes some equipment.

The McKenzie River is the area's most versatile rafting and kayaking venue

This is the sixth part of a Summer Recreation series that will appear every Thursday in the Emerald.

### FIN ROCK TO HELFRICH LANDING RUN

■ **RIVER RIDE:** The Fin Rock to Helfrich Landing run is the McKenzie River's most popular run because of smooth ride that ends with the Martin Rapids.



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