

Marathon to benefit 2 charities

The Jimmie Heuga Timberline Express, an all-day ski marathon, will be held at Timberline Lodge on Jan. 17.

The marathon is intended to benefit two organizations that can help save and restore quality to many lives: the Mountain Signal Memorial Fund and the Jimmie Heuga Center.

Timberline is one of 13 U.S. ski resorts participating in the event. Thirty teams will try to raise the most money for the two charities and to ski the most vertical footage.

The 30 teams, each of which has three members, hope to raise over \$30,000 and ski 1 million vertical feet in the eight-hour span. The winning team will receive an expense-paid trip to the finals at the Vail, Colo., Express in March.

The two organizations both try to improve the quality of skiing. But they work in different ways.

The Mountain Signal Memorial Fund was formed on May 17, 1966, in Portland, just two days after the worst climbing tragedy in Mount Hood's history. Nine members of an Oregon Episcopal School climbing party lost their lives in that tragedy.

Craig Petrie, co-founder of the memorial fund and operations director of the Mount Hood Ski Patrol, said the tragedy could have had a different outcome.

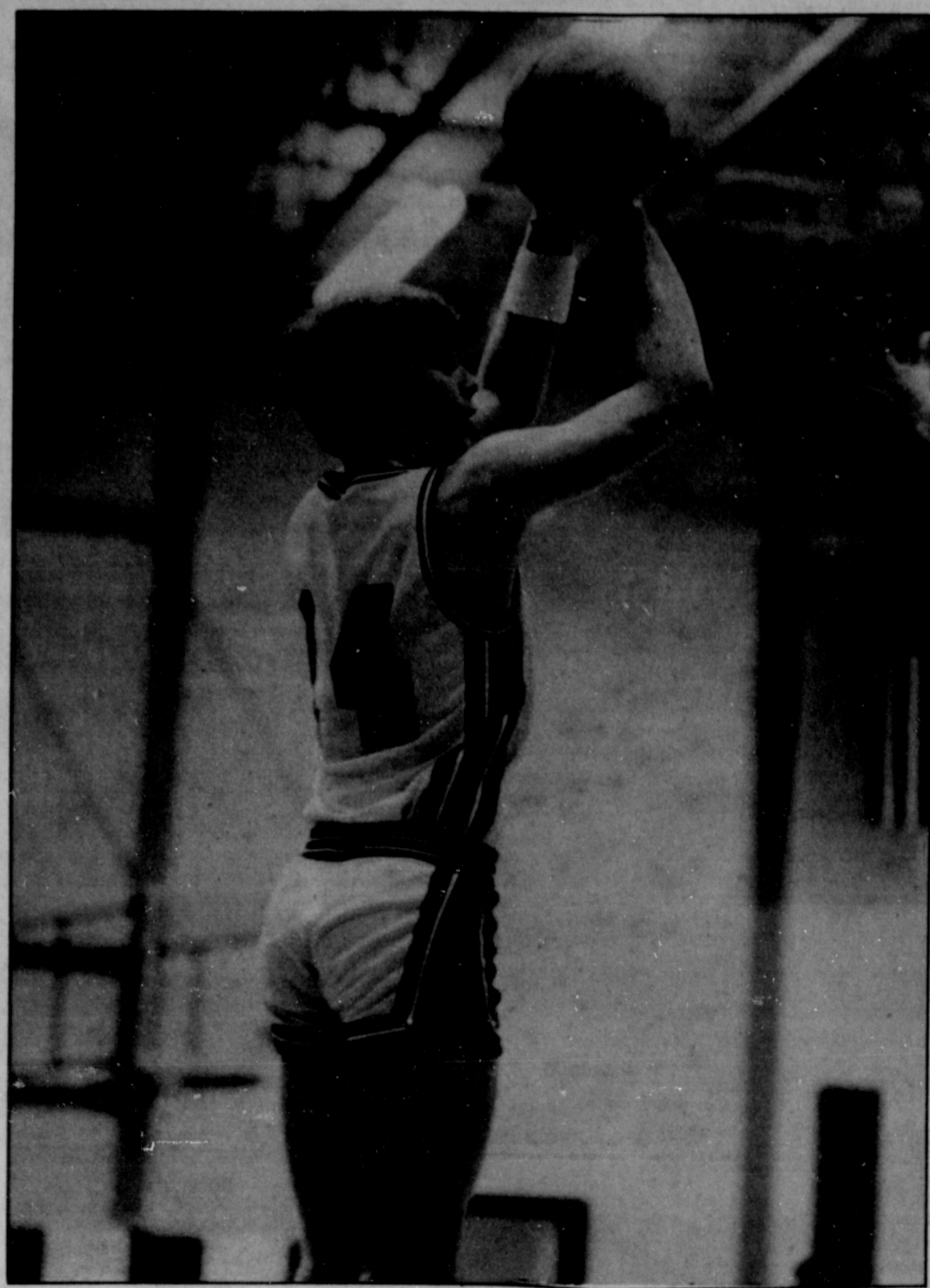
"If the group had had a signaling device, lives would have been saved," he said.

To date, the fund has received donations of approximately \$21,000.

The other charity that will be supported at the Timberline Express is the Colorado-based Jimmie Heuga Center for the Reanimation of the Physically Challenged.

This organization was established in 1984 by Jimmie Heuga, 1964 Olympic skiing medalist, who was stricken in 1968 with multiple sclerosis, a disease of the brain and spinal cord.

After six years of inactivity, during which time Heuga's health declined drastically, he decided to disregard standard medical wisdom and fight the disease with a program of exercise.



Tony Hale puts up a baseline shot during Sandy's Friday home game against Hillsboro. The Spartans downed the Pioneers 78-63 in non-league competition.

Sandy boys beat Gophers

Playing in its first road game against a Mount Hood Conference opponent, the Sandy boys' basketball team took an early lead Tuesday night against Gresham and buried the Gophers 54-43.

The Pioneers, behind the 10-point opening quarter surge by guard Brad Searls, took an 18-6 first-period lead. Going into the second, Sandy had managed a 24-6 advantage.

"The kids did a good job, especially defensively," said coach Dan Brisbin, whose Pioneers evened their record to 1-1 in the MHC and 4-4 overall. "Brad Searls did a good job in getting to the basket."

Searls led all players in scoring with 18 points. Tony Hale added 12 and Randy Lamm had 10 for Sandy.

"Tony Hale and Randy Wheeler really worked the boards hard," Brisbin said following the victory. "We started off the game real strong. Somebody told me we missed only one shot in the first quarter. I don't know if that's true or not, but we did shoot really well in the first."

At the half, Sandy had a 28-15 lead. In the second half, the Pioneers allowed just two points more than they scored, winning 54-43.

It was Sandy's first win in the conference this year. Brisbin said he was pleased with the result but thinks the team has more potential than it has shown. "It feels good, but we need to get a lot more of them," he said of the win. "Our main goal was to establish an early lead. We did that."

Sandy will face Reynolds at home Friday night. The Lancers are among the favorites to win the MHC title. Brisbin and company will have their hands full, but Tuesday night's win may be instrumental in setting the game's tempo. In earlier action, the Pioneers lost Friday to the Hillsboro Spartans in Sandy's final non-league contest of the season.

Hillsboro took advantage of Sandy's miscues in the third quarter, taking a six-point lead going into the fourth period. Once the Spartans took their first lead, they never allowed Sandy to lead by more than one point. They took control of the ballgame midway into the final quarter and won 78-63.

Sandy started off the game in fine fashion, getting three quick buckets in just 52 seconds, taking a 6-0 lead. The Pioneers pulled out to a 12-5 advantage off a fast break scoring opportunity for Lamm, who, along with Hale, had 12 points.

The Pioneers held a 22-18 lead at the end of the first period. Sandy managed to hold its own in the second quarter. Hale got four quick points in the opening 30 seconds. Then, with 6:47 to go in the half, guard Gerald Hale assisted guard Chris Palmer to two points as Sandy took a deceptively comfortable 30-18 lead.

At 1:58 to go in the half, Sandy was up 40-29. In those final two minutes, the Pioneers surrendered eight points, maintaining a 40-37 halftime lead.

After the intermission, Hillsboro ran off another eight unanswered points. Sandy went scoreless for five minutes before forward Matt Flisram connected on a 14-foot shot, pulling the Pioneers to within three, 45-42.

Palmer then scored four straight and, with 3:57 to go in the third, Sandy regained a 45-45 lead. In the next 33 seconds, both teams exchanged a bucket apiece, Sandy taking its final lead of the game 48-47.

Hillsboro went on a 11-4 rampage to end the third quarter, then outscored Sandy in the fourth 20-11, winning 78-63.

"We played well at times," Brisbin said. "We just went to sleep at other times."

He added that the Spartans were a good ball club, and his team could not afford to make the mistakes it made.

"We lost our intensity," Brisbin said.

Sandy High girls suffer 39-34 defeat

by DAVE MAGNUSON
Post writer

Sandy girls' basketball coach John Smith probably has not had to watch as emotional a game as he did Tuesday night.

Unfortunately for Smith, he had to watch his team show emotion in a losing cause against the Gresham Gophers in Sandy's first Mount Hood Conference competition of 1987. The Pioneers previously were undefeated in MHC action. But Sandy is now 3-1, one-half game behind the 4-1 Gophers.

"It's no fun accepting defeat," Smith said of the 39-34 defeat. "But it's a bitter pill we've got to swallow."

The color of that pill was blue — not navy blue, but Gresham Gopher blue. Forcing the pill down the Pioneers' throat was Sandy's failure to get the ball through the hoop at crucial times.

The Pioneers came out strong, successfully breaking down Gresham's unique 1-4 offense, which placed four Gophers on the baseline with one player in the backcourt. Smith countered with a 1-3-1 defense.

Defense was the key word in the first quarter. Sandy held Gresham scoreless through the first 7½ minutes of the game, while scoring only six. At the end of one quarter, Sandy had an 8-4 lead.

In the second quarter, the Pioneers held their biggest lead, taking a 17-11 advantage on a Renae Aschoff three-point play with 3:06 to go.

Then the Gophers' combination of Shellie Turner and Judy Risotto scored three points apiece in the

final three minutes, tying the game 17-17 at halftime.

In the third period, both teams were playing on an equal level as the game was tied three more times in a 4½-minute span. Gresham then took a 26-25 lead on Gopher guard Jeanne Selby's free throw. The Pioneers never regained the lead.

Sandy, however, did make the Gophers earn their first-place standing. At the end of three, Gresham had a 31-25 lead, which was a comfortable lead in a game not executed well offensively.

But with 2:52 to go in the final period, Pioneer forward Tanya Schwartz sank the first half of a one-and-one free throw attempt, pulling Sandy to within three, 35-32. After the second free throw missed, Pioneer forward Shanna Daniels chased down the offensive rebound, giving Sandy an opportunity to come within one point.

The Pioneers then turned the ball over, regained control on a steal, missed a shot and Sandy was called for a foul. Kellie Ronfeldt then sank both free throws for the Gophers, pulling them out to a 37-32 lead.

Sandy's opportunities were limited following that and Gresham went on to post a 39-34 win.

"We've got to play a little better (in the remaining games) than we did tonight," Smith said.

On Friday night, Sandy downed the Hillsboro Spartans on the road 65-52. In that game, Daniels scored 22, leading all scorers.

Sandy had a three-point lead at the end of third period, then blew away the Spartans in the final quarter, 20-10, winning the non-league contest.



Sandy guard Suzee Adkins (with ball) makes her way up the court in Tuesday night's 39-34 home loss to the Gresham Gophers. To Adkins' left is teammate Renae Aschoff (32) and to her right is Gresham defender Judy Risotto.

Smith's life has its focus in the water

by DAVE MAGNUSON
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Finding only one hat that would fit Sandy Aquatic Center Director Mark Smith would be a difficult task.

Smith has so many responsibilities associated with swimming that sometimes he gets swamped in his work.

But he is someone who, after completing a job well done, refuses to take full credit. In fact, it is just another day at the office. A 13-hour day at the office — plus weekends.

"I work from 6:00 in the morning," Smith says, "and I leave here at either 6:45 or 7:00 at night. Weekends I'm at the (Blue Marlin Aquatic Club) swim meets; not all weekends but the majority of them."

His primary task is the direction of the Sandy Aquatic Center. The duties involved with this occupation would probably be enough to sustain most people. In his job, Smith is three things: a supervisor, an administrator and a teacher.

"It's three-fold in regards to the operation of a regular school day," Smith says of his job description during school months. "That takes quite a bit of my time. Running a facility during the school year and teaching classes takes a good amount of my time."

During the summer, his job is to teach people in the Sandy-area community about water safety, not just in the swimming pool, but anywhere water is involved.

Smith says he would not want to be anywhere else.

"From the various school districts I've worked for, this school district is by far an outstanding district," Smith says. "I take pride in being a part of such a tremendous program offered in the community of Sandy."

While his work at the Sandy Aquatic Center is Smith's primary concern, that is only the first hat he wears. He also coaches the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club and the Sandy High School swim teams. In addition to that, Smith is an assistant coach for an elite national women's water polo team, which prepares swimmers for the Olympics.

Smith says it is an honor to be



Mark Smith

chosen as an assistant coach for the national team. His duties as an assistant are to help select nine women swimmers out of as many as 45 invited entries from 18 northern states. Those invited must be able to compete in national water polo competitions. The selection will be done in Sandy this summer. So far, the Olympics do not incorporate women's water polo, but Smith believes that may change soon.

"In the United States, we're working towards building up an area of competency to establish a strong women's team through this type of development," Smith says.

Despite wearing his many hats, Smith seeks neither community glorification nor self-glorification. Instead, he wants only to help others.

Why does Smith devote so much time to swimming?

"I believe that competitive swimming builds courage and integrity," he says. "And I believe that should be learned at the youngest age possible. Through this building of courage and integrity can be learned mental discipline, desire, dedication and determination."

"If (swimming students) can learn these attributes at this young age, then it's going to make them develop into stronger individuals, stronger adults," Smith says.

Scoreboard

Pioneers 65, Spartans 52

at Hillsboro, Friday, Jan. 2

SANDY 65 — Shanna Daniels 22, Adkins 6, Rowland 11, Aschoff 2, Coleman 16, Crampton 8. HILLSBORO 52 — Debbie McNally 12, Dean 10, Moore 8, Willey 8, Connors 5, Powell 3, Nylander 6, Dayton, Clites, Bush, Lynch, Morin.

SANDY 13 18 14 20-45

Hillsboro 11 17 14 10-52

Spartans 78, Pioneers 63

at Sandy, Friday, Jan. 2

HILLSBORO 78 — Eric Fowler 17, Edwards 12, Schreiner, Jukkala 11, Burt 9, Krumland 2, Landy 11, Karg 16, Holm, Eck. SANDY 63 — Tony Hale 12, Randy Lamm 12, G. Hale 6, Palmer 8, Searls 8, Wheeler 6, Nichols 9, Flisram 2, Anderson, Ford.

Hillsboro 18 19 21 20-78

SANDY 22 18 12 11-43

Pioneers 54, Gophers 43

at Gresham, Tuesday, Jan. 6

SANDY 54 — Brad Searls 18, T. Hale 12, Lamm 10, G. Hale 6, Wheeler 4, Flisram 4, Palmer, Ford. GRESHAM 43 — Mike Craven 14, Manley 8, Kearsley 6, Schulenberg 9, Williams 3, Klinger 2, Ramsey 1.

SANDY 18 10 8 18-34

Gresham 6 9 10 18-43

Gophers 39, Pioneers 34

at Sandy, Tuesday, Jan. 6

GRESHAM 39 — Shelley Turner 10, C. Jones 5, T. Jones 7, Selby 3, Risotto 8, Ronfeldt 6, King. SANDY 34 — Shanna Daniels 10, Lake 2, Adkins 2, Rowland 8, Aschoff 5, Crampton 6, Schwartz 1, Dose.

Gresham 4 13 14 8-39

SANDY 8 9 8 9-34

MOUNT HOOD CONFERENCE

Boys' basketball standings through Jan. 6

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Barlow	2	1	.667	—
Central Catholic	2	1	.667	—
David Douglas	2	1	.667	—
Gresham	2	1	.667	—
Columbia	1	1	.500	½
Reynolds	1	1	.500	½
Parkrose	1	1	.500	½
Centennial	2	2	.500	1½
Central Catholic	2	3	.400	2
Barlow	1	3	.250	2½
Columbia	1	3	.250	2½
David Douglas	1	4	.200	3

Friday, Jan. 2

x-SANDY 65, Hillsboro 52

x-Gresham 49, Aloha 44

x-Milwaukie 49, Barlow 31

Saturday, Jan. 3

x-Centennial 44, Forest Grove 40

x-South Salem 51, Parkrose 48

x-Milwaukie 39, Reynolds 32

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Gresham 39, SANDY 34

Central Catholic 35, Barlow 33

Parkrose 50, Centennial 48, OT

Columbia 48, David Douglas 34

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x-Hillsboro 78, SANDY 63

Saturday, Jan. 3

x-Centennial 89, Forest Grove 55

x-McNary 69, Parkrose 39

x-Molalla 56, Gresham 54

x-Lake Oswego 60, David Douglas 40

Tuesday, Jan. 6

SANDY 54, Gresham 43

Barlow 71, Central Catholic 60

Parkrose 73, Centennial 47

David Douglas 61, Columbia 40

x-Reynolds 51, Molalla 47

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AP BOYS' BASKETBALL POLL

No.	Team	(1st)	Votes
1.	Redmond	(8)	112
2.	McNary	(2)	108
3.	Sunset	(2)	101
4.	Corvallis		79
5.	South Salem		61
6.	Jefferson		53
7.	Lakeridge		48
8.	Lake Oswego		43
9.	Grant		21
10.	Benson		11
OTHERS — Crater 5, South Eugene 5, South Medford 4, Ashland 3, Willamette 2, Beaverton 2, Bend 1, Mazama 1.			

AP GIRLS' BASKETBALL POLL

No.	Team	(1st)	Votes
1.	Oregon City	(8)	116
2.	South Eugene	(4)	112
3.	St. Mary's		89
4.	Tigard		73
5.	Lake Oswego		59
6.	Corvallis		57
7.	Glencoe		45
8.	North Bend		30
9.	Marshall		18
10.	Mazama		9
tie Sprague			
OTHERS — SANDY 8, Sunset 7, Aloha 6, Churchill 6, Roseburg 5, Wilson 5, LaGrande 3, Lakeridge 2, GRESHAM 1.			