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Photo by Tonya Houg

Beeper Howard Van Nortwick continued his childhood interest in bees by taking a SEARCH course in beekeeping. He eventually revitalized his grandfather's abandoned hives, and now sells honey at Saturday Market.

Beekeeping: a sticky summer

By NICK GALLO
Of the Emerald

Honey. Celestial food. Elixir of love. Sweet, fragrant, mellifluous. The land of milk and

There is a notion that bees will not sting a faithful beekeeper. Pure folklore. And yet fear can be smelled. In its absence, a rapport flourishes.

Ask Howard Van Nortwick. At

10 years old he watched his grandfather keep bees. Years later, he acquired a taste for it himself.

Van Nortwick, a university business student, attended a SEARCH class in beekeeping four years ago. His appetite whetted, he took a course in Social Insects. Then, it was on to his grandfather's abandoned hives for a trial-and-error period.

Van Nortwick, who operates a honey cart at Saturday Market, is soft spoken, wiry, with curly blond hair. Conservatively dressed, though a self-professed member of the counter-culture, the beekeeper has one characteristic which comes through in this interview: he is unexcitable. And perhaps more than intelligence, charm, good looks or a quick wit this one trait might best endear bees to a beekeeper. It will also get an apiarist through a long, poor summer.

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Brown stumps for locals

California Gov. Jerry Brown will campaign and attend fundraisers in Eugene Friday on behalf of Fourth District Congressman Jim Weaver, D-Ore., and state legislative candidate John Stewart.

Stewart, a Democrat running for state representative from District 41, said Brown will drop by a fundraiser for his campaign Friday afternoon at Murphy and Me tavern. The fundraiser is scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m. with live music and a no-host bar and menu. Ticket-holders must be at least 21.

The Weaver campaign committee has planned a two-hour train excursion fundraiser with Brown and Weaver into the Cascades

aboard "the Goose," a special nine-car train powered by a 1914 vintage steam engine.

The trip is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. with a back-of-the-train rally and speeches at the Village Green in Cottage Grove. Brown, Weaver and other ticket-holders will then board the train for a 35-mile trip along the Row River. Food, music and beverages will be provided and are included in the \$25 price of the ticket. Tickets are available at either the Weaver '76 headquarters on 488 E. 11th Ave. or the Democratic Party Campaign Headquarters at 873 Willamette St. Advance tickets are required.

Plans for park close 13th Ave.

By TOM FLUHARTY
Of the Emerald

Plans for an urban park in front of Williams Bakery have prompted a test closure of 13th Avenue at the intersection of Moss Street.

A traffic diverter was set up Sept. 24 in an effort to determine the effects a permanent closure of 13th Avenue between Columbia and Moss Streets would have on traffic.

Tom Williams, owner of Williams Bakery, requested the closure, according to Irv Berman, planning engineer for Eugene's Traffic Engineer Division.

Williams said he is planning an "urban park" with bike and pedestrian paths, a fountain and mound areas to be built on the grassy portion of the triangle formed by 13th Avenue, Columbia and Franklin Boulevard. He said the block-long portion of 13th in front of the bakery would be torn-up and replaced with grass.

He explained that the bakery is expanding and it will be necessary to remove the formal gardens in front of the building, which, he said, the public has come to enjoy.

An urban park in that location would beautify the entrance to Eugene and the University, he said.

The temporary blockade is a test to determine traffic patterns in the area if the street were permanently closed, according to Berman.

Berman explained that the Eugene City Council adopted a "diverter policy" in 1975 that permits a neighborhood group or individual to request street closures to encourage through traffic and non-residential users to use an adjacent arterial street.

After a test period of one to two

months, during which time traffic counts are taken, the traffic division makes a recommendation to the city manager, who then submits it to the city council for a final decision.

One blockade to southbound traffic exists on Alder Street at 19th Avenue and there are proposals for several other diverters throughout Eugene, Berman said.

Berman said so far the only problem seems to be a slight "stack up" of cars leaving the parking lot at 13th Avenue and Agate Street at 5 p.m.

Berman added the traffic division obtained permission for the test both from the area's neighborhood association and Ray Hawk, University vice-president of administration and finance.

Hawk said if that portion of 13th is closed, then Agate would become the main entrance to the University and should be beautified. The parking lot now at that corner is not a very attractive site, he said.

To improve the appearance of the area, an underground parking garage was suggested, Hawk said. A slight possibility exists for federal funding from the Economic Development Administration, which will fund "make work" projects for areas of high unemployment, he speculated.

Hawk said the city is looking for projects and might consider the garage in an effort to relieve congestion in the area. He explained the higher priority is given to city and county projects.

Berman said his office is interested in public comments on the closure and asked for feedback to be sent to the Traffic Engineer's office in City Hall.

today

Keggers

The campus community faces a dry spell, as OLCC officials crack down on liquor laws. Fraternities and beer distributors have been warned about keg party violations. See page 3.

Metrics

Recently awarded grant money will help facilitate the conversion to the metric system. Pending transitional measures are outlined on page 13.

SWOMSI

Flash Gordon recalls his Mars expedition at the upcoming SWOMSI auction Saturday. Numerous activities throughout the day will generate funds to benefit the science center. See page 15.

Scuba

The scuba offerings here suffered setbacks due to one toothy Hollywood star. However, the page 17 story reports that the sport is regaining its popularity, as fears reside.