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A more "muted refinement of color" will lead the fashion trends for 1979 ski wear, according to White Stag's merchandise manager, Peter Bauer.

"The biggest emphasis as far as parkas, sweaters and pants are concerned, will be a refinement of colors, as opposed to the big splashes, with more of a piping or tucking effect," said Bauer.

Bulky parkas are still big, though some of the emphasis will be removed from traditional down fillings, to the more practical synthetic blends such as Hollowfill, a dacron blend from DuPont.

As for pants, stretch materials, are expected to see a comeback, as the more experienced skiers, see how truly practical it is for the sport, according to Bauer.

Hit the slopes with a splash



Photos by Kelly Laughlin

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"Stretch fabrics are definitely in resurgence, for this winter," he said. "This is a trend I expect will last about three years."

Sweaters will continue in a trend, which began last year, of coordinating stripes, colors and patterns, with the parka, pants and accessories. More blends of wool with acrylic will be seen, as this offers a more economical, but equally serviceable sweater, for a day on the slopes.

Scott Stahl, ski enthusiast, and student at Portland State University, is a salesclerk in the ski department, of Eastport Plaza Lipmans Store.

From a sales clerk's standpoint, he pointed out different details that have achieved popularity among middle class skiers.

"Large collars, that zip all the way up, split backs and corduroy insets, are all very popular," he said. "Coordinating your sweater and parka, with the same stripes and pattern is also very big."



Ancient game makes debut at college

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Backgammon is currently a esteemed activity at the college, and with good reason. It is its first year of existence on the campus as an ACU-American College Unions-International competition.

At this year's ACU-I qualifying tournament, only two individuals showed up for competition, Rian Johnson and Marcia Shrem. Johnson and Shrem represent the College's backgammon players at Oregon State University on Nov. 9 and 10, when regional competition for ACU-I takes place.

The two gammoners diced and moved for five solid hours

before a winner was determined. Without the advantage of doubling which would have cut the game time in half, "We got too crazy," said Marcia. "Toward the end I could hardly see the board!" She later added that the two should have finished later. "But Rian got excited and wanted to finish the game. I figured what the heck, my kids could wait," she said.

But the game really isn't as strenuous as the above testimony. "The nice thing about the game is that it can be fast, or slow or sophisticated or simple," Marcia said. Shrem was frankly surprised that so few people turned out for competition. She attested that

it's really a simple game to learn, but most people become wary of it when they see it played fast or with hair splitting strategy by experts of the game. The work words of the game, terms like, gammon, backgammon, bar point, blot, builders, and bar, could turn some heads away from the game. Likewise the familiar "page of game instructions," "They're very confusing for most people," she said. The best way to learn the game is to have someone sit down and show you, she cited.

Backgammon is usually for two players on a board with 12 spaces on each side. Each player has 15 pieces, or stones, and the object is to move your

opponent's piece from his side of the table to your own. On alternation, the players throw two dice and move according to the numbers shown. "Doubles" gives you the opportunity to move up to four men. Without doubles, your game might drag on like Monopoly, for hours and hours.

Without getting into too much detail, backgammon, for the everyday novice of the game can be learned in anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour.

"Finding someone who knows how to play the game and learning from them is the best way to go," Marcia said. "Learning the game may take longer from an instruction

manual."

"I really think more people should get involved in backgammon, it can be very fun and very exciting at times, there really should be a clinic or something on backgammon," she said.

She later said she would be delighted to hold a clinic if asked to do so. Soon the Associated Student Government will be offering backgammon as part of their Campus Recreation Tournament. If the recent turnout at the ACU-I backgammon competition is any indication, there should be plenty of room at a lonely, but eager, backgammon table.

