



Ed Coyne, business major made a five week trek through England, Ireland, and Wales on his Peugeot Staff photo by Duane Hiersche.

Coyne finds passion in biking Europe

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Ed Coyne is a city boy who had travelled but never camped out until this summer when he loaded up his bike and spent five weeks riding in Europe.

Ideas for the trip came through the colleges foreign language instructor, Magdalena Ladd, who had a group offer through her French class to travel in Europe. "However, they needed \$3,000 a head," said Coyne, a business major, "and that was

too much."

Growing up in Philadelphia, Coyne left home at 18 to join the Navy where he gained exposure in foreign countries. Twenty-seven year old Coyne has since become a well-travelled man, having been through 48 countries and 20 states. His return trips to Europe consisted of hitchhiking through England and Ireland in 1973 and taking a British Rail in 1974.

So Coyne, still wanting to travel, had his Peugeot bike over-hauled and made one dry run to Lincoln City the week before he was scheduled to leave Oregon.

The following week he drove to Philadelphia to visit his family and from there went to New York and flew to England.

Upon his arrival in England, Coyne met with a friend from the East Coast, who introduced him to the village of Winkfield, a level-grounded area in England suitable for starting a bike tour.

The following day Coyne went to Winchester, Salisbury and Bath, enroute to Wales. "Those three places are worth seeing," said Coyne. Although, the trip into Wales was nice, Coyne said he wouldn't recommend going to

Wales. It's wet, windy and hilly. "A bikers worst two enemies are wind and rain. But, he added, "the people were friendly there."

From Penbrook, Wales, Coyne boarded a ferry to Cork, Ireland. He headed directly for eastern Ireland where he met a group of Australians with whom he biked an later camped with that night.

The next morning Coyne parted with the Australians and rode into County Offley, the center of Ireland where he met some of the "friendliest Irish" who took him to the pub, Cloghan, and offered to let him pitch his tent in their yard. That

night, his new Irish friends took him to a dance after which they fed him and offered a sleeping place in their home.

The next day he rode to Ros Common, where his father's family resides. "They didn't know I was coming," said Coyne, "but they put me up for the night."

Soon Coyne headed to the coast. "That was my longest day trip," said Coyne. "I rode about 100 miles. The ground was fairly flat and it was the most beautiful country I've seen."

Sullivan anticipates seat at top five in state for runners

Clackamas Community College men's cross country coach, Kelly Sullivan anticipates a prosperous season of his state champion distancemen.

"The whole team is outstanding runners from top to bottom," Sullivan said. "They have the potential to be national contenders."

Marco Gutierrez, four-time national champion from Columbia, South America is an added strength to the Cougar squad along with Tony Macey, two-time state champion and High School All-American of Nevada. Lynn Purdue and Bob Barker, both state champions from Oregon and Vance Blow, CCC's "top man right now,"

according to Sullivan are also contributing their efforts.

Macey placed seventh in CCC's first two events, running against University of Portland and University of Oregon.

Vance Blow was also an outstanding contestant in these two meets, placing second out of 63 runners at U. of P. and taking fifth at U. of O. with

times of 23:47.3 in 4.75 miles and 31:06.1 in a 6.2 mile

track.

Blow is doing "really well", Sullivan said. "He's running a minute faster than last year on everything."

Dave Walsh, a high school graduate of Canyon County, California "is another pleasant surprise," said Sullivan.

Sullivan said, "Our main objective is to be in the top five in the state, and the icing on the cake would be anything above that. I was a lot more choosy this year when I recruited, and I think I got 99 percent of the kids that I wanted."

Sullivan has high hopes for his crew and says, "they're a fun group. I'm really enthusiastic."

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