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The Beanery

Allann Brothers Coffee Company has recently expanded its retail business in Eugene by opening the city's newest coffee house at the former site of the Truck Stop, on 14th Ave., near Alder St.

Since 1977, Allann Bros. has sold bulk coffee and tea, along with coffee equipment and assorted confections at its store on Hilyard St. Now the same fine coffee is available by the cup (as well as in bulk), and in a variety of specialty drinks, in a newly remodeled setting that offers spacious comfort and a relaxed atmosphere.

Oregonians have been drinking Allann Bros. coffee since 1972, when Roastmaster Alan Schulz opened for business in Ashland. These days there are six outlets in Oregon and the company has been wholesaling coffee statewide for the last three years. The roasting process is done in Corvallis, where there is also an established Beanery coffee house near the OSU campus.

The successful menu format of the Corvallis Beanery has been applied to the Eugene coffee house. It features bagel combinations, soup of the day, and assorted pastries, as well as the coffee drinks, teas, juices, soft drinks, and Italian sodas. Local baked goods include Excelsior pastries and Johan's rolls.

On Friday and Saturday nights there is music, in a light jazz and classical vein.

Manager Jerry Vrzak, a classically-trained guitarist himself, takes particular interest in the musical offerings. He has performed locally in numerous restaurants and seeks to promote the solid array of local performing talent. Currently, the Beanery is hosting a Coffee Concert Series in conjunction with the Eugene Guitar Association, and is show-casing regional guitarists in a variety of styles. In November, Portland-based notable Paul Chasman appears at the second concert in the series. There are two new triangular-shaped stages in the room which provide an intimate setting for the performers.

In addition, the Beanery displays the work of local painters, photographers, and other artists. The spaciousness of the room allows for optimum viewing of the wall art, which changes monthly. Currently on display is a series of paintings entitled *Windows* by Alan Scott, which works nicely between the several real windows in the room.

There is adequate seating at the Beanery to accommodate the heavy foot traffic in the campus area, and parking is also available. The Beanery is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. til 10 p.m.

What's Happening in the Sky

November 10-16

Amidst a week of probable rain, low temperatures (average high, 54°) and colorful, wind-swept trees, memories of a great pioneer are awakened November 15. This Tuesday marks the 245th birthday of William Herschel, a relative unknown who once lit up the farthest reaches of our galaxy with his extraordinary insight. Arriving upon earth in 1738, it was Herschel who discovered the first new planet since prehistoric days (Uranus) and was instantly elevated to the rank of a modern Columbus. Not content with mere planets, he also established the direction the sun was moving, understood that we live in an island of stars (the galaxy), and looked *beyond* the rainbow to discover infra-red light. These and a lifetime of other "space-shattering" observations make William Herschel both an inspiration for those with open minds and an explorer with whom we can laugh when we hear it said, "There's nothing new under the sun."

Speaking of our illustrious sun, it rises this week at 7:05 a.m., preceded by the combined light of Mars and Venus. Respectively red and white, these planets are adjacent in the south-east and an easy eyeful before dawn. Following sunset at 4:50 p.m., the other end of the day sees Jupiter sinking from view in the south-west. Its last few days as an evening visitor find it *close* to the horizon as a remarkably bright star-like object. Finally, our globe's constant companion, the moon, is nightly getting larger and more radiant in the November evening sky. Look for the crisp outlines of its crater half-phase Saturday, November 12, when it will be high in the south as the sun departs into the western depths.

This Week's Terrestrial Eye-Opener (taken from the book, *The Forest* by Walter Kummerly): "A single rye plant, after four months of growth, was found to have put out 378 miles of roots, or an average of three miles during each day."

—Larry Deckman

A Look at the Future

Trade shows are growing more popular every year. In fact, they are about as prolific as magazines, and for many of the same reasons. It's fun to be with people who share our interests and talk about those ideas. The **Future Exposition** promises to be just such an event. On the surface, it is a trade show; vendors will be displaying and selling their products and services. But most trade shows focus on a narrow segment of the economy or a specific interest, attempting to cover all aspects of a topic in depth. It is just not possible to do that with so broad a topic as "The Future."

Lately, we've been hearing volumes about the information age. More and more facts are available to us every day. But with so much information being foisted upon us, how can we sort through it to find what's worthwhile? We are on the verge of a situation I call "Inundata."

Take computers, for instance. Everywhere you look, someone has something to say about computers. Each manufacturer claims to have the best for this or that reason. The fundamental question is, though, will it help me do what I want to do, better? Magazines can only take you so far, so you have to find a source. You have to go talk to someone about what you want to do. And it's the same for all kinds of fields. Everywhere you look, new innovations are revising the way we live.

With this in mind, the **Future Exposition** was conceived. It is a collection of sources for an incredibly wide variety of areas of interest. It is a department store of opportunity; a smorgasbord of ideas. The local community

and the economic connections that support it are alive and well and looking for places to go. The economic base of this area was clearcut, like a forest, with the decline of the lumber revenues. But the sun can now shine on a multitude of seedlings. In the last few years, many people in this region have been pursuing their own areas of interest and are now ready to show what they have come up with. Some are products made here and some are produced elsewhere and introduced to us by local representatives. Some are freshly developed and others are just now reaching an era of appreciation. Some are refinements spurred by changing priorities. For the most part, the **Future Expo** is a learning experience. You will be able to see and touch more new products at one time than ever before. And not just "high tech" products.

The future is made up of much more than computers. A whole new lifestyle is emerging that takes advantage of ancient knowledge as well as current thought. Harmony with the earth can be gained through the conscientious absorption of many disparate concepts. We only need to find out what each has to offer. The **Future Expo** is an initial effort to collect these parts and present them as a whole. You'll find everything from high tech to high touch and several of the highlights in between. A few of these highlights include a geodesic dome house by Oregon Dome, robotics demonstrations, an innovative hydroelectric generation system by Energy Kinematics of Springfield, ultralight aircraft, lasers, an outstanding collection of

speakers, a display of 34 school entries for WISTEC's "Invent the Future: Lane County 2001" contest, the latest in computer and communication technologies (including several locally-built custom computer products from Audiodigital and Adtronics wind-surfing, and many more "too numerous to mention," as they say.

Quality is an essential requirement for future products and services and for this reason many items are included for the very reason that they have proven to be so good and useful that they will continue to be a part of the future as they were the past.

And to go along with the exhibits is an equally exciting entertainment program. Included are a slide show of the space shuttle with an open discussion by Larry Patton, a collection of video highlights by independent video producers Jerry Joffe and Steve Christenson, a slide presentation by Larry Deckman of NASA photographs of our solar system, a premiere showing of a wonderful new collection of abstract photographs set to music by local photographer Curt Sparks, and for good measure, a video tape of the highlights from the recent Computer Graphics show hosted by the U of O.

This is the kind of event you won't want to miss. You'll be able to talk to the sources. Ask your questions. Kick a few tires.

The **Future Expo** opens Friday, Nov. 11, and runs through Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Check the calendar for times each day.

—Carl Watkins



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