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Forgotten Facts and Funny Stories

Walt Crowley, KIRO-TV commentator and author of the centennial commemorative history book. Seattle University: A Century of Jesuit Education, is the featured guest speaker for the next Downtown Alumni Breakfast. The book was released in early October. Crowley's topic is "People, Places, Legends,

Forgotten Facts and Funny Stories: A Writer's View of Seattle University's Past."

The breakfast, part of a series which has featured such notable speakers as Dan Evans, Lou Guzzo, Jeff Smulyan and others, is held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Yellowstone Room, at 7:30 a.m. on November 13.

Reservations are required, and payment of \$11 per person is due in advance to: Alumni Breakfast, Alumni Relations Office, Seattle University, Broadway and Madison, Seattle, WA 98122-4460. The deadline for reservations is November 11. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 296-6100.

Dirty Socks Grow on Mt. Rainier. and Boy, Do They Smell!

by Janet Johnson

Dirty Socks, little plants with small white blossoms and a very big smell, grow on Mt. Rainier, and the Hiyu Coolees climbed the mountain recently to see them and all the other wild flowers that grow in that region.

One Saturday in July, the Hiyu Coolee Club, a group of students, faculty and staff members who enjoy hiking, met at 7 a.m. with hiking boots, lunches and water bottles. We loaded ourselves into two vans and drove to Mt. Rainier's Sunrise Ridge. There were 19 of us in all, including myself as a reporter for the SUN. It was the largest Hiyu Coolee group since Dan Matlock, biology professor, revived the club a year ago.

We hiked in an area of subalpine and alpine vegetation beginning at an elevation of about 6,400 feet. As we meandered along a hiking trail toward Burroughs Mountain, we eventually climbed 700 feet, reaching a total elevation of 7,100 feet. The view on many occasions was breathtaking.

Early on our hike Peggy Hudson, biology professor and wild flower guide for the day, pointed to some small white flowers growing along the path.

"These are Dirty Socks," she said. We gathered around the small leafy plant on our hands and knees and sniffed the delicate little blossoms.



· Hiyu Coolees hiked up Mt. Rainier in search of wild flowers and good times.

Visions of a pair of stiff gym socks lying at the bottom of some basketball player's locker for three weeks filled my head. I looked at the wrinkled noses around me and knew they were conjuring the same images.

It was a glorious day, I can find no other words to describe it. The hot sun baked us and the cool mountain breezes cooled us as we wandered the hills and valleys, stopping to smell the heather, sneak up on a marmot or two, or scratch the tops of pussy toes. (Yes, they really do feel like the fur on a cat's paws!)

The hike was organized by Matlock, but it was led by Hudson, who continually pointed out small flowers, lichens and shrubs growing along the trail. It

was a nice, easy hike, with everyone setting their own paces and being allowed to forge ahead or stroll along behind the main body of the group. We talked, told stories and sang a song or two as we enjoyed the fresh air and each other's company.

The schedule for this year's hikes hadn't been decided at the time of this writing. If you have any ideas about places to hike or would like to join the club, give Dan Matlock a call at 296-5487.

There is already talk about another wild flower hike next summer. We'll have to twist Hudson's arm, although I don't think it will take much, to show us more wild flowers and maybe next summer someone will have washed all the Dirty Socks!

BITS AND Pieces

- This summer 60 high school students from the Seattle area were on campus to take part in Upward Bound, a national effort to help low-income minority students become more successful in their academic endeavors.
- · Patricia Daniels, chair of the Electrical Engineering Department, is spending a year at the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. She is program director in the Division of Undergraduate Science, Engineering and Mathematics Education, which awards grants supporting everything from laboratory equipment and curriculum development, to programs that encourage women and minorities to pursue science and engineering careers.