

The world's a cycle path to one would-be traveler

By Sue Brown

Armed only with a camera and a bike as his transportation, Andre Everett has explored Europe and traveled across the United States, preparing for his goal, to cycle around the world.

Everett, a junior journalism major, became interested in cycling when his mother showed him pictures of a cycling trip she had taken when she was young and working in England. In 1952, his mother cycled alone through England, Wales, Scotland, Germany, and France.

It was then that Everett decided he "wasn't going to lie around the swimming pool all summer" in Georgia, where his father Sergeant Major Robert Everett, was stationed.

Everett saved his money and was able to purchase a German-built bike which he names Hera, after the Greek goddess. According to Everett, "she (his bike) throws fits all the time" and at one time every-

thing that could go wrong with her, went wrong.

Although Hera is on her 16th and 17th tires, Everett has no plans to replace her. "I guess you could call it loyalty," he said.

Trips planned in detail

Everett said that his first cycling trips were planned out to the very day with youth hostel reservations made months in advance. He was granted round-trip military charter flight fare, free of charge since his father was in the service and the trip constituted a student visitation.

When not staying in youth hostels, Everett camped out in the tent which his mother made especially to fit a bicycle.

Everett said two things are especially interesting to him, people and nature. He stopped along his route, wherever and whenever he wanted.

"A bike is a good way to introduce me to others," he said.

"A car is a glass and metal box that shuts you off from the people as well as the land. On a bike you can feel, hear, and smell the land," he said, adding that a cyclist who is going 10 mph sees five times as much as a car going 50 mph.

Trouble on Bicentennial trip

In 1976, Everett departed on a Bicentennial bike trip across the United States from Maryland to Portland, Oregon and back to Lincoln where his grandparents live.

He completed the trip in 64 days, four of which were spent with a broken bike and being sick from Missouri well water. Everett also encountered trouble in the states of Idaho and Kentucky where shotguns were pointed at him, beer cans thrown at him, dogs attacked him, and where a man almost knifed him.

Last summer Everett spent 30 days in Austria, San Italy and San Marino. He tentatively has set the date for his world wide trip for 1985. Before he departs he would like to get his masters degree and make enough money to finance the trip.

Everett plans to spend at least 12 to 15 years in completing his trip so he can cover everything that he wants to cover very slowly. He said he will probably concentrate on certain areas for two or three years and perhaps spend a year teaching English in a foreign country to make more money to continue his trip.

Route and costs planned

"Meet the World" is the title and purpose he has given the cycle tour and he has already plotted the general route he will be taking.

As far as money goes Everett planned on spending \$8 a day in the United States, \$11 a day in Europe and \$15 a day in Scandinavia. These prices include his film and meals.

One experience that has meant a lot to Everett happened on a cycle tour through Norway. He noticed some tents of the Lapps who are reindeer herders in Norway and he asked them if he could camp with them. The people accepted him and invited him to share their meal and sleep on their reindeer skins in the tents.

Afterwards, they presented him with a pair of reindeer antlers. Everett said that he attached them to the front of his bike but he was not allowed to ride through the cities with the antlers protruding forward so he strapped them on the back of his bike.

Sometimes along his route, Everett will camp out and ride with other cycle tourists, stressing that two is the ideal

group. He has kept in contact with many of his fellow cyclists and is currently writing to about 10 people he has met on his trips.

According to Everett, the best time for cycling is in the early morning when the air is fresh, the cyclist is rested and it is not too hot yet. He considers the Teton Mountains to be the most beautiful area in the United States and Norway to be the most beautiful country in Europe. He took over 1,000 pictures in Norway.

Read books in Wyoming

"I've never been to a place that I didn't want to go back to," he said, but an area in Wyoming was one exception.

The only type of bush to see was sage bush for more than 100 miles, he said. Dead antelopes lay by the roadside every few miles creating a terrible stench. Everett who has the ability to read while he's riding on a flat and deserted road, read four books during that 100 mile stretch.

Everett finds his interests shifting more and more towards geography these days. He had previously aspired to be a television script writer and has recorded three hundred programs on tape. But Everett said he is more interested in the world now, "more interested in reality than fiction."

His real hope is to write for the *National Geographic* magazine or the German magazine *Geo* since he is nearly fluent in the German language. Everett would also like to teach language on the university level stressing the conversation aspect since he believes that it is a tool to speak with people in foreign countries and sometimes a form of survival.

Everett, whose next venture will be to Iceland next summer has composed a "top ten" list of places he would like to cycle in. Among them are Tibet, Death Valley, the Sahara Desert and Mount Everest after reading about two explorers who climbed the mountain without oxygen.

"There's a world out there and I'm going to see it," he said.

Last season's . . .

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Nance said he and his team will expect opponents to be better prepared for the Cyclones this season.

"We're coming off a year when we finished second in the league and surprised a lot of people in the conference in doing so," he said. "This year, there will be people expecting us to be a sound basketball team and to be highly competitive. We must now make an adjustment to a situation where we go into a game with the opponent expecting it to be a very tough contest.

Educational process

"They'll prepare more for us and in many cases opposing players will be psyched up more to play us. This will be a totally new experience for many of our players and I think that it will be an educational process from the standpoint of the coaching staff.

"It is a situation that we must prepare for and certainly one that our players must adapt to very early if we're going to have any kind of success at all in the Big Eight."

Iowa State beat Northeastern Illinois in the season opener 129-69 before dropping their second contest to Creighton, Nebraska's next opponent, 55-54.

Parker scored 33 points against Northeastern Illinois, but was held to just six points in the Creighton game. Still, Nance believes Parker's experience at guard is one

of the Cyclones' strong points this year.

Playing experience

"Our strength has to be in an area that in the past has been a weakness," he said. "We finally have some playing experience among the personnel that we are going to play. Parker has had three years of starting experience and some of our other players have had two years as a starter."

The Cyclones' depth is another area that is pleasing to Nance.

"We have more talent than we've had since I've been here," the third-year coach said, "and that lends itself to depth. However, some of the depth is unproven against major college competition. We don't anticipate a problem but until you've seen players play against major college opposition, well, you never want to go on the record as saying how they're going to compete."

Oklahoma the favorite

Nance pegged Oklahoma as the pre-season favorite in the Big Eight but added he expected big seasons for Kansas, Nebraska and his own ball club as well.

"The conference will have the best balance I have seen since I've been at Iowa State," Nance said.

"We had a great team attitude last season and it will be essential for us to maintain that same attitude this year," he said.

"It's important that our players realize that we must play better this year just to stay even with last year's achievements."

Iowa State's next game is tonight against San Jose State in Ames.

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