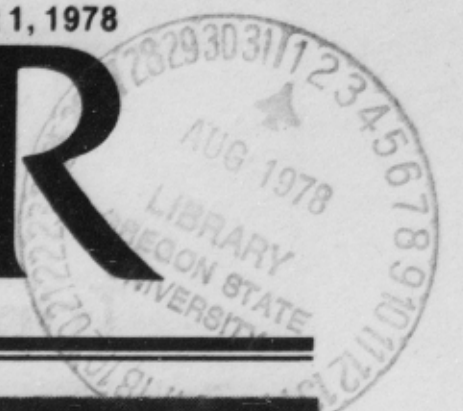


the summer BAROMETER



His goal is Calgary, Alberta and promoting physical fitness

By NICK DASCHEL
Barometer Writer

The phone rang at approximately 9:30 a.m. Monday morning, with the voice of Dennis Godby on the dialing end of it, asking for a feature story to be done on himself.

The staffers thought he was crackers.

He then said he was going to run 1600 miles from Corvallis, Oregon to Calgary, Alberta in 42 days.

The staffers thought for sure he was crackers.

Perhaps everybody else who knows or has heard of Dennis Godby thinks he's crazy, too. But Godby doesn't think he's crackers; in fact, he's deadly serious.

Godby is running the 1600 mile trek for several reasons — to promote aerobic fitness and nutrition for one. Another is to promote running for physical fitness for adults. "And to see what kind of stress the body can take," he adds.

The trip will start in Corvallis on August 10 and some 42 days later, Godby hopes to set foot in Calgary (September 21). That's right, 1600 miles — that figures to be about an average of 39 miles of running and walking a day. Ouch!

The trip will consist of a run up Highway 99W to Portland; he will then move to Highway 30 to Longview Wash. Instead of running Interstate 5 to Seattle, Godby will take roads just parallel to I-5. From Seattle he will run eastward to Canada; then go through Lake Louise, Jasper, Edmonton, then finally Calgary.

Why such a wild route to Calgary? "The scenery," Godby says. "It's some of the most beautiful in the world, I understand."

Godby, 22, is a senior in Health and P.E., but would rather be known as someone who is majoring in "Industrial Physical Fitness."

Last week Godby went to LaCrosse, Wisconsin and passed a test which made him a graded exercise technician. Which is another reason for Godby's willingness for making the extensive tour of the northwestern part of North America.

"I'll be doing a research project on the run," Godby said. He will keep a journal of most everything he does. His research will be on the prolonged effects of stress on the human body. He will keep track of everything he eats by grams, his body weight, liquid consumption, take pre- and post-run stress tests and check his heart rate.

Godby lists the food he will eat mainly as tuna, orange juice, milk, peanut butter, whole

wheat bread, bananas, prunes and fresh fruit. He plans to pick up most of this food every other day or so along the trip at grocery markets along the way. He figures to burn around 6-7,000 calories per day, or one-half pound of weight.

He will travel fairly light considering he will be on the road, no pun intended, for 42 days. Godby will carry two belt packs, a change of clothes, and a sleeping bag plus a few other small things.

The cost? Seven hundred dollars, he figures, with most of that on the plane trip coming home from Calgary.

Back to running. Any jack of all trades but master of none can say, "well, I'm going to take me a short sprint up to Calgary, what the heck." And two miles, he is sucking his tongue back into his navel having second thoughts about what he just said.

But with Godby it's a bit different. He's been running for nearly five years. He's planned this trip for nearly a year in close consultation with Patrick O'Shea of the Oregon State Physical Education department. Godby has run about 100 miles every week since April, although he has cut it down to 80 as of late. He also made a 54 mile run to Newport in around eight hours in May (for you math buffs that's about eight to nine minutes to the mile). Also in preparation for the long hike, he's done some cycling.

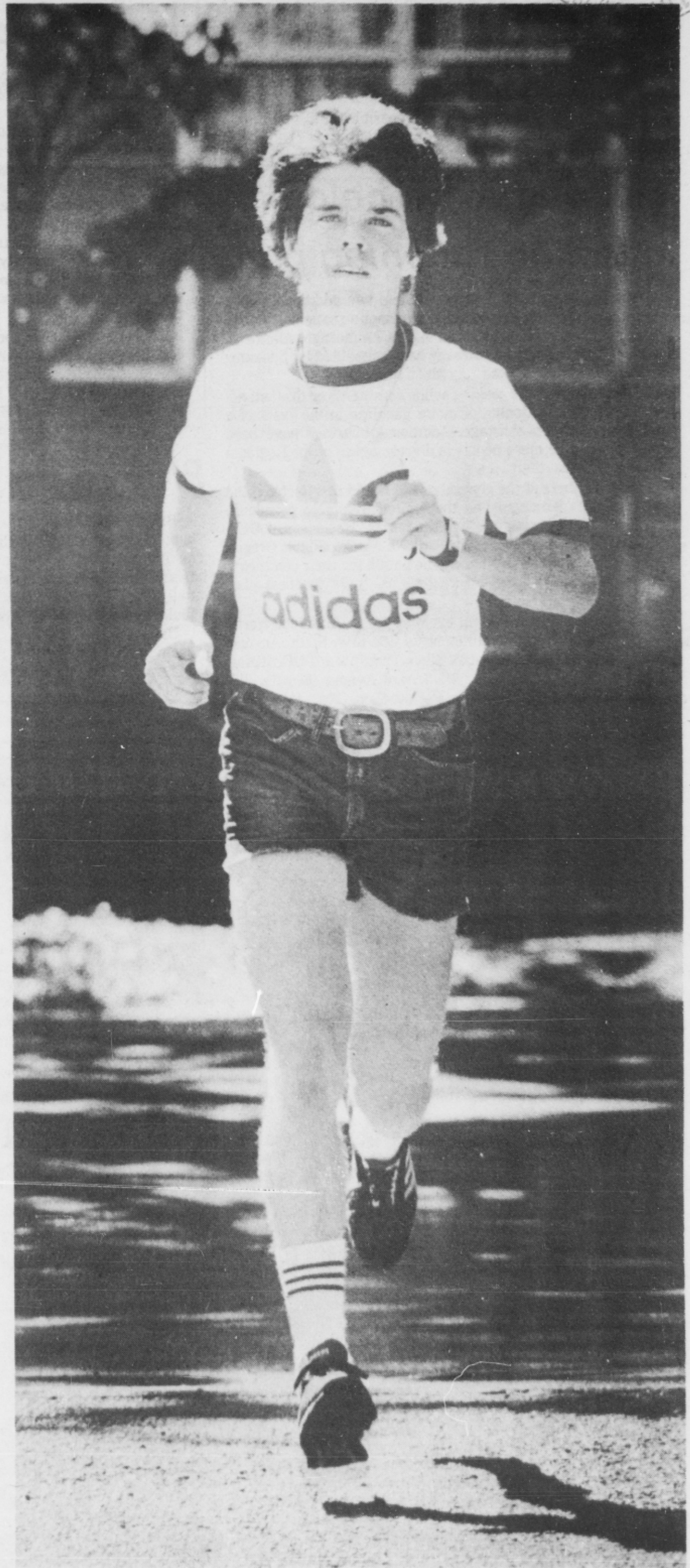
One of the big things Godby points out is that he is doing this trip ON HIS OWN. No campers behind to sleep in, no well wishers to scoot him on an extra mile, nobody to pump some water into his system, in fact, no one to run with period. That's the way he wants it.

"It might slow down my progress, and I wouldn't be able to make all of the decisions," Godby said.

Another thing that is of some interest is the run itself. If the well-built Godby is successful, he will hold the unofficial record for the longest run-walk in the United States with no support. Men have traveled farther distances with some assistance, Godby says, but none to his knowledge have gone 1600 miles unassisted.

After coming back from the trip Godby will entertain thoughts of completing his last term in college, which will mean graduation. He is currently taking classes during the summer term here at Oregon State.

Yes, the staffers do think that Godby is a little crackers about the trip. But the only crackers Godby is thinking about are the ones he'll be eating on the plane trip back from Calgary. Make that whole wheat, thank you.



Some runners are more ambitious than others; Dennis Godby has plans to run to Calgary, Alberta — by himself. (Photo by Paul Colvin)

weather

A strong high pressure system will continue to influence weather over the Pacific Northwest for the next several days. This means fair weather can be expected over all sections of the state, but temperatures will be cooler this week because of the continuation of air flow off the Pacific over western Oregon. This also raises the possibility of some morning cloudiness over most sections of Oregon over the next several days.

For Corvallis and vicinity: Brief morning clouds, otherwise sunny and warm today and again Wednesday. High today and Wednesday near 85; low tonight 55. Northerly winds 5-15 miles per hour, gusty in the late afternoon and evening hours.

Extended outlook: Thursday and Friday, morning clouds, otherwise sunny. High temperatures 80 to 85, lows mid and upper 50s.

Campus Scene

Trips and Tours

The last Trips and Tours will leave at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday to visit the Oregon Coast. The tour will visit the Marine Science Center in Newport and then go on down to Honeyman State Park to enjoy the sand dunes. Cost will be \$5.50 for bus fare and \$3.50 for a seafood lunch at Mo's restaurant on the waterfront.

People need to sign up as soon as possible for this tour in the MU Activities Center between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Hearing to be held on gasoline rationing plan

The Department of Energy will hold two additional public hearings on the proposed contingency gasoline rationing plan in Portland, Oregon on August 2nd and in Anchorage, Alaska on August 8th. A hearing has already been scheduled for Spokane, Washington on July 27, and July 28th if necessary.


The Department is seeking public comments on draft stand-by plans for the rationing of motor gasoline in the event of a national petroleum shortage. Additional hearings have been scheduled to give more people in diverse areas of the Region a chance to express their views.

"All members of the general public would be affected if the plan were implemented and the limited available petroleum supplies had to be shared," said Jack B. Robertson, DOE's Regional Representative for the States of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. "We are asking the public for their comments and suggestions to help ensure that we have the best plan possible."

The Portland hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the North Galleria Room, Portland Hilton Hotel, 921 S.W. Sixth. Anyone wishing to speak should contact Steve Thompson, DOE Region X, Room 1962 Federal Bldg., 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98174 or call (503) 221-3360 in Portland or (206) 442-7270 in Seattle.

Interested persons may also send written comments directly to Hearings Management, Department of Energy, Room 2313, Box TE, 2000 "M" St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20461 by 4:30 p.m. August 31, 1978.

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Pharmacists participate in telephone seminar

Oregon State University's school of pharmacy will offer a special statewide telephone seminar for nursing home nurses and pharmacists Aug. 2. The theme is "The Use and Control of Drugs in Nursing Homes."

So that there can be statewide participation, proceedings of the all-day seminar will be carried by telephone to 11 cities — Astoria, Bend, Coos Bay, Eugene, Klamath Falls, LaGrande, Medford, Pendleton, Portland, Roseburg and Salem.

Demonstration materials will be furnished in the meeting room in each city. The special telephone hook-up will permit questions from the attending at any of the sites and answers from the experts who will speak in OSU's Cordley Hall.

Oregon pharmacists must complete 15 credit hours of continuing education each year. The Aug. 2 session will provide six hours of credit. Registration fee at all sites is \$15. Co-sponsor with OSU is the Oregon Health Facilities, Services, Department of Human Resources.

Play to be performed

Billed as the farce of the summer, the Valley Round Barn Theater, Highway 34, Corvallis, has announced it production of *The Torchbearers* by George Kelly. Director Ken Richardson has assembled a seasoned cast to present this farcical look at a small town amateur theater group and their trials and tribulations as they strive to present a play.

Dates for the comedy are August 7 through the 12th with curtain time at 8:15 nightly. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Corvallis Arts Center at 752-0186 or Mary Lou Sinclair at 752-1005. Tickets are \$2.

Correct address needed

Homeowners or renters expecting property tax relief checks in October should make sure now that the Department of Revenue has their current, correct addresses. Property tax relief checks are sent annually to those qualifying for homeowner or renter relief or elderly rental assistance. Checks will be sent to the address listed on the refund form 70-R filed with the department unless a taxpayer has already notified the department of an address change.

Address changes must be received by the Department of Revenue by August 7 to be placed on the corrected mailing list. Mail address corrections to Refund, P.O. Box 14700, Salem, OR 97310 or telephone corrections by calling the department's toll-free statewide number, 1-800-452-2838.

People with address changes after the August 7 deadline should notify the Post Office and the Department of Revenue. If the check is returned, it can be sent out again using the new address.

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August 2 — Come join the OSU Folk Dance Club for an evening of international folk dancing from 7:30 to 10 p.m. on the bookstore patio. Beginners welcome. Dances from many different countries and levels will be done.

August 5 — Car wash and sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Garden Section entrance, Payless Circle Nine. Sponsored by the Love Assembly #75, Order of Rainbow Girls, to raise funds for performing service projects.

HEW to establish policy for student loan refunds

HEW's Office of Education proposed rules last week that would require each education institution participating in the Guaranteed Student Loan Program (GSLP) to have a fair and equitable refund policy.

Thus, if a student borrower left school before completing the education paid for by the guaranteed loan, any unused portion of the loan funds would be returned to the lender. This would reduce the amount of the student's loan debt.

Such a reduction also would mean lower costs to the federal government, since it would reduce the amount of interest on a special allowance the Office of Education (OE) pays to lenders on the outstanding balance of Guaranteed Student Loans. Further, the federal insurance obligation on defaulted loans would be less.

The proposed rules also set forth the criteria OE would use in determining whether a particular school's refund policy is fair and equitable. For example, the refund policy would have to take into consideration the period for which tuition, fees, and room and board had been paid; the length of time the student was enrolled; and both the kinds and amount of instructional equipment, and other services provided the student during his or her enrollment.

- In addition, the proposed rules:
- specify when a student's enrollment will be considered to have ended for the purposes of calculating a refund;
 - require that the refund be paid within 40 days after enrollment ends;
 - specify the minimum amount that must be refunded;
 - specify the portion of the total student aid refund that will be allocated to the guaranteed loan;
 - require that education institutions that close or change ownership make provisions for the payment of refunds that are due.

The proposed rules for the GSLP amend those published April 5, 1978, which did not include an institutional refund policy. However, the proposed regulation is the same as the refund policy currently effective for the Guaranteed Student Loan Program.

The public is invited to submit written comments within 45 days. Comments should be addressed to: Patricia Hopson, Guaranteed Student Loan Branch, DPPD, Bureau of Student Financial Assistance, Office of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

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Ride Along' gives different view

by DENISE O'HALLORAN
 Columnist Writer

Before you resent that officer for giving you a speeding ticket, consider what he has to go through each day.

Better yet, citizens of Benton County have the opportunity to see how the sheriff's department works through the "Ride Along" program.

The program, which has been on and off for the past four years, was revived last October and has been going strong since, according to deputy sheriff Larry McCloskey.

McCloskey is coordinator of the program which begins with a special orientation session. The rider is given a lesson in Benton County law structure, shown the various new facilities and finally told what he can expect during his ride. The rider then signs up for an evening.

The idea behind the "Ride Along" program is to give Benton County residents a chance to see how their tax dollars work and to gain a better understanding of county sheriff operations.

Photographer Paul Colvin and I decided to give the "Ride Along" program a try.

After signing up for a time I met with Deputy Sheriff Mike Stevenson, and we prepared for the ride. Stevenson

checked all equipment, the car and radio, then we proceeded.

The rider is expected to go with the sheriff as he makes his calls, which involved some stares, but it's all part of the experience. Our first job was to serve some subpoenas, which is a time-consuming task.

The true learning experience is in the police radio. The various codes and calls are confusing but fascinating once you get the hang of it. Eventually I learned our car code and so was always alert to calls pertaining to us.

One of the most hectic jobs in the department is that of the police operator. She handled all incoming emergency calls and all incoming and outgoing radio calls. On a busy night she could have up to a hundred calls in a half hour.

While driving along toward Albany, Stevenson suddenly drove into a driveway, turned around and sped down the highway after a pick-up truck. The reason: outdated license plates. An officer is trained to look at the driver, scan the car and check the license plates, all in a matter of seconds as the car speeds by. I tried it myself and it is nearly impossible.

A lot of the officers' hours are spent just driving, checking things out. Up to 35,000 miles are put on a car in

one year. Backtracking over an area constantly is common and calls will send the officer over the same area several times.

After an hour of driving, we were sent to investigate some gunshots at a home in Albany. The owner claimed that someone was target practicing and the shots were landing in their pool. We checked the areas but there was no sign of anyone.

The rider is trained to use the radio in case of an emergency situation that the deputy sheriff cannot handle. I was expected to keep an eye on our location at all times so I could report it in such a case.

Later, while cruising down Highway 20, we spotted an old bus parked at Adair County Park. Stevenson checked it out but according to county law, someone may camp in a county park as long as they wish. So not much happened there.

One thing I had always wondered was what it felt like to be breaking down people's backs on the highway instead of vice versa. Sitting in the patrol car you can feel the dirty looks and gazes of fear from motorists. But there are the friendly ones that wave as you pass.

Most of the time I had a hard time staying awake. It was certainly an uneventful night in Corvallis. But besides ar-

med robberies, murders, family squabbles and lost kids, an officer must also deal with long dull hours.

All in the line of duty.

After my two-hour ride, I thought about my experience going home. Even while I was being stopped for riding my bike without a light.

All in the line of duty.

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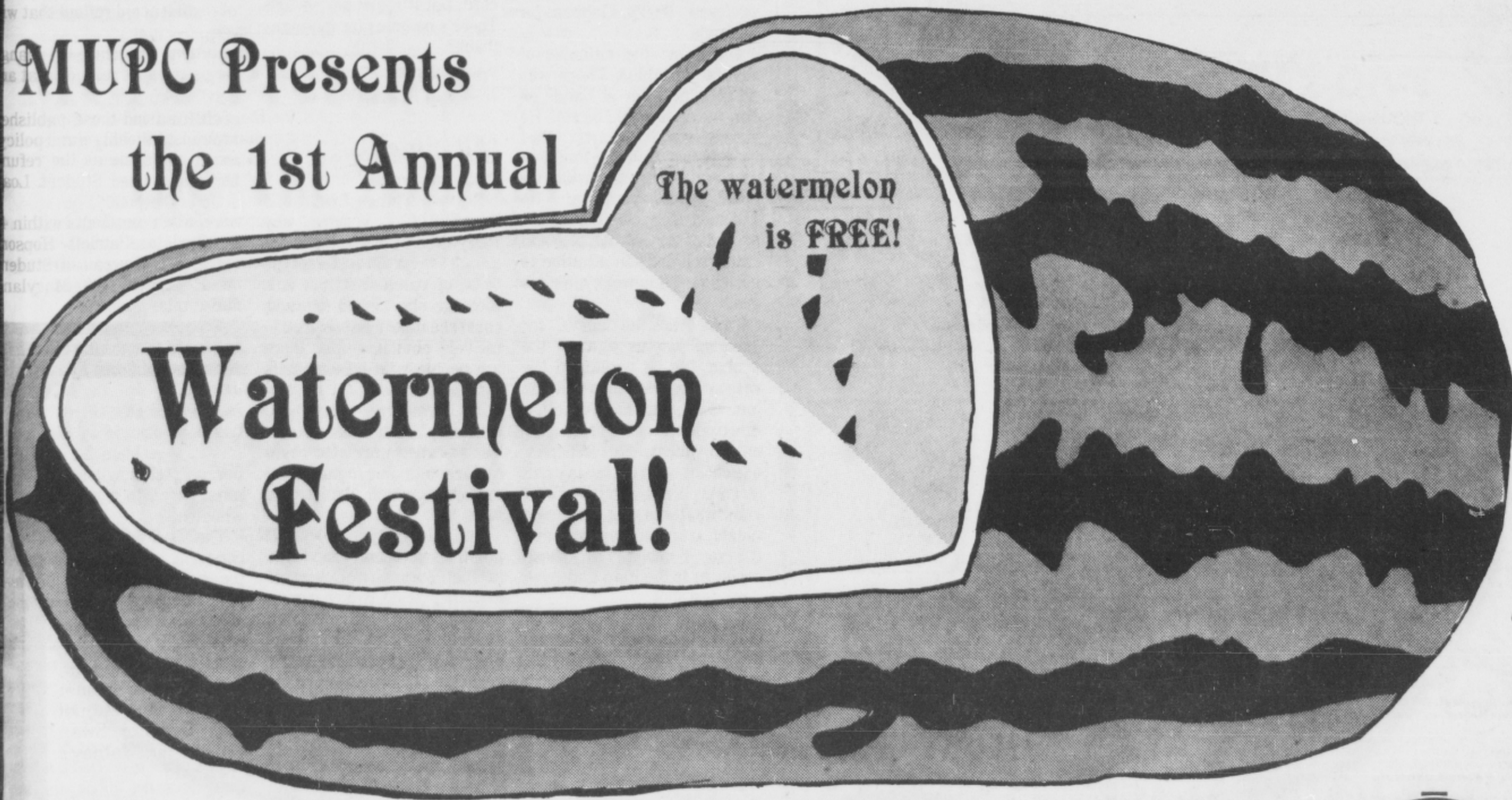
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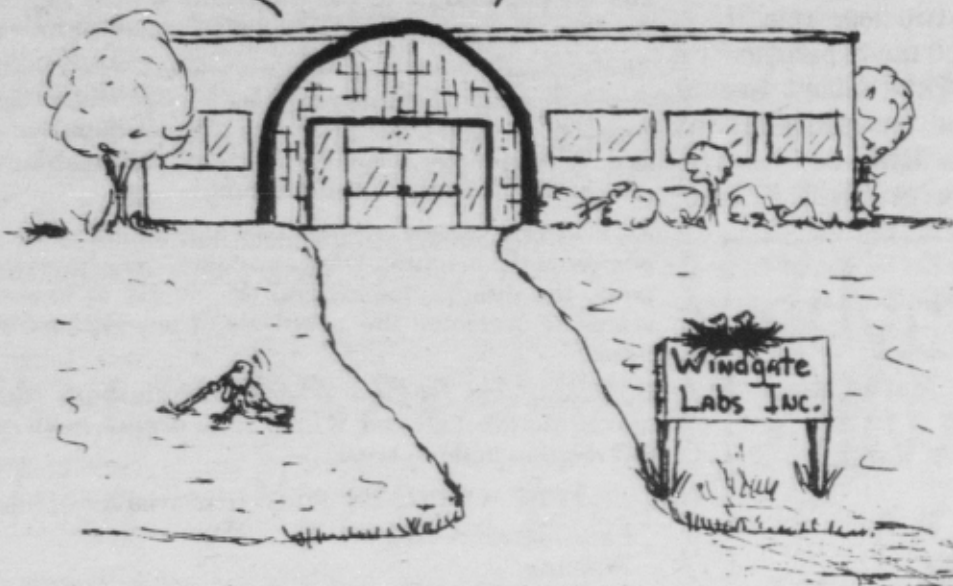
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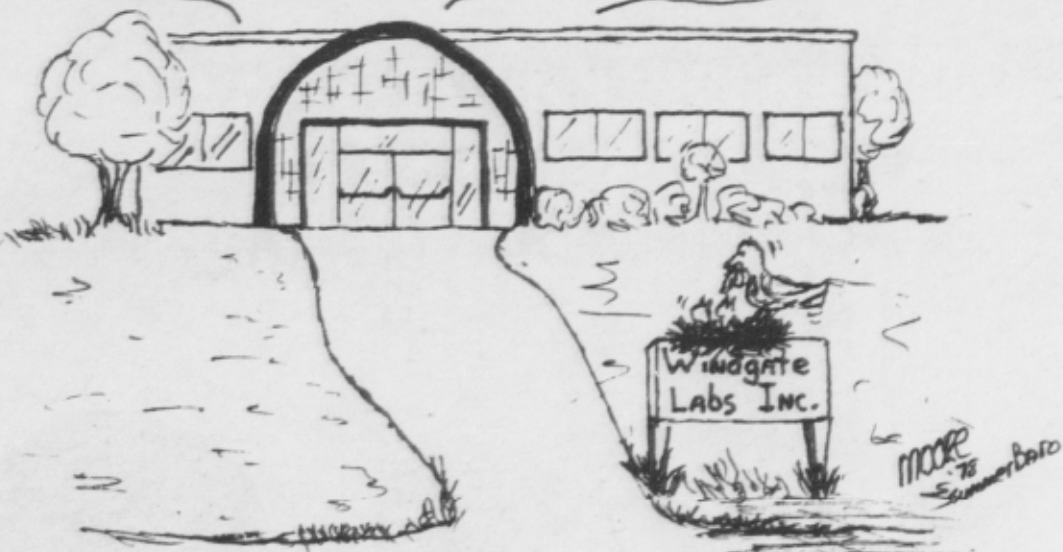
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Opinion

They'll be missed

We'll miss them.

Last week while driving to Bend, a young newlywed couple was killed in a head-on collision.

Not only was there shock and sadness because they died such a horrible way and at such a happy time in their lives, but the fact that they were OSU students brings the tragedy closer to home.

Michael J. Palmer and Rita

Crandell Palmer were wed only six days when their vehicle collided with a mobile home.

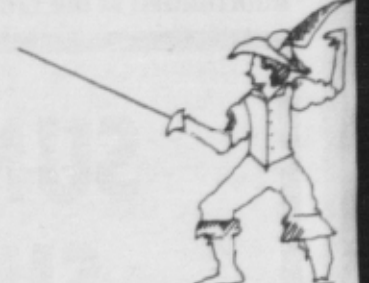
Both were active in Greek life. Mike was an ASOSU senator and Academic Affairs Director.

They will be missed by their families and friends. And their death should make life all the more precious to the rest of us.

We'll remember them. L.B., D.O.



fencing



'Holes' not enough

To the editor:

In these trying times of tenure and teacher evaluations it doesn't seem sufficient to secretly punch holes in cards for some calculating computer to scan and catalog. I know how tough it is to pick a name at course pre-registration without a tip from a trusted friend or some privileged information. And I know how difficult it sometimes is to get a handle on the man with the chalk before the drop date comes, especially if he's a pro. Take professor Harry Goheen for example.

I did, for the calculus of several variables. There was no note, no show of hands on how the class would be run. He simply stated clearly what he'd expect from us and just as clear and simple what we could expect from him. He assigned each one of us a seat according to our names and called roll daily in addition to assigning homework due for grade.

There was no curve for grading, just us against the course. Oh, he explained the reasons for the rules that he laid down, but not for class discussion, only for our enlightenment. He left only one choice up to us, to stay and learn or leave. Well, I didn't know what was supposed to be taught, let alone how to teach it, so I conceded those decisions to the man and gave it my best shot.

If I've given the impression that Goheen was didactic, demanding, and painfully precise, then I've told it pretty straight. But there is more than that that needs to be said in evaluating the man. He taught math, not "mathemagics". There were no tricks nor games nor traps for the unsuspecting, just facts and how to use them. His words were carefully selected and presented with an air as cold as the calculus he taught.

All this is on the record. Ask anyone in the class.

But there are those who may not know the man I met at Good Samaritan. Halfway through the summer term, I busted my appendix. They kept me tied in bed for weeks with intravenous rope, but while all the others there caught up on "I Love Lucy", I talked with Harry at the foot of the bed about the methods of LaGrange. Now I can't swear he was one and the same because at times I was delirious, but someone sure cared and I might make it through. I'll still punch the card, but it's just not enough. There's no holes for me to say thanks.

Fred Nove
Jr.—Civil Engr.

'All things'

To the editor:

Re "All Things Bright and Beautiful," I wonder why Patty Olson feels a movie (or a book) must fill a stereotype to be of value. But if it is a message she looked for, how could she miss what seemed to me very obvious — that there are people who love animals (and each other) not for any other reason than the creatures' individual worth. The so-called unrelated chain of incidents are actual true examples which depict this love.

Dr. Herriot, who still practices veterinary medicine in the Yorkshire Downs of England, wrote two charming books about his personal experiences in his own practice of veterinary medicine. The motion picture has selected from both books, capturing their charm, the charm of the countryside, the people, their lives and their animal friends. It was beautiful portrayal of life as it was lived in that area of the world in that era of time.

Dr. Herriot, incidentally, did go to war and returned to

resume his practice. The baby boy portrayed in the movie is now also a practicing veterinarian and his younger sister a practicing physician. And I personally feel certain that they bring the same love for life to their patients as their father brought to his.

Regina Long
9 NW Edgewood Drive

Consideration needed

To the editor:

As a blind person who gets around quite well, I am often asked, "How can you know when to cross the street?" It is the sound of traffic starting or stopping that gives me a cue that it is time to cross. Unfortunately, on and around the OSU campus, the only problem I have with getting around is figuring out how to avoid getting run down by a bicycle.

Up to this point, I have been narrowly missed upwards of ten times and actually struck twice. I have also heard that other sighted persons have had similar problems.

There is also a problem with regard to the parking of bikes. A number of times I have had difficulty in entering a building because the entrance has been blocked by bikes. If this is a problem for a blind person, just imagine what this must mean to a person in a wheelchair.

The long and short of my concerns is this: as a favor to the handicapped, would you bike riders please stay off the sidewalks as much as possible. If you must ride the sidewalks would you please slow down and give some warning to those you are approaching. Finally, would you please park your bikes in such a place and in such a way that does not block an entrance to a building or confuse an already all-too-confusing campus.

Brian Charlson
Sr.—Political Science

the BAROMETER

Free class available to adults

Oregon State University is looking for 25 adults who would like to take a free class fall term. They will be members of the Class of 79, an adult learning program now in its fifth year.

Members of the Class of 79 will pay no tuition, and receive no grades or credit. They

probably won't have to complete examinations or term papers. Each student will select the class best suited to his or her needs.

Applications are available from the OSU Counseling and Testing Center, Administrative Services 332, telephone 754-2131. Ap-

plications for fall term must be received no later than Monday, August 7.

"We're looking for adults who want to grow educationally. OSU would like to provide the opportunity for these motivated adults," said Debbie Hallander, program director and member of the OSU Counseling Center staff. The purpose of the Class of 79 is to expand educational opportunities to those not now served, said Hallander.

To qualify for the class, adults should be at least 25 years of age, out of school for several years, and have some college level experience. Members will be selected by a committee on the basis of application. Past participants in the program are asked not to re-apply.

Bibliographies added

The Library Information Retrieval Service (LIRS) at the Kerr Library has added a number of data bases to its files and can now provide bibliographies from the following sources: the Modern Language Association Bibliography, the files of the National Information Center for Educational media including the NIMIS file which describes materials for the handicapped, the Environmental Periodicals Bibliography, International Pharmaceuticals Abstracts and World Textile Abstracts.

With these additions, LIRS has access to over 85 data bases in a variety of subject areas. Interested persons can obtain more information at the Library reference desks.

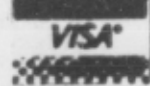
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Sports Roundup

Regionally and Nationally Abroad...

BASEBALL-Pete Rose singled in the bottom of the sixth inning Monday night against the Atlanta Braves to run his consecutive hit string to 44. Rose has beaten all previous straight hit record except the one he is in quest of at the moment--Joe DiMaggio's 56 hit string in 1941.

Billy Martin was rehired as skipper of the New York Yankees Saturday--the catch being he won't manage until the 1980 season. Bob Lemon, Martin's replacement, will

manage the club this season and next.

Kansas City has won 14 of its last 16 games and has taken a firm grip on first place in the American League West. KC ripped Boston, the American League East leader, in five of six contests during the string.

Ron Guidry continued his mastery over American League batters as he ran his league leading record to 15-1 with a 4-0 victory over Kansas City.

The Portland Beavers split three twinbills with the Vancouver Canadians during the weekend and managed to

hold onto first place over Tacoma, whom the Beavers lead by 1½ games.

SOCCER-Portland won its only game of the week, a 2-1 triumph over the Dallas Tornado. The Timbers have clinched a spot in the NASL playoffs, and could clinch a home field birth with a win over Seattle.

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Study or picnic at Alsea Falls

By JAMIE STROHECKER
Montage Writer

"Alack and alas," I thought as the caboose of summer term wheeled into town with its gargantuan load of unfinished term projects.

"I've got everything, including time, to get these spur of the moment masterpieces completed," I concluded. "Everything but a place to work."

Moreover, since the many fine study cubicles within biking distance around Corvallis have become incompatible with my roommates and my lifestyle (the hay of Avery Park was last

watered in the rains of April and the splinter-riddled crew docks have become a rousting grounds for the water-pistol wielding Campus Security), I decided upon a locale without the distractions normally non-conducive to study.

Alsea Falls. Nestled in the heart of our beloved Willamette-Coast Valley, the Alsea rolls along its soft-spoken path to this tumble-down shack of aging rocks — offering a free shower to the surrounding air.

Though the mellow-yellow river above and below delivers a mere snail-paced aqua meandering to carouse and cavort in, the falls shout their beckonings over the noise swallowing of the surrounding undisturbed woods.

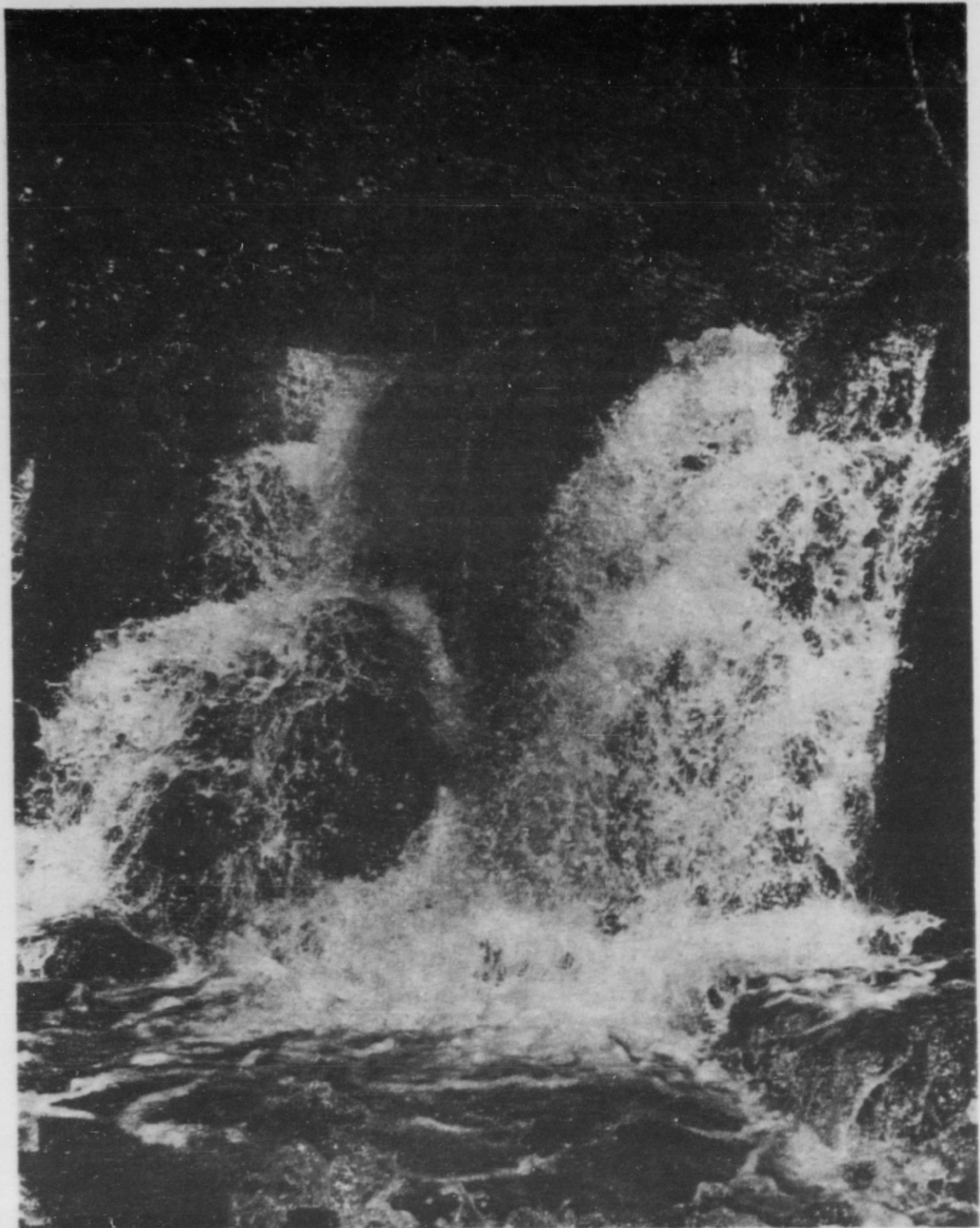
Established as a recreation area, Alsea Falls offers nearly everything a semi-estudious

student could wish for: flat and solid picnic tables without the common, though sometimes intriguing, "Curt digs Betty Jo" etchings marring their surfaces. And, while other parks with neither the beauty nor the solitude line the picnic benches up end to end, the Alsea Falls setting offers separate barbecue and fire pits, coupled with the tables.

Snaking through the woods parallel to the river are numerous rambling pathways — existing with eons of time offerings to walk off any of those occasional "finals-cram jitters." Inspiration, sometimes linked to laziness, abounds as you travel these dirt paths — thereby filling your brain like Christmas ... with visions of sugarplum 'A's' dancing in your head amidst the last-minute project revelations.

Because this trip involves a little more initiative and planning than just a hot jaunt to the library (head west to Alsea and follow the signs left to Alsea Falls), why not take along a friend?

With a little imagination, a checkered tablecloth and a suitable beverage, the study excursion can magically alter itself into a good time (depending on whether you dropped that economics class while you still had the chance).



Alsea Falls would be a great place to study if there weren't so many other things to enjoy. (Photo by Jamie Strohecker)

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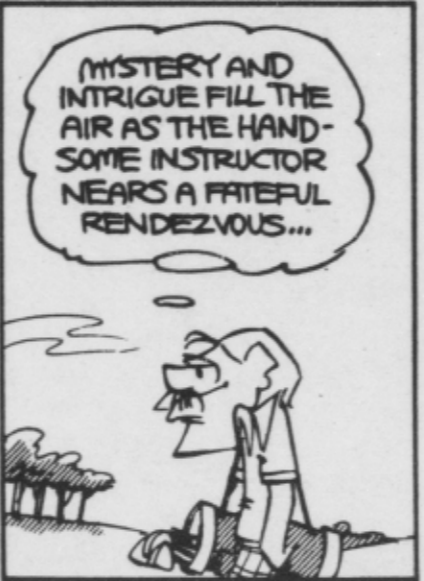
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McDonald Forest—OSU's largest research lab

By MARILYN HARRIS
Barometer Writer

When one thinks of Oregon State University, it is usually just the main campus, or "College Hill," that comes to mind.

Some remember to include the agriculture buildings at the west end of campus and the track and athletic field to the south.

What most forget is that an 11,000 acre forest curving around the northern and western edges of Corvallis is also part of Oregon State.

Called McDonald, or "Mac," Forest, its purpose is to provide an outdoor laboratory where students can learn and apply forestry techniques. It's also a place to hike, go horseback riding and unwind for a few hours.

In his office in Peavy Hall, Marvin Rowley, manager of OSU School Forests, stood before a large map of this "laboratory" and potential recreation site. His hand ran over the map, picking out points with a quick familiarity.

Rowley graduated from the OSU School of Forestry in 1950 and since that time has been working in forests within a 150-mile radius of Corvallis. Before taking on his present job five years ago, he spent 19 years working on stand improvement on Christmas tree farms.

Now he supervises the research projects in McDonald Forest and oversees the maintenance of the area.

"The basic use of McDonald Forest is for education. I guess it's used by every school in the university except business," Rowley said with a grin.

He explained that agriculture, engineering, biology and forestry students all use the area for research work. Marine biology students even dip their nets into Cronemiller Lake, a salamander haven near Peavy Arboretum. The forest is also a popular place for the OSU cross country team runs.

In addition to students, 15,000 to 20,000 visitors a year use McDonald Forest for hiking, picnicking, hunting and other activities. It is also a favorite site for woodcuts. Last year Rowley sold permits for approximately 1,300 cords of wood.

Since the chief purpose of McDonald Forest is research, it is limited to day use. Fires and camping are not allowed.

Motorized vehicles are also prohibited in the forest. Rowley does issue permits to people who need automobiles to reach

research sites and special activities.

Entrances to the forest are located on Oak Creek Road, at Peavy Arboretum and on Sulphur Springs Drive. Parking is available at all three entrances.

The hillsides now so popular with researchers, runners and townspeople were not always covered by Douglas fir trees, according to Rowley.

"Most of our ownership is in 140-year-old timber. At the time the white pioneers came into the valley, this was an open oak forest," he explained.

"The Indians used to burn the area to improve the hunt. More open fields provided better grazing lands for the game," he added.

McDonald Forest had its beginnings as a small tract of land along Highway 99W, seven miles north of town, at the present site of Peavy Arboretum. It was purchased in 1923 under the guidance of George W. Peavy, dean of the School of Forestry. Prior to the acquisition, forestry students hiked to Avery Park and sometimes as far as Mary's Peak for their field laboratories.

In 1925 an additional 80 acres was purchased by the university. In 1930 Mary J.L. McDonald, widow of a San Francisco lumberman, made the first of several donations which led to the purchase of 5,100 acres. Smaller additions since then brought the acreage to 6,800.

The remaining 4,200 acres, known as the Dunn Forest, were acquired from the federal government after World War II. The areas had been part of the Camp Adair complex.

Only a few small additions have been made in recent years, according to Rowley.

"We have more than enough land to keep us busy and satisfy our needs for research," he said.

A few of the old growth timber areas have been left in reserve for educational purposes, but 90 percent of McDonald Forest has been thinned or logged, Rowley explained.

McDonald and Dunn Forests grow enough sawtimber each week to build eight three-bedroom homes. The forest contains about 142 million board feet of timber, of which three million are harvested annually.

The income from McDonald Forest logging operations goes to the university.

Logged areas are replanted carefully, and are used for testing new reforestation methods.

"We work toward a model. As a demonstrational forest we show new forest practices and good techniques in forest management. It becomes an area where we can take state foresters and show them new techniques," Rowley said.

"With controversies like herbicides, we should be able to demonstrate their use and show by our results whether the reports about their ill effects are true," he added.

Deer create a stumbling block for many of the reforestation projects. In 1953 the school started opening the forest to hunting in an effort to control an overpopulation of deer. Since then it has been open to hunting every year for two to six days. Hunters take out an average of 300 deer a year.

"Last year they took 205; I would like to have seen them take 400. There are too many deer now. Last year 45 percent of the new trees planted were browsed," Rowley said.

An estimated 2,200 deer live in McDonald Forest, according to Rowley.

Of utmost concern to Rowley, however, is increasing urban pressure on the forest. Homes now border much of McDonald Forest.

"Homeowners are demanding services and want a say in our practices, which could change some of our methods," Rowley said.

He cited access gates as an example. In an area where the fence which surrounds the forest had deteriorated, residents had forged a network of trails into the forest. When the fence was rebuilt, they were instructed to use the existing entrances and trails designed for hikers and horseback-riders, rather than installing private gates.

"The forest was purchased for a specific purpose and we feel that people should use it for that purpose," Rowley stated.

"As foresters, the thing we need to do is develop guidelines to handle urban pressure. This is an Oregon problem and a national problem.

"How we control it is important to the freedom of our nation," he added.

He feels a balance needs to be found, so that society is not destroying more than it is protecting.

"We need to find some way to use the land and preserve our freedom and personal integrity," Rowley said.

Tuesday, August 1, 1978