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**Recreation Center** 

### **CANOE RENTALS**

EMU Waterworks Canoe Co.

1395 Franklin Blvd.



Summer Hours Daily 11 a.m.-dusk

\$250

an hour for canoes or kayaks on the Mill Race.

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a day for rentals off the Mill Race.

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## Let Superman or the Hulk cure the midsummer blues

By Chris Hazen

On those languid midsummer days when all your friends are busy, a good, action-packed comic book could provide a relieving break from the doldrums.

Reliving the exploits of Superman, the Incredible Hulk or the team of X-Men as they conquer enemies of mankind can be both exciting and financially rewarding.

Often incorrectly viewed as something aimed at grade-school or adolescent kids, the comicbook industry has recently undergone rapid expansion.

The two comic-book stores in Eugene, Emerald City Comics and Warp Factor Seven, appeal primarily to the collector.

"Comic books number fourth behind coins, stamps and antiques in terms of involvement, collectibility and investment," says Darrell Grimes, owner of Emerald City Comics

A valuable comic book includes superior artwork, characters and characterization plus a good plotline. But attractive artwork, Grimes says, is by far the most important characteristic of a collectible. The first issues of a series are especially valuable.

Grimes says he currently owns a \$10,000 comic, the debut issue of Superman, which he bought four years ago for \$6,000.

Availability is another important consideration when seeking a valuable comic book, says Craig Maynard, an employee of Warp Factor Seven. "You have to look at what people are buying and what sells out."

Comic books, by Grimes' interpretation, fall into three categories: "Archie" comics, stories revolving around an all-American teen-ager; "Richie Rich" comics, funny comics aimed at a



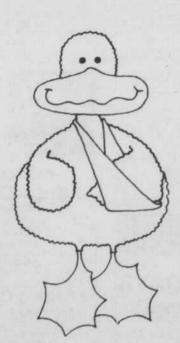
younger audience; and superhero comics, which constitute the majority of valuable comic books, he says.

The "average" comic-book reader is not easily defined, Maynard says. Grimes estimates that half of his customers are over 18 and 90 percent are male.

The concept of the comic-book reader as an introverted, solitary adolescent has changed substantially since Grimes first got involved with comic books in the late 1960s. He says kids often used to read comics for their idealism and optimism, in an attempt to escape from an unpleasant reality.

"I went to comic conventions and (the participants) all seemed introverted," Grimes recalls. "It seemed it was the only place they could be themselves."

But now, with the superior plotline and artwork, comic-book readers can take pride in their collections.



# STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

13th and Agate (686-4441)

Student Health Center Summer Hours

By Appointment: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

If you sustain injury or suffer sudden illness, report to the Health Center or call (686)-4441. Call CAMPUS EMERGENCY EXT. 3333 for assistance. The urgent care entrance is the west side of the building (Beech Street entrance). Emergency calls are made to all campus housing and University buildings when necessary.

### Early GRE is available

Graduate students planning to pursue a master's or doctoral degree in the liberal arts will have an early opportunity to take the Graduate Records Examination test.

The University Counseling Center testing office has arranged for a special administration of the GRE for any candidate who would like to take either the general test or a subject test before the next regularly scheduled date in October.

Subject tests in French, German, Spanish, philosophy and geography, however, will not be available until the national test date in December.

The GRE will be held August 13 and scores will be available approximately six weeks after the test. The test costs \$40 for one and \$70 for two examinations. Test registration will be held Monday through July 13.

For more information, contact the Counseling Center at 686-3227.

### OMII Main Desk

#### EMU Check Cashing Information

The Erb Memorial Union Main Desk Store cashes checks as a service for students, faculty and staff of the University of Oregon. Students must present a *current* certificate of registration and a plastic identification card with picture; faculty/staff must present their plastic identification card with picture and current validation sticker.

There is a 15 cent service charge per check. Make checks payable to the Erb Memorial Union and include Eugene address and phone number (or department and extension for faculty/staff) on the check. The limit on checks is \$10.00 unless otherwise posted.

When writing checks, double-check your bank balance. Make sure what you think will be a "good check" doesn't turn out to be a "bad check." If your check is returned, there is a service charge of \$7.50. This is in addition to any service charge charged by your bank. You will also lose the privilege of cashing checks at the Erb Memorial Union for the remainder of the year (July 1 - June 30).

To abide by policies set forth by the banks: 1) We cannot accept counter checks, 2) There can be no alterations or changes made on checks, 3) We cannot accept personal second party checks and 4) If you do not have personalized checks additional I.D. must be presented.

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