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Whitewater Canoeing - the sensual sport

by Cheryl Croucher

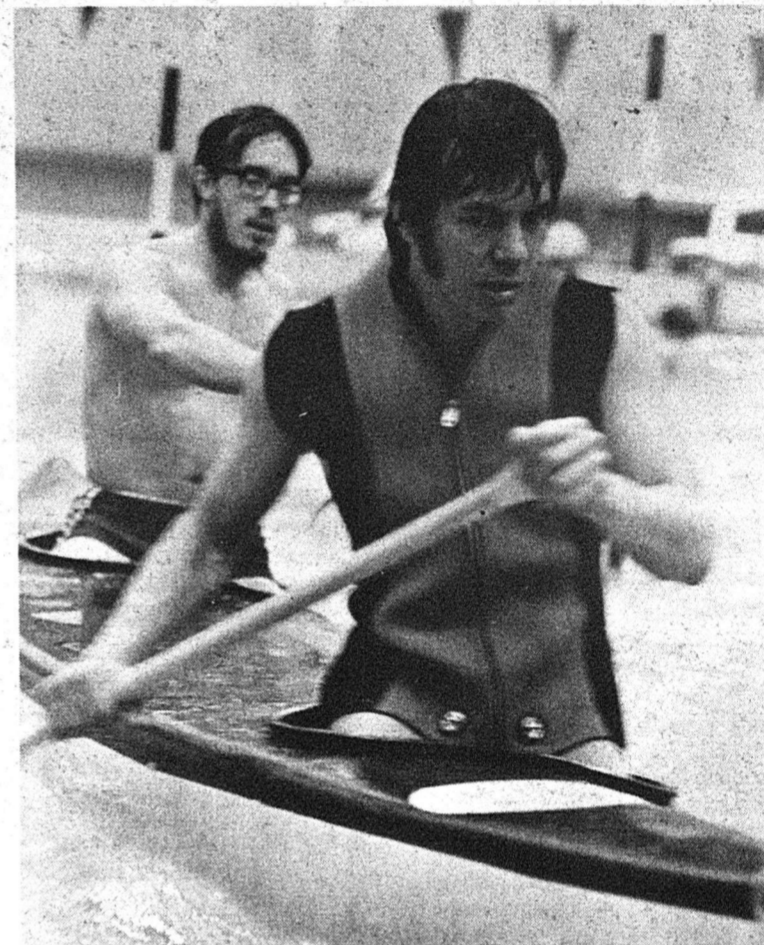
White water canoeing, the exciting sport of "shooting the rapids", is fast gaining popularity in Alberta thanks to the efforts of the North West Voyageur Canoe and Kayak Club. The club is a group of people interested in recreational as well as white water canoeing.

The winter program of Eskimo rolls, slalom gate practice, paddle techniques, and swimming readies the group for the various one-day and overnight excursions planned for the summer season that lasts from April through September. Novices and experienced paddlers alike share the thrill of navigating the range of Alberta's streams and rivers.

One of the aims of the club is the preservation of wild rivers such as the South Nahanni in the Northwest Territories. The region, which will be destroyed if power and mining companies are allowed into the area, can still be conserved as a national park if the public expresses its concern before it is too late.

An important sideline is the mapping of the rivers the club travels, grading rapids, and marking the location of dams, rapids, and places to put in and out. This protects people who cannot read the river from hurting or killing themselves. The maps will soon be available from the club and the Department of Tourism.

The North West Voyageurs are presently trying to build a



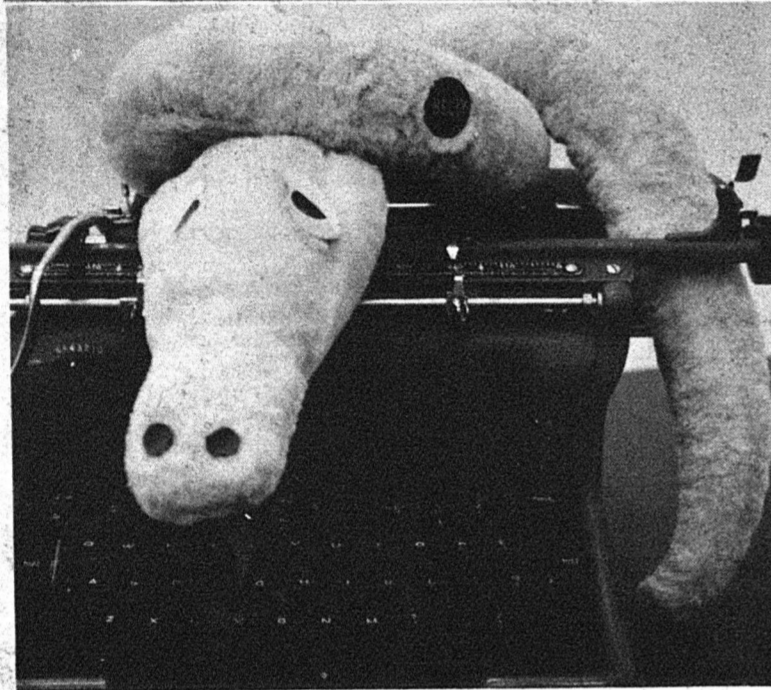
The exciting sport of whitewater canoeing.....
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racing section proficient enough to participate in the Canadian National White Water Championships to be held July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 1972 on the upper Red Deer and Panther Rivers about 40 miles west of Sundre. The downriver and slalom are open to men, women, and teams but there must be three or more entries in the

individual events in order for them to take place.

The Provincial Downriver Championships will be held at the same site June 17th and 18th, 1972.

The North West Voyageur Canoe and Kayak Club is recruiting now. People of all ages are welcome to join. The only requirements are good health, plenty of enthusiasm, and payment of the membership fee of \$12. If you already belong to the Canadian Youth Hostel Association, the fee is only \$2. Meetings are Monday nights from 8:30 to 10:30 in the east pool of the Physical Education Building. For more information, contact Barry Robertson at 433-1859 and Shirli Bayer at 439-1189 or 432-6379.



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