

Owen recounts May expedition

■ Liane Owen shared her experience as a member of a female expedition that climbed Cho Oyu

By Inge McMillen
for the Emerald

Liane Owen, a member of the 1999 American all-women's team that climbed Cho Oyu in the Himalayas, the sixth tallest peak in the world, presented a slide show for interested students and community members Monday night.

There were many reasons for choosing the 26,906 foot-tall peak Cho Oyu, Owen said. One of the main considerations was that Cho Oyu was within their ability, and that the success rate is fairly good.

"Just being up high and seeing the crystal blue sky, it makes you feel so alive," Owen said.

"There is such an obsession in the West for biggest and best. Everest is not on my hit list."

The logistics of getting to the mountain were more of a task than the climb itself, she explained. The team planned and trained for more than 1 1/2 years before leaving the United States on March 29, 1999.

Once in Katmandu, the team spent 40 days on the trek which carried it from Katmandu, Nepal, to Tibet, where members pitched their base camp.

The expedition chose not to use bottled oxygen, nor to employ Sherpas to help carry their gear, although they did have two Sherpanas — female sherpas — who stayed in base camp and helped them cook. Several yaks were also used for carrying gear to base camp.

It was a long and strenuous hike from base camp at 19,700 feet to the top because the drought made the ice slick and hard to climb.

"Our crampons just wouldn't go in more than 1/8 of an inch," Owen said.

She explained the ice as waterfall ice, which makes self-arrest in a fall extremely difficult.

The women's expedition had no major accidents, but the team helped with the rescue of a Spanish expedition that got lost in a storm.

Nobody died, but one man was taken down with black fingers, black face and a frostbitten nose, said Owen, who added that she did not think the mountain was as cold as she expected.

As in most climbs, the team used double climbing — deploying loads at a higher camp to return to the lower camp for the night — to acclimate and avoid serious mountain sickness and other altitude related problems, Owen said.

However, eating enough was a constant problem. All of the team members returned skinny, she said. Almost a year later, she is still trying to gain some of the weight back.

Short-handed Ducks split

■ The Oregon hockey team beats the Huskies on Friday but loses to them the following night

By David Raffensperger
for the Emerald

The Oregon Club Sports Hockey team wrapped up Pacific-8 Conference play with a split in Seattle last weekend. On Friday night the Ducks (8-8-0 in the Pac-8) picked up a rare road win as they beat the Washington Huskies 3-0.

The Ducks were led by the inspired play of goaltender Josh Hardin, who denied the Huskies a goal on all 18 of their shots.

Providing the offensive firepower for the Ducks was the forward line of Doug Washburn, Tyler Shaffar and Andrew Belcher, better known as the "Green Line."

The Ducks drew first blood when Rob Starkey's blast from the point was deflected in by Belcher, raising his goal-scoring streak to five games. Washburn scored the Ducks second goal before Shaffar poured some salt in the Huskies' wounds

by scoring a short-handed goal late in the second period.

On Saturday night, the Huskies used their team depth to overpower and outplay the tired and short-handed Ducks, 5-2. Washington proved it was hungry for revenge as it jumped out to an early 2-0 first period lead.

The Ducks looked to gain momentum late in the third period when Belcher ran his goal-scoring streak to six games, making the deficit 2-1. But with help from their raucous fans, the Huskies rallied. They scored two quick goals at the end of the period and added another to open up the third period, sending the Ducks south for the rest of the game.

Oregon failed to convert two 5-3 power play opportunities and by the time Washburn scored the Ducks' second goal, the game was all but over.

The No. 6 Ducks will host currently undefeated Western Washington at the Lane County Ice Arena on Feb. 11 and 12. Both games are slated to start at 8 p.m.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 1). A secret passion could become public this year. Your vision could be hazy in February. You should have the problem solved by March and should be ready to move by April. Reality rears its ugly head in May, but the impossible comes within reach again by August. A startling revelation is to your advantage in December, and the happy ending comes around next January.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — The general is coming to inspect the troops! She's not in the mood to be hassled, contradicted or messed with in any way. Even if you're totally respectful, you could be in big trouble if there's a smirk on your face. Look sharp, and you'll pass the test.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Your career is important to you now. You're thinking of new things to do — ways to stretch your talents and your mind. You might even feel like taking a class. If you do, choose one you can use to improve your earnings. That way, it may be tax deductible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You'd probably love to travel if you could afford to go. Well, maybe you could. If you can keep your mate from spending all your money on something else, maybe the two of you could take a vacation together. Better talk about it and set priorities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You may want to let a partner take the lead. An older woman would be the best one to make your next decision for you. Well, your input's important, too, of course. It's her wisdom that really gives you the advantage, however.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You're a hard worker, especially now. You can't do everything all by yourself, however. If you can, you haven't taken on enough of a challenge. If you have to rely on a strong partner, you're in the right place at the right time. So, do it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 —

You are one of the lucky ones. You're cute as a button, too. Oh, sure, you have a lot to do, but that's OK. You have a talent for organization, remember? Fit in a special date for tomorrow early — or late tonight. Or, both.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 6 — Focus on home and family this week, especially today and tomorrow. Clean up your environment. Toss the stuff that doesn't work for you any more and put in something that does. You're the one with the talent in this area, so put it to good use.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You should be able to learn pretty easily now. The best thing to do when this condition is in effect is to get yourself close to a wise older person. Watch what he or she does and do the same. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and it's how you learn best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You may be in the mood to go back to school. You'd also like to make more money. These two concepts are linked, but not directly. It's more like you have to work at one thing in order to pay for your training in another. Hmm-mm. Worth a try!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — This should be a good week for wheeling and dealing. You're exceptionally sharp right now, in fact. Knowing that, what sort of challenge do you want to take on? You're creative, persistent and assertive. The sky's the limit!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You can accomplish just about anything you can imagine. Words mean things, as you undoubtedly know. Well, ideas mean things, too. When you put those ideas into words and explain them to people, miracles can happen. Go for it, again.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — You've got a few little worries, but you can plow right past them. Get your friends to help you with those, too, and you could stumble onto a wonderful experience. You could suddenly realize you don't have a thing to worry about!

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