



Two novice skiers are frozen in a blur of movement by the camera as they utilize Aspen's new chairlift on Little Nell, beginner's training grounds.

Aspen Holiday

Between semesters each year the Union Activities Board sponsors a ski trip to Aspen, Colorado. This year's trip attracted more than 100 O. U. students.

PERHAPS THE MOST cosmopolitan of all University events is the annual Aspen Ski Trip, sponsored by the Union Activities Board and attended with unswerving devotion by O. U. ski enthusiasts.

The trip takes place during the break between the fall and spring semester and is the perfect anesthetic for a student after suffering his way through a series of finals. Aspen, Colorado, ranked as one of the finest skiing resorts in the United States, swallows the trainload of students with its ample array of lodges. The mountains watch benignly the next day when a wide variety of skiers appear, a few veterans making their way down the slopes with a reasonable

amount of skill and the others careening clumsily, occasionally falling forward to digest an accidental snowcone.

Charleen Caldwell, '53ed, '55m.ed, U.A.B. director who has made all four of the O. U. trips, estimates the average cost for the seven-day vacation at \$100. The Union Activities Board furnishes University sponsors, roundtrip train and bus tickets and lodging for \$48. The trek to Aspen is not unique for universities in the southwest and students from Texas, Colorado and Kansas schools mingle with O. U. skiers at various lodges for the traditional college round of parties.

Only about two of the approximate 100

who take the trip are injured, and by the second day some of the beginners bravely venture away from Little Nell, the training slope, for other more exciting runs with names like Dipsy Doodle, Ruthie's Run and Spar Gulch.

When Saturday arrives, departure time is greeted with conflicting emotions, and one student of a year back, fast becoming legendary, remained to ski the rest of the season. But most of the 100 gather their possessions and start the 25-hour trip home to the plains country, arriving in Norman Sunday evening for a night's rest before starting the enrolment process for the second semester.

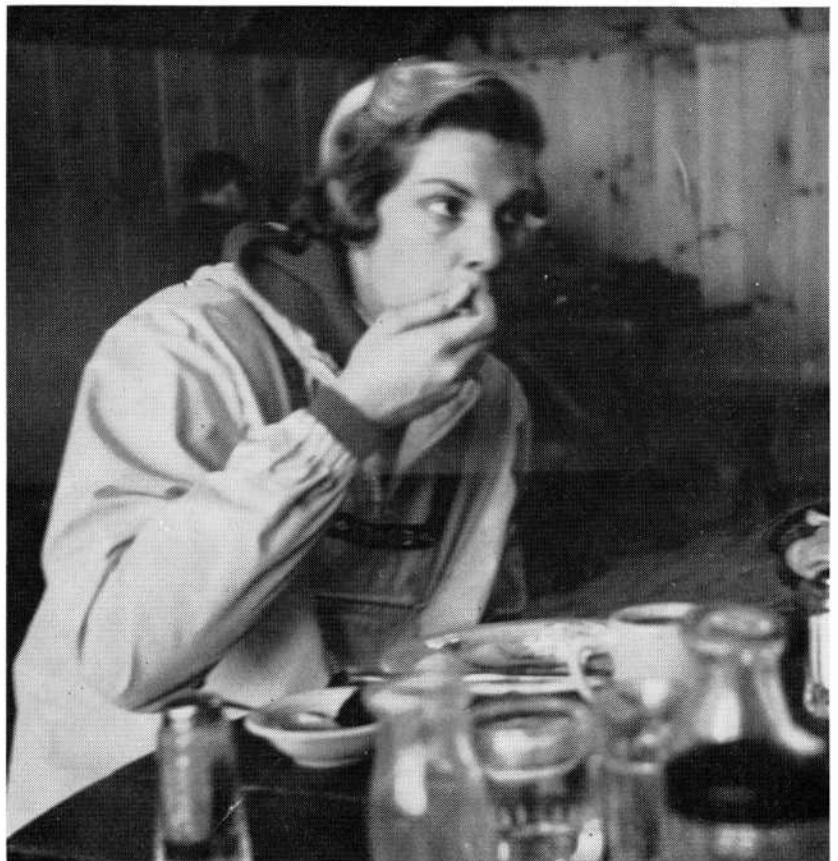


Two O. U. students, Jenny Lou Grimmatt and Mel James, wait patiently in Norman for train.



The intimacy of the long train ride brought the students closer together. Bill Cheek, Ada senior, relaxes and permits Carlene Cone, Yukon junior, to enjoy his presence.

Most of the O. U. students roomed in the Roaring Forks Lodge. Aspen has several fine lodges and resorts. Below, Caroline McDermott eating in the Roaring Forks cafeteria.



The trip up provides time for the inevitable card game with the usual number of kibitzers.





Two Sooner tyros practice a standard maneuver, "snowplowing," before trying it on Little Nell.

The long journey home begins and Bobby Burr prefers sleep to facing the prospect of books and classes.

