

## New OP Vehicle Additions!

The OP has said good-bye to *Bertha*, our 1990 Ford Van who served us so well for so many trips. The new 15 passenger van, *Rapid*, has a powerful V10 engine that will pull those Grand Canyon trip loads with no trouble. *Rapid* joins *Enterprise* in our van fleet.

A transportation hole in the O.P. Co-op was a vehicle for small groups that could carry boats or bikes. We now have that covered with *Alice*, a 1983 Caprice Classic Station Wagon equipped with racks and kayak stackers. With our three vehicles, we now have a lot of flexibility for accommodating trips.

## EMU Renovation Challenges O.P.

The EMU is undergoing an exciting \$5 million renovation of the old wing. Since the work is happening above and around the O.P. office, access and noise will be a constant challenge in the coming year. One huge benefit of the renovation for the O.P. will be that our EMU entrance will no longer be the Video Arcade! An active hallway will now lead right to the O.P. door, which will make us much easier to locate and help our program feel more a part of the student union. While better access is the future, the year long renovation will cut us off from the building, **leaving only our outside access available.** Find the visitor's parking lot on the south side of the EMU. You'll see the loading dock for the EMU. Follow signs on the east side of the dock down the stairs to the O.P. office. See the map on previous page. Hard to find, but worth it!

## O.P. History Project

1997 is the thirty year anniversary of the creation of the Outdoor Program, the oldest cooperative college program in the country. In order to celebrate and preserve the memory of outstanding traditions, faces and events in our colorful past, we have launched a "History of the Outdoor Program" project. We're in the process of collecting classic photos and information of past trips and interesting alumni. If you have any interesting memorabilia that you can share with us, we love to see it! Of course, the final product will be a lot of fun for O.P. folks to browse through, so drop by to see it in the coming months.

## 7th Annual Rogue River Cleanup

This year's cleanup was a huge effort and a damn good time. Volunteers dug and drug a record 90 tires off the banks! Over 60 bags of garbage were also collected. The O.P. also participated in a cleanup on the Willamette River. Look for these fun river environmental actions projects again next spring!



## O.P. Staff Working for Environmental Protection

The Outdoor Program has had a long history of being involved in local environmental issues, especially in areas that are also popular recreation resources. With the lead of Environmental Coordinator, **Shana Pennington**, the O.P. was very active in organizing local opposition to a major proposed development at Smith Rocks State Park. We helped generate over 1,000 local signatures in the successful effort to block the destructive development.

**Bruce Mason** was recently re-elected as President of McKenzie River Trust, a local land conservancy working to protect sensitive areas of the McKenzie Watershed. During his tenure the value of lands in protective status has risen from \$30,000 to \$700,000. He was also selected as a "partner" in the McKenzie Watershed Council.

**Dan Geiger** acts as a consultant to groups working to protect the outstanding water quality at Waldo Lake, one of the purist large lakes in the world. Recently, studies have shown alarming degradation of water purity in the high alpine lake.

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## O.P. CONTACT INFO

### O.P. Web Page Address

<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~opwww>

### O.P. Events E-mail List

The Outdoor Program has a popular e-mail list of those that would like to receive a notice of the current week's upcoming on campus events. Fill in the submission form on our web page, or send an e-mail directly to [dgeiger@darkwing.uoregon.edu](mailto:dgeiger@darkwing.uoregon.edu) with a subject message, "add events list" and nothing in the message body.

### Phone Numbers

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