



Photo by Greg Wasson.

A visitor at the Pioneer Museum shows a house he once lived in to a Cambodian friend.

Museum depicts pioneer life

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The Eugene metropolitan area encompasses many places of great human interest, but one of these which is often overlooked by the public-at-large is the Lane County Pioneer Museum.

The Pioneer Museum, which adjoins the Lane County Fairgrounds on W. 13th Street near Jackson Avenue, was first founded in 1935, and contains a variety of historical objects from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The present two-story location was completed in 1959.

Once inside, the visitor is slowly drawn into another world—a world considerably harsher than his own, but one to which he is inseparably linked. The museum contains memorabilia covering nearly all facets of the pioneer age. For example, the development of Eugene's lumber industry is illustrated through the display of a large tree trunk surrounded by tools in use then. In addition, many photographs of logging camps are preserved here.

The first floor is dominated by three large wagons: a stagecoach, a covered wagon, and a simple horse-drawn wagon. The brightly-colored stagecoach was used extensively in Oregon and California, while the covered wagon (painted red, white and blue), was a gift from a pioneer to his newlywed daughter. The

first floor also houses a research library, which contains many old historical works.

One of the most striking displays on the second floor shows some of the medicines used by the pioneers: rheumatism medicine, kidney remedy, "The Golden Medical Discovery," and many others. Next to this is a recreation of a primitive dentist's office, which contained the first X-ray machine used in the Eugene area. This contraption appears tame in comparison with its surroundings — a glass case with dentists' tools and a foot-powered tooth drill.

The second floor is dominated by two large rooms containing authentic replicas of a pioneer kitchen and living room, both with complete furnishings. The kitchen, of course, seems primitive, but the livingroom is well-furnished, and luxurious.

Of course, children's interests are not ignored. Several dolls are displayed, next to a display of boys' models and games, but one of the most striking items is an old tricycle, which features all-metal wheels and a blue velvet seat.

Outside the museum, traffic still clogs 13th Street, but visitors leave retaining a vision of 19th century Eugene.

The museum is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on weekends from 1 to 5 p.m. The museum is closed Fridays.

State board position available to students

One of the two student positions on the State Board of Higher Education will open July 1, and interested students must apply for the position now.

Governor Bob Straub makes the final appointment to the board, but he considers nominations from the student governments of the eight state schools. The ASUO can make three nominations to the governor.

Applications for the position are due in the ASUO Executive offices in the EMU by 5 p.m. Monday. The applications ask for basic biographical information and answers to a few short essay questions. "But students should submit all material which would help them get appointed," says administrative assistant Mark Cogan.

"We will place special emphasis on the student's demonstrated knowledge of the State System (of Higher Education), experience, and advocacy in student concerns."

State board members spend about two or three days each month in meetings and must handle a fairly heavy reading load to keep up with the board issues. The position is voluntary, but members are given compensation for expenses.

Marc Maden, a graduate student from Portland State, presently holds the position, but his term expires June 30. The other student board member is Valerie McIntyre, a University of Oregon graduate student. All undergraduates and graduates are eligible for the position. Each student board member serves a two-year term.

Students interested in more information can call Mark Cogan at 686-3724.

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