Ski team beginning drive
to collect funds for trips

By NANCY WIEDEMEIER

Long on enthusiasm and energy but short on funds, the MSU ski team members have begun a collection drive to finance trips to racing meets, according to team captain Mark Ross.

Members stationed around the stadium raised $40 at the Homecoming game Oct. 21, collecting donations. Their goal is to raise $1,000 to cover the housing and transportation expenses of racing trips.

Members encounter mixed reactions to their fund-raising drive. Nancy Heller, Larchmont, New York junior, said she received comments ranging from "Does MSU really have a ski team?" to "Why doesn't the team ever have any races?"

Part of the team's anonymity results from its lack of support from the MSU Athletic Dept. Ross said the team has tried for status as a varsity sport for several years. "We are still aiming for varsity status but we are not planning on it for this year. We are going to raise our own funds," Ross said.

A generally tight athletic budget over recent years has thwarted attempts of the team to gain varsity standing. Participation in events has been limited in past years because of financial problems.

Among other projects proposed to raise money, Ross mentioned the possibility of a ski sale. The team would sell used equipment for people, in exchange for a share of the profits.

This year for the first time, MSU has a Nordic as well as an Alpine team. Nordic skiing involves cross-country competition and jumping and Alpine competition involves downhill racing and slalom events.

MSU's teams race in two different circuits. The "A" team races in events of the Central Intercollegiate Ski Association (CISA) competing against teams from Northern Michigan University and the University of Minnesota. Most races are held in the upper peninsula and Wisconsin.

The "B" team competes in the Midwest Intercollegiate Ski Association (MISA) against Western Michigan University and Wayne State University. These races are mainly held in lower Michigan.

The team has started vigorous work-outs to prepare for the meets, which begin in January, Ross said. Dry-land training consists of exercises, playing volleyball, soccer and swimming. The team meets Monday through Thursday in the Men's Intramural Building.

Snow training may take place at the Lansing Ski club where the team held work-outs last year.

Membership is open to all students. Racers will be chosen on the basis of time trials and general performance. Between 25 and 50 people have attended the nightly exercise sessions this fall. Last year's team had 35 members.

Selection of racers is determined by captains Ross, Sue Kopka, and Mike Mass. They will choose five people in each event. Skiers can be on both Alpine and Nordic teams, with a total of 10 skiers participating in each meet.

Future plans of the team include a week-long race camp in Colorado during winter break. Ross said the longer Colorado runs would enable them to make more accurate measurements of each skier's ability.

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By NANCY WIEDEMEIER

Choosing a ski resort is not unlike selecting a major in college. To find the most satisfaction with either one, a student should gauge his ability, finances, time and what is available in his area.

Michigan has a variety of ski resorts and any skier from beginner to advanced can find his winter niche. One of the state's busiest areas, Boyne Country in the Petoskey-Harbor Springs vicinity, is getting ready for the rapidly approaching winter season. Most lodges are set for Thanksgiving openings, weather permitting.

Boyne Mountain at Boyne Falls, approximately a four-hour trip from MSU, plans to be open daily 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Boyne offers 18 ski runs, chairlifts and T-bars, as well as rope tows, also has group ski lessons available at $4 per hour. This year lift tickets on weekends will cost $8.50 and $8 during the week. Equipment rental costs $8.50 for ski, boots, and poles.

To round out its sports offerings, the mountain also has a heated outdoor swimming pool and a skating rink. Sleigh rides are also available in addition to overnight and meal accomodations.

Boyne Highlands near Harbor Springs, offers 16 ski runs and a variety of chair lifts, T-bars and poma lifts. Similar to Boyne Mountain, if offers overnight and meal accomodations, in addition to its skiing facilities. According to employee Helen O'Conner, prices run approximately the same as the Mountain. Private and group lessons are available, ranging from $4 to $24 per hour.

Also in the Boyne area are Nub's Nob, Thunder Mountain and Walloon Hills. They offer facilities similar to the other Boyne resorts, with lift tickets varying from $5 to $8 per day per person.

The Traverse City area offers a number of resorts for skiing. Schuss Mountain, Timberline, Crystal Mountain and Sugar

Competitive slalom racing

This slalom racer edges tightly into the slope in competitive slalom race at Sun Valley. Racers are judged according to downhill time and success in making each gate. Many Michigan ski areas offer slalom competition every weekend.
Alert patrol assists skiers

To many injured skiers, the sight of a rusted parka marked with a large gold cross comes as a welcome relief. This ski gear identifies members of the National Ski Patrol System (NSPS), who rescue thousands of injured every year. This winter approximately 23,000 members of the patrol will be on duty on slopes throughout the United States. All large resorts in Michigan are serviced by the patrollers, as well as most of the smaller ski areas. The Lansing Ski Club, for instance, plans to have eight to 10 members on hand this season.

The unpaid patrollers perform much needed services for skiers. They are on the slopes all day clearing blocked trails, checking snow conditions, marking dangerous areas and searching for any missing skiers at the end of the day. They also must be on the constant alert for hurt skiers.

Nancy Heller, a junior from Lansing, N. Y., will take a leave of absence from MSU to serve as a member of the patrol this winter term. She will be patrolling 10 hours a day, five days a week at Magic Mountain in Lonsdale, Vt. She has been skiing for 14 years and also has worked as a ski instructor. Membership on the patrol is difficult to obtain. To qualify, a skier must pass the standard and advanced first aid courses given by the American Red Cross. He must also pass tests on skiing ability and rescue techniques.

Rescue operations make use of toboggans and large tractors called “snow cats.” The patroller uses these in transporting the injured to the base of the mountain.

“The rescue aspects of the job involve locating the injured skier and giving him necessary first aid treatments,” Heller said. “He is then taken from the mountain to hospitals, and each patroller is responsible for the hurt skier until he reaches the hospital.”

NSPS, established 34 years ago, calls for dedication and endurance on the part of its members. They are required to spend long, cold hours on the slopes daily during the ski season, which stretches roughly from Thanksgiving to Easter. Members can be either volunteers or professionals who are paid by the ski area, Heller said.

NSPS is strictly a nonprofit organization. It has grown from a small group, headed by Charles M. Dole in 1938, to its present large organization. It has dedicated itself to promotion of safety in the sport of skiing. NSPS conducts seminars and clinics on patrol techniques and first aid procedures, as well as sponsoring patrollers. It also publishes safety material and brochures for ski groups and technical guides for members. Students interested in applying for the patrol should contact the NSPS office, located at 2001 Sheridan Blvd., in Denver, Colo.

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Area club modernizes

The Lansing Ski Club has doubled it's snowmaking capacity for the 1972-73 ski season with the installation of the newest and most efficient snow-making system available. The club is three miles from MSU on Lake Lansing Road and serves skiers seven days and nights a week. In addition to two double chairlifts, a new Poma-lift is currently being installed to service intermediate areas. Besides the three mechanical lifts, there are seven electric rope tows.

Roy Schafer is the director of the Lansing Ski Club Ski School which offers instruction from 15 certified American and Austrian ski instructors. Each instructor is experienced in teaching and coaching skiers from the beginner all the way up to the advanced racer. Ski lessons are offered daily during the afternoons and on Thursday or Friday evenings.

Rental G.L.M. skis are available for skiers who would like to take G.L.M. lessons. The rental shop also has 250 sets of Hart and Olin rental skis with buckle boots available. The club has a ski shop with a large variety of name brand skis, poles and boots along with the current ski fashions. The Lansing Ski Club is a private club founded in 1947 by a group of local skiers that has grown to a club size of 500 families and 300 individuals.

The club has just completed a major rebuilding program in the last three years and now includes two programs for membership of MSU students. The first program consists of a $35 pass which is good Monday through Friday until 6 p.m. and includes daily lessons. An associate membership, the second program, costs $10 and is valid for beginner-intermediate area only on either Thursday or Friday evenings. This program offers reduced rates for lessons, equipment, and lift tickets. The program runs eight weeks beginning Jan. 4.

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New breed of skiers do acrobatics on skis

By NANCY WIEDEMIER

Non-skiers have traditionally viewed skiing as a winter sport designed for the daring, devil-may-care types, quite happy to risk their life and limbs as they zoom recklessly down the slopes. Now they are half right.

Exhibition or 'hot dog' skiing was initiated more than a decade ago when Stein Eriksen, a Norwegian Olympic champ, became famous for being the first to execute a somersault on skis. Until recently, however, the famous skier was alone in the "hot dog" world of skiing.

In recent years a new breed of skiers has introduced a new brand of skiing that goes at least two flips farther than the old master. Attempting to stretch their limits beyond the accomplishments of such famous skiers as Eriksen and Jean Claude Killy, winner of three gold medals in the '68 Winter Olympics, many skiers have taken to acrobatics on skis.

Imagine a skier hurtling himself headlong off the lip of a snow bank and stretching out parallel to the slope below him. His skis are dangling over and behind him. About midway to a point 30 yards or so down the slope, he tucks his head under and brings his skis under him when he lands.

He is followed by another skier who goes off the same lip but with a little more speed. He also goes a little higher, and instead of one slow somersault he flips over twice before landing. Then another skier comes and does a similar maneuver only backwards.

This will be a typical scene at many exhibition skiing shows to be held in the U.S. this winter. According to Bob Theobald, an exhibition skier from Solitude, Utah, eight to ten of the shows will be scheduled this season.

At these shows about 25 skiers, or 'hot dogs' will compete for a prize money of $1,000. For competitive purposes, the show will be divided into four different areas: trick skiing, freestyle, jumping and aerial acrobatics.

Trick skiing consists of performing difficult maneuvers. Balance, poise and power and a maneuver difficulty are the objectives.

Freestyle skiing is comprised of high speed tricks, aerial stunts, and various turns. Jumping involves going as far as possible through the air in a tuck position. Scoring for jumping is based on form and distance.

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This year, the circuit's top performer will win a total of $40,000 in addition to his regular tour earnings. In fact, the top five finishers on the Grand Prix tour will split $90,000.

Official factory team racing will also be making its first appearance during the professional competition in the '72-'73 season.

Ski equipment manufacturers are bidding for the top pros for their factory teams and at the spring awards banquet, Benson and Hedges 100's will present a Manufacturer's Award to the fastest factory-affiliated team in pro racing.

For the first time in the history of the professional skiing tour, pro racing will hold a meet in Canada. The event will take place Jan. 27-28 at the Blue Mountain ski area in Ontario, and tournament officials are hoping that they can make Canada a regular stopping point for the Benson and Hedges 100's Grand Prix in the future.

Earlier this month, three more outstanding amateur skiers jumped to the professional racing league.

Malcolm Milne, 24, an eight-year veteran of the Australian National Team, heads the trio. He is one of the world's top downhillers and also placed fifth in that event at the '72 Olympics at Sapporo, Japan last February.

The newest Norwegian skier on the tour is 23-year-old Otto Tschudi, who joins the pro circuit with impressive amateur credentials.

Tschudi was Norwegian National Champion three times, and at the University of Denver won five of nine NCAA titles. He competed at the Winter Olympics at Grenoble in 1968 and again in Sapporo in 1972. Tschudi completed his amateur skiing career as a winner in the Emile Allais Cup in Chile this past summer.

Alain Penz, the last member of the trio to join the pros, starred in slalom and giant slalom during his six years as a member of the French National Ski Team.

In 1972, the 25-year-old Frenchman finished first in the slalom at Champ de France, first in the G.S. at Champ de France and Val Gardena and first overall at Champ de France and Kranjska Gora.

Three years ago, the dual challenge format of professional racing was established and was met with a lot of skepticism. However, pro ski racing is now a very big part of the world of competitive skiing.

Ski association offers low rates

By JON CARLISLE

Even poor college students can ski now.
A $5 membership in the Student Ski Association offers reduced rates on lift tickets, ski lessons and ski equipment at over 150 ski areas throughout the U.S.

The nationwide organization was founded and is directed by Kim Chaffee, a Harvard and Berkely graduate, whose brother and sister are former Olympic skiers.

Last year, during the fourth season of the SSA, 35,000 college, professional and graduate students took advantage of the association savings.

Membership entitles students to up to 50 per cent savings on lift tickets, lessons and rentals during the week. On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays the program brings at least a $1 reduction on lift tickets.

In addition to the savings, members receive monthly publications of the underground ski magazine, the Student Skier, along with the annual Poor Harvard’s College Guide to Skiing.

Among the 150 areas where reduced rates are available are Aspen Highlands, Jackson Hole, Big Powderhorn, Schuss and Sugar Schuss and Sugarloaf in Michigan, Aspen Highlands and Jackson Hole in the West, and Mt. Snow and Waterville Valley in New England.

This year SSA will host a series of large intercollegiate ski festivals in the Rockies and Sierras and in the Midwest. Schitz Beer and the National Ski Patrol are national supporters of the Student Ski Association.

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(taken from page 3) Leaf all offer equipment rental and instruction, with lift tickets varying from $5 to $8 per day. All offer food service and overnight lodging.

This only describes a few of the varied ski areas throughout Michigan. Skiers can find accommodations in nearly every area of the state. Season tickets and weekend passes are available at most lodges. These offer savings in cost, but this varies with the resort.

For those not wishing to venture far from the campus, the Laminig Ski Club, on Dawn Avenue near Haslett, offers two special memberships for students. According to Nancy Dillinger, secretary at the club, one membership costs $35, and enables student to ski any day of the week until 6 p.m. This includes lift tickets and equipment rental.

The other membership costs $10, permitting skiing on Thursday and Friday evenings. Hour-long lessons are available on those nights for $2. The Ski Club’s lift tickets costs $2, as does the equipment rental.

Planning to open Dec. 8, the Club has 12 runs, a chair lift, poma lift, and seven rope tows. It also has a lodge with a snack bar.

The MSU Ski Club (Moosuki) plans seven weekend trips to Michigan resorts for members, according to Jan Munn, wifl of co-ordinator John Munn. Starting the second weekend of winter term, the club will go to Boyne, Sugar Leaf, Timberline and Walloon Hills on different weekends. The first one of the trips ranges form $27 to $35, including two nights’ lodging, lift tickets and lessons for beginners. The club arranges car pools leaving at various times on Fridays for members, Munn said. Membership in the club costs $6 in dues for a single person, $10 for couples.
Ski flying meet to be held Feb.

Man in flight on skis will return to the Upper Midwest this winter in the North American Ski Flying Tournament to be held at Copper Peak, Mich., Feb. 2-4.

The spectacular sport of ski flying was introduced to the Americans in 1970 in an international meet that brought the world's top ski jumping stars to the Copper Peak community. A new North American distance record of 440 feet was set by the Czech Zbynek Hrubach, although his teammate, Jiri Raksa, better combined distance and style to win the meet.

Although ski flying is now in this part of the world, it is well established in Europe and Scandinavia. Copper Peak is the only ski flying hill in the western hemisphere.

Organizers of the meet say ski flying can be best described “super ski jumping” or “sky diving without a parachute.” The riders plummet down a 469-foot steel slide, attaining speeds of 70 miles an hour, before leaping off into space and landing 400-500 feet below.

Subtle hand movements are used to keep the flyers on a straight course downhill. A sudden gust of wind can be disastrous.

Wind, rain and snow plagued Copper Peak in 1971 and the meet was cancelled twice as a result of inclement weather. Last year there was insufficient funds to stage a meet because of the uncompensated expenses of getting ready for the previous year’s tournament.

Summer operation of the chairlift and elevator at the towering slide have produced some revenue and the sale of debentures has added more funds. This has assured a tournament this season between the U.S. and Canada with top Japanese Olympic jumpers also a strong possibility.

This season the ski flying tournament has been added to the U.S. Ski Association’s Trans-Am jumping series with Canada. It will be the debut of the event in competition between the two countries.

Since the sport’s appearance on the European scene, it has garnered tremendous interest for both the skiing and non-skiing spectator.

Residents of Michigan and neighboring states will have an excellent opportunity to witness this new version of the increasingly popular sport.

Advance tickets for the North American Ski Flying Tournament may be purchased in Ironwood, Michigan or ordered via mail to Ski Flying, P.O. Box 159, Ironwood, Mich. 49938.

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Moosuski Club planning first skiing trip to Aspen

By CHRIS DEN HERDER

No longer just a ski club, members of Moosuski, MSU's largest registered campus organization, now enjoy sports and activities for all seasons.

The club is made up of ski people: professional, competitive, beginners or recreational; and other outdoors people: canoeists, travel bugs, and water skiers.

Moosuski is open to all interested students, faculty, staff and alumni. The club meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Coral Gables' Show Bar.

Further information, and information about memberships and registration for any of the trips can be obtained at the meeting or in the ski club office, 240 Men's IM.

The most important function of Moosuski is providing its members with reductions on their favorite sport—especially skiing.

These reductions include lift tickets to Timberlee and later in the season to Sugar Loaf ski area at 34 per cent off; special sales at the Weatherwax and 10 per cent off at all times on ski equipment and clothing at the Sportsmeister Shop.

Others include reduced rates at Cannonsburg Ski Area; reduced rates at Mt. Brighton; a special at the Lansing ski club; and most importantly big savings on all other Moosuski activities.

Moosuski already has 915 members this year and John Mann, president of the club, expects between 1500 and 2200 members by the middle of winter term.

The Aspen, Colo. trip is first on the agenda this season. Leaving Dec. 9 from Detroit on United Airlines, Moosuski is heading to the wild west for some terrific skiing.

Staying at the Christmas Inn and Innsbruck Sports Motel in downtown Aspen, skiers will spend six days charging down the slopes of Aspen Highlands, Snowmass, Buttermilk, and Aspen Mountain.

Members will also spend the seven nights soaking up the apres ski life that Aspen is noted for.

The Boyne Week, which runs during the same times as the Aspen trip, Dec. 10-15, is one of the best opportunities for new skiers to start the sport and gain experience. At the same time it can help the "old timers" brush up on the basics before the Christmas holidays.

For $110, club members can spend the week at Boyne Mountain's main lodge.

During winter term, Moosuski will be sponsoring five weekend trips to the Petosky and Traverse City area.

Skiers will have the choice of skiing Boyne Mountain, Boyne Highlands, Waillont, Thunder, Schuss, Sugarloaf, Timlee, Crystal Mountain and Traverse City Holiday.

The weekend package includes lodging at Holiday Inns for two nights, two days of skiing, wine picnics and all kinds of apres ski action.

The highlight of the season will be Feb. 9 to 11 when Moosuski holds its first annual Intercollegiate Weekend at Waillont. Students from all over Michigan will be Moosuski's guests as they close off Waillont to only participants. Around 800 are expected for the event.

Members have quite a varied choice of activities during spring break. They can ski Aspen or Steamboat, ski Austria, or relax and enjoy the sun and surf in Spain on the Costa del Sol.

After the snow has melted, the season doesn't end for the Moosuski members. Heading for the great outdoors, the club spends several weekends up north leisurely canoeing down the Pine and Au Sable rivers.

Moosuski will also hold its fifth annual Moosuski Cup Memorial Weekend.

This summer, Moosuski will be sponsoring several trips to Europe.

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Squaw Valley lures skiers

Christmas break and the wintry season are rapidly approaching, and with them comes the skiing fanatic. The long jaunt west to the more prominent skiing resorts can be a pleasing experience. Squaw Valley, the largest such resort in the country, has become one of the most often frequented recreational centers.

Formerly a mining camp, Squaw Valley attracted the 1960 Winter Olympic Games and has since experienced a continuing growth in establishing itself as one of the great alpine resorts in the world. From November until May, winter sports lovers enjoy a network of 25 miles of snow-capped mountains, blessed with famous California sunshine and an average snowfall of 450 inches per year.

The facilities in this renowned High Sierra resort, range from beginning to expert and are used by skiers from all over the world. European type skiing really exists. Hotels, apartments, restaurants, Olympic Ice Arena and many other facilities are located at the foot of the slopes.

The Squaw Valley ski lift network constitutes the largest in the United States for a single complex. This consists of the “Square Valley Cable Car” the world’s largest tramway, the 2,000 feet vertical rise spanning Gondola, 17 double chair lifts and numerous platters. The Lodge accommodations include 125 rooms ranging from economy to deluxe. Skiers and visitors from all over the world make the “Lodge” their home away from home during their stay in Squaw Valley.

The Olympic Village, home of the athletes during the 1960 Winter Olympics, serves as a hotel today. Large groups, the younger set, or the really economy minded skiers choose this hotel to enjoy the resort. Various condominium complexes and the Squaw Valley Inn Hotel round out the choice for guests in Squaw Valley. All rooms and apartments are within walking distance to the slopes.

Squaw Valley also offers instruction for the rookie skier or advanced participant in the challenging art of handling the slopes. Over 75 qualified and certified instructors, many who speak foreign languages, guide you along the slopes in either small or large classes.

Rented ski equipment is available in such brands as Head, Fisher, Hart and Lange boots. There are several rental shops located throughout the valley.

Squaw Valley is also one of the most accessible wintersports areas in the country. It is just 55 minutes from Reno International Airport and 100 minutes from Sacramento Airport.

Confirmation of reservations, accurate information on skiing, road conditions and special events may be obtained by writing: Squaw Valley, Box 2007, Olympic Valley, California, 95720.

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