



Summer orientation issue

Summer is a special time of year in Eugene.

Most students evacuate the Emerald City for summer jobs, vacations and a break from academia. But those who stay and those who come to Eugene especially for Summer Session are rewarded with a diversity and flavor the others miss.

Since everyone pays resident tuition during the summer, a greater percentage of out-of-state and foreign students will enroll this week than at any other time of the year. Half summer session students are teachers back for more schooling and half the students attending classes have at least part-time jobs.

While prices both for tuition and rent go down for many students during the summer, opportunities for entertainment and recreation go up.

Summer session is the shortest term of the year and few classes meet Fridays. Four-week courses, weekend sessions and courses for one week only are also scheduled.

Several University Theatre productions are scheduled for this summer including seven Carnival Theatre performances for children. The Summer Festival of Music with Helmuth Rilling is scheduled late in the session and the Family Vacation College will begin in July.

The Family Vacation College, now in its 15th year, allows parents to attend special classes and events while their children participate in recreational activities of their own.

While these programs contribute to a special atmosphere during the summer, it's really the climate and weather that most people appreciate.

Nine months out of the year students are

forced to carry umbrellas never knowing when the next shower will begin and only by mid-June can warmth and sunshine be expected.

But when summer finally does come, pallid, moldy Eugene denizens awaken like bees to participate in the season.

As snow recedes in the high Cascades, backpackers and campers wind up the forested trails into Alpine areas completely closed off during the rest of the year.

The Coast, just more than an hour in the other direction, offers an entirely different experience with surf, stream and lake fishing, sightseeing and playing in the sand dunes, beaches and towns along Highway 101.

This orientation issue introduces and welcomes students and their families to Eugene and the 1978 University Summer Session. Have a good time.