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## Snow sports groups to peddle their wares

■ Thursday, money will be raised to support the University Outdoor Program

By Darren Freeman  
Oregon Daily Emerald

With the ski season now in full swing, two Oregon skiing and snowboarding companies, including one founded by University graduates, will raise money for the University Outdoor Program on Thursday while selling their equipment and offering information about ski trips and tours.

Eugene's Willamette Pass and Snowtraders.com are scheduled to be in the EMU lobby from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and have pledged to donate 10 percent of their sales to the Outdoor Program.

At the event, Outdoor Program representatives will provide information about their program and upcoming events. The program, which receives funds from student incidental fees, helps students organize activities, offers transportation and information and periodically sponsors presentations and guest speakers.

The event will also be a home-

coming for employees of Snowtraders.com, an Internet retail company started this fall by four University Law School graduates, a current law school student and the husband of one of the graduates.

"It's been great to have the resources from really qualified students from the University," said Bob Chandler, the company's chief financial officer and University graduate student. Chandler said the company is launching a sales representative program and is looking for University students to sell products and receive commission.

In addition to donating 10 percent of Thursday's sales to the Outdoor Program, Chandler said the company also gives 2 percent of its sales to various environmental activist groups.

"We run an on-line company based on the idea of consumption, but we also know the sale of sports equipment has an effect on the environment," co-founder and University Law School graduate Carnet Williams said. Donating profits to environmental groups "is just part of our dedication that we feel to our community to ensure that we not only take but give."

## Biology professor dies

■ Jane Gray passed away Sunday at age 68, after 37 years at the University

By Ben Romano  
Oregon Daily Emerald

After being diagnosed with liver cancer on Jan. 5, University biology Professor Jane Gray died Sunday. She was 68.

In her 37-year career at the University, Gray worked as a professor of biology and geology. She also was awarded a courtesy title as professor of zoology at Oregon State University. Her specialty was paleo-botany.

"She was the country's most distinguished paleo-botanist," said Martha Sherwood, Gray's lab assistant and long-time colleague. "She worked mostly with microfossils, pollens and spores."

Her research has shaped ideas about when the first land plants appeared on earth, said Sherwood, who first met Gray in 1970.

Gray was very devoted to her work and the University.

"She liked to teach and was popular with students. She served on lots of committees and was an excellent mentor. Her whole life was

the University," Sherwood said. "She worked seven days a week."

She published dozens of books and professional articles on plant evolution and early ecosystems. One of her favorite classes to teach was a human evolution course for non-science majors, Sherwood said.

Her interests outside of work were few. She loved animals and owned many cats. She was active in animal rights issues, she said.

Gray was divorced and had no children. She had no brothers or sisters.

Sherwood remembered Gray's feistiness and refusal to "go along with the flow."

"She was somewhat eccentric, but that quality endeared her to the people who were her close friends and associates," Sherwood said.

Gray earned a degree in geology from Harvard's Radcliffe College in 1951. She went on to earn a Ph.D. in paleontology from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1958.

She had known she wasn't well, but hadn't sought medical attention because "she was suspicious of doctors," said Sherwood, who was with Gray in the hours before her death.

There has not yet been a memorial service planned for Gray.

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