



Photo by Scott Newton

Tiger Shaw of Stowe, Vermont, took advantage of the warm weather last week to try out a new kind of roller skate, which reportedly simulates the motion of skiing. Shaw and other members of the U.S. Ski Team, who were training on Mt. Hood, tried out the roller skates on South Bluff and Sandy Heights.

No one rode faster than trick rider Dave Willoughby

by GWEN BOGH
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Matching the spirit of his stallions, 89-year-old Dave Willoughby is as independent and vibrant as ever.

Up at dawn to work with his horses, and to bed "whenever," is the lifestyle he leads, not far removed from years before.

Willoughby's horses are his life, but he said he doesn't love them. "I only love the women. They're (the horses) just my pride and joy. I don't love any horse."

In his earlier years, Willoughby was recognized as an expert trick rider. One newspaper clipping among the many, this one from the 1930s, read: "With the personality of a Will Rogers, Willoughby furnishes any kind of horseback ride—slow, fast or fancy."

Willoughby learned his profession on his own, by trial and error. Wife Pauline said, "He's just self taught."

Good trick riders were paid well during the early days, said Willoughby. Riding Klickatkat, a pinto that has since died of old age, he made \$100 every ride. That was top money in the '30s.

He rode Klickatkat in shows all over the country, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Montana, California, Oregon and other states.

Another trick-riding mare Willoughby rode, this one for speed, was Sorley Queen. While running 20 to 25 miles per hour, Willoughby would have his left foot on the running board of a car and his right foot in the stirrup.

After one time around the car would leave the track and Willoughby would jump from one side of the horse to the other at breakneck speed.

He said, "No trick riders rode that fast, ever."

Another extraordinary feat occurred in 1938 when Willoughby rode his horse 11 stories high in the Marion Hotel in Little Rock, Ark.

He performed for the governor and the rodeo queen in the ball room on Boulder Dan, his dancing horse.

Willoughby was hired by a politician, a Colonel Barton, to go to Little Rock. When the Colonel asked Willoughby what he could do to provide entertainment, Willoughby said, "Keep the cops off me and I'll raise hell in town, riding all around."

Despite his dangerous occupation, Willoughby has never broken any bones or been seriously injured. He attributes his accident-free life to knowing horses.

"I know what he's (the horse) going to do and I beat him to the point. I'm not brave," he said.

In 1931 Willoughby purchased a riding stable in Rancho Sante Fe, Calif., where he trained riders and bred pintos. During the 22 years he owned the stable famous people would ride there.

People such as Betty Davis, Kay Francis and Dee Frances rode at his stable.

At the stable Willoughby trained horses for two movies. "The Outlaw," a 1941 film directed by Howard Hawks and Howard Hughes and starring Jane Russell, and a

1930s film, "The Wild Horse," starring Hoot Gibson, featured his horses. In the first film a spectacular fight scene, using two horses, was staged by Willoughby.

Willoughby also trained a number of people to ride. One well-known movie star, Bing Crosby, was a student of his.

Crosby rode Keno, a "special" saddle horse. Crosby was learning to ride properly to prepare himself for a movie he was to star in, "Rhythm on the Range."

Crosby owned a ranch and track just three miles from Willoughby's stable. Willoughby was lead man at Crosby's Bel Mar race track for nine years. He also trained Crosby's children to ride.

Willoughby recalls when Crosby's horse raced with a competitor's. In just two minutes time Crosby lost \$500,000 to C.S. Howard. The Argentine-raised Ligerota lost only by a split second to Sea Biscuit, owned by Howard.

Willoughby has fond memories of Crosby. No way in the world "could you find a better man than Bing Crosby. He was good to everybody."

Since, Willoughby has sold his stable in California and settled in the

area with his wife. They met in Eugene, at the store where she worked. As it is told by his wife, Willoughby walked in to the store and helped her open a bottle. He asked her out, on the spot, but she said she couldn't leave the store because she had to work.

Willoughby responded by saying it's bad when anybody has to work. The courting began "under the Roseburg moon," said Pauline, with Willoughby riding his horse, doing an assortment of tricks especially for her. Before long they were married.

Now married for 25 years and having raised three children, the two have retired in Boring where Willoughby breeds pinto horses. He has two pinto stallions, Kussi and Precious Blue Eyes. He has ridden Kussi in the Rose Festival Parade for four years, for which he received a letter of thanks this year from the chairman of the grand floral parade committee.

Willoughby is partial to pintos because, as he says, "They're smart and good looking."

Trick riding and training is Willoughby's past, but his expertise in breeding pintos is his future.



Dave Willoughby

Hoodland Happenings

Bible school, recreation offered

THURSDAY, JULY 29
Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the Hoodland Lutheran Church, continues today. Children age 3 through those in sixth grade are welcome to attend the school, which is held from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day through Friday, July 30. The Bible School will be held at the Hoodland Women's Club building and is free. Call 622-3916 for more information.

The Clackamas County Bookmobile will be at the Hoodland Plaza Shopping Center from 4 to 7 p.m. today.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2
The Welches Community School aerobic dance class will be held today beginning at 9 a.m. at Welches School in the covered area next to the

school playground. Babysitting will be available for a small fee.

A Summer Recreation program, sponsored by the Mt. Hood Evangelical Free Church, located directly across Highway 26 from the Hoodland Plaza Shopping Center, will be held today through Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the church. This program is for youngsters age 4 through 12 and will include outdoor sports, tumbling, indoor games, creative movement, outside games and fellowship. Registration can be accomplished at the church today from 12:30 to 1 p.m. For more information call 622-5248.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4
Aerobic dance class will continue today at Welches School beginning at 9 a.m.

Culture not only lesson learned through exchange

by SCOTT NEWTON

Exchange student Alex Brewster learned about isolation as well as the culture of a South American country during his year's stay in Argentina.

It took the SUHS senior-to-be three months to learn the language, and after he learned it well enough to communicate and make friends, he had to deal with anti-American feelings brought out by the Falkland Islands dispute.

He participated in a Rotary International exchange program, having arrived home late last week. He said it is a good program as having people learn about other countries can only help international relations.

He stayed six months with the Jose Portela family. Mr. Portela is president of a government-owned bus company. Brewster refers to Jorge Portela, 28, as his "older brother."

For four months after that he stayed with the Roberto Rapazzo family. Mr. Rapazzo is the owner of a tire company.

Both families live in Buenos Aires, a city of 9 million on the Atlantic Ocean.

Brewster at first was isolated because he could not speak the language. "I was really frustrated, not being able to communicate," Brewster said. "I'd be trying to talk to them and I'd make a joke, and they wouldn't understand it. After I'd explained it a half an hour later, it wouldn't even be a joke anymore."

A card game, "truco," saved him. It's a liar's game, and it requires a minimum of communication, so he could have fun and get to know people without the burden of trying to carry on a conversation.

He brought back 15 decks of the cards, and plans to teach truco to his family as well as play it with Argentina exchange students in Gresham.

His friendship with Jorge Portela helped him during the Falklands crisis, when the government was blaming the U.S. for many of its problems.

Jorge and his friends "knew me as a person, not somebody from the United States. They didn't take it out on me. For one thing, I hadn't even voted yet," Brewster said with a laugh.

The Argentina government and the media told the public, up until the last, that Argentina was winning the war. Then the truth came out.

Brewster said, "Everybody was going, 'What happened? I thought we were winning.'"

Tal Cual, a magazine with about "as much stature as the National Enquirer," had an issue with Margaret Thatcher on the cover in a World War II German helmet with a swastika on it. A small mustache was drawn on her face. Brewster translated the headlines: "The third note of her dark history. In her childhood she was a Nazi. La Thatcher, worse than Hitler."

Television advertisements were frequent. "I really had to laugh," Brewster said, telling of the blatant messages. One was filmed with the viewer looking through a scope, with the cross hairs focusing in on a lion (representing England). "We have to take our time and plan our kill," Brewster said, mocking the advertisement.

When Argentina revealed it had lost the Malvinas (Falkland Islands), the United States was blamed. Brewster had a hard time defending the U.S., but said he

tried to learn from the situation.

Some of his trips to other parts of Argentina were canceled. The day the story broke about Argentina losing the Malvinas, Brewster went to a travel agent, only to be told there were no tickets left for U.S. citizens.

"I'm sure if I had said anything he would have punched me. I just got out of there," Brewster said.

Though the Argentina media presented a slanted story, Brewster could buy uncensored copies of Time and Newsweek at a few newstands in the city, which surprised him.

Brewster feels the Malvinas probably rightfully belong to Argentina, although he feels the way they went about getting them back was wrong. Lives were lost and the economy was sent into a tailspin. The exchange rate was \$1 for 7,000 pesos when Brewster went to Argentina in September, 1981. The exchange rate is currently \$1 for 28,000 pesos, or four times as much.

Brewster remembers that one day gasoline and liquor taxes went up about 30 percent. Altogether, the two taxes probably doubled, he said.

Still, Brewster is cautiously optimistic about the future of the country. He respects the Argentines for not having accepted Soviet Union support during the Malvinas crisis. He expects the government to change from a military regime to a democracy in the near future. People were disillusioned with the government when the truth about the Malvinas came out.

The Argentines have many natural resources, including land and natural gas. They are an educated people, and to Brewster's surprise, the middle class is predominant, and not as poor as we in the United States might think.

There are three kinds of schools in Argentina. They include commercial (business), technical and general. Brewster attended a general school the first six months, and missed the freedom to pursue fields of interest. All students take the same classes, with no electives. Brewster feels the people have a good general education, although they lack specialization.

"Everything that's extra (in the U.S.) they don't have," Brewster said.

He also studied "motors" at a technical school.

"In general, I felt safe in Argentina," Brewster said. It's normal for teen-aged youngsters to go out at midnight on weekends, and stay out, at a discotheque, for example, until 4 or 5 a.m. Walking down the street at night in Buenos Aires is no problem, according to Brewster.

If there is a legal age for drinking, it is not enforced, although Brewster said it is not a problem there. "The kids would go out and drink a beer, maybe, but it was no big deal," he said. More young people there smoke cigarettes than here, he believes.

The families were closer there than here, he said, with meals still taken together. Women are always greeted with a kiss on the cheek.

"After three months I had a dream I was back for my graduation from high school. All the teachers started coming up to me and I was greeting them with a kiss on the cheek. By then I knew I was pretty much in the culture of Argentina."

He visited coastal cities such as Mar de Plate and San Bernardo

(which reminded him of Seaside), and a farm village 300 miles west of Buenos Aires, Quiroga.

He went to Uruguay to visit a friend and visited Montevideo, the capital, a coastal city where they did some mountain climbing, and Punta del Este, a "famous tourist town with some of the nicest water in the world."

He spent his last month away in Mexico, where he was joined by his sister, Carrie. There he visited Sara Gabriela Cisneros, who was recently selected Miss Puebla, an honor similar to being selected Miss Oregon. Cisneros was an exchange student at SUHS last year.



Alex Brewster

"The food there was really excellent," he said. Argentina is an exporter of grain and meat.

"The first six months I was there I was with a family that really liked to eat meat," Brewster said. "The first six months I ate about three steaks a day. I just couldn't believe it—they just kept feeding me steaks."

He also enjoyed the Argentina barbeque, or asado. "I don't know why it was different, but I really loved that."

Dulce de leche, a "creamy, caramel mixture," was also good, as was the traditional Argentine drink, mate, a kind of a tea sipped through a metal straw with a filter on it.

He also gained an appreciation for South American coffee. "After every meal you would have just a little cup of coffee," Brewster said. "I think it was just to settle your stomach after eating so much grease."

He now feels comfortable with his ability to use the language, although he admits he may not always use it in a grammatically-correct way. He intends to pursue the study of Spanish.

He plans to study international business in college, and would like to be a diplomat, although he realizes he's setting his goals "kind of high."

He was disappointed with the American embassy in Argentina. "Every time I went in there I just came out frustrated," he said.

He plans to study at Stanford or Pepperdine, and would like to study Spanish at the Universidad de las Americanas in Mexico.

In the immediate future, he'll put together a slide show and will be available to speak to interested groups.

For now he can enjoy the company of his family and friends, as well as know the confidence that comes from having been a stranger in a different land, and having coped with the experience.

Vehicle totaled, arson suspected

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Motor vehicle accidents and fires

related to motor vehicles occupied the time of the Hoodland Rural Fire Department this past week, along with nine first aid assists.

On Sunday, July 25, the department's medics assisted at a two-car non-injury accident west of Government Camp on Highway 26, near Snowbunny Lodge.

At 4:30 a.m. on Monday, July 24, firefighters responded to the report of a truck fire, east of the town of Zig Zag on Highway 26.

Upon arrival, Hoodland Fire Chief Don Armintrout said firefighters discovered the brakes on a semi-truck and trailer had gotten hot and caught fire. The truck was loaded with lumber.

The fire caused minimal damage. At 1:30 p.m. that same day firefighters assisted a 30-year-old male who had crashed his motorcycle on Timberline Road, above Government Camp.

Armintrout said the driver suffered miscellaneous lacerations and abrasions, as well as a head injury, in the accident, but refused transporta-

tion to a hospital.

Friday night, July 23, a passerby called the department and reported that a motor vehicle was on fire just east of the Hoodland Station on Highway 26.

Armintrout said upon arrival firefighters discovered a 1966 Mazda near the driveway of the Alpine Hilton, "fully involved." The driver of the vehicle was not present.

Due to the smoke and explosions accompanying the fire, Armintrout said Highway 26 was blocked off until 11:07 p.m., or over an hour.

The fire was started after flammable liquids were poured over the vehicle and ignited, said Armintrout. The vehicle was a total loss.

Arson has been determined to have been the cause and the case is currently under joint investigation by the Oregon State Police arson division and the Hoodland Fire Department.

This is third motor vehicle fire since Jan. 8 that has been attributed to arson. Each of the fires were started with flammable liquids.