

Parks

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Of the Emerald

It may be a long hot summer for students attending the Summer Session, but that doesn't mean that every day should be taken up with classes and every night spent studying.

The Eugene Parks and Recreation Department has made certain that Eugene is one of the most active cities west of the Cascades.

Beginning in June, the Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled well over 200 activities for every age group from senior citizens to children. Those activities are scattered throughout the city in four community centers, several area schools, a baseball diamond complex, a golf course and four city swimming pools.

Beginning the last week of June, classes and workshops covering every subject from cooking international foods to belly dancing and massage will be offered to Eugene residents.

The classes, which continue for nearly two months, will be held in one of four community centers around the city. The two centers that accommodate the most University students are the Amazon Village Community Center, south of the University at 2700 Hilyard Street, and the Westmoreland Community Center, 1545 W. 22nd Avenue, adjacent to 18th avenue near the Westmoreland married student housing complex.

The other centers, Sheldon Meadow Community Center, 2445 Willakenzie Road, and the Peterson Park Barn Community Center, 3825 Royal Avenue, are more than a bike ride from the University campus.

For adults, the parks department is offering 75 classes and eight workshops in the community centers.

An active summer scheduled



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These include classes on Backgammon, cake decorating, calligraphy, cooking international foods, belly dancing, disco dancing, embroidery, Frisbee throwing, karate, massage, quilting, solar energy, Tai Chi and Volleyball.

The adult workshops, which usually last one day, include classes in bookbinding, making and decorating Ukrainian eggs and Yoga.

For teenagers, the classes offer cultural field trips in the Eugene area, cartooning, computer games, disco dancing, Frisbee throwing, horseback riding, juggling and building model rockets.

The recreation department is also offering several classes for teenagers that include outside activities such as backpacking, hiking, bike tours, canoeing and rock climbing.

Children's classes sponsored by the department include a workshop on acting, cooking, crafts, tap dancing, dough art, Frisbee throwing, gardening, gymnastics, mime and building model rockets.

Outdoor programs for children include backpacking to a lake in the Cascade mountains, canoeing, bike hiking, and rock climbing. Various school playgrounds will also be open during the summer for children of all ages to join the organized activities provided by the parks department.

Also part of the parks department summer program are several downtown Eugene activities. Although most of these activities are for entertainment on the downtown mall, several classes in building art objects from scraps, yoga and dance for downtowners plus ten music groups will be organized this summer.

A full schedule of classes, including fee schedules and swimming pool information, can be obtained at the city parks and recreation department, 858 Pearl Street, in Eugene.

A new manager, 25-cent beer and much more greet the . . .

By JOHN HARRIS
Of the Emerald

Included among the highlights of his career on the back of the Topps baseball card for Chicago White Sox shortstop Alan Bannister, it is stated, "Had 27 stolen bases at Eugene, 1973."

As far as most people who follow major league baseball are concerned, Eugene could be Quad Cities, Tidewater or Sioux Falls. But for many fans and ball players alike, minor league

baseball teams such as the one in Eugene, are as close as they will ever get to the big leagues.

Emerald Baseball Inc., which is the official title of Eugene-Springfield's offering to the minor leagues, is a Class A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds. As a member of the Cincinnati organization, the Ems, the appellation by which the local club is best known, are stocked with players who the Reds have either drafted from the high school or college ranks or have signed as free agents.

These players are paid and supplied with uniforms by the Reds as well.

As members of a Class A team, the Ems' players are still three giant steps from playing in Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium. In the professional baseball hierarchy, Class AAA is one notch below the major leagues, followed by Class AA, which is followed by Class A, which in turn is followed by a plethora of lesser leagues grouped together under various designations.



Though most of the young men who participate on the Class A level will probably never see a big league game from anywhere other than a seat in the stands, there are notable exceptions.

Paul Moskau, who compiled a 10 and 1 won-loss record and a league leading earned run average of 1.50 in leading the Ems to the Northwest League championship in 1975, is now in his second year as a starting pitcher for the Reds.

Moskau is the only Em to make it to the major leagues since Cincinnati began its affiliation with Eugene four years ago, but over the years a large number of players have made it from Eugene to the top.

Eugene's first minor league team was founded along with the Northwest League (NWL) in 1955. For the first four years of their existence the Ems were an independent club. They had no connection with any major league franchise and supplied all of their own players.

In 1959 the Ems began their

first big league affiliation when they struck up an agreement with the San Francisco Giants. For four years the Giants supplied the Ems with players, which included future major league stars Jesus Alou and Jose Cardenal among others.

In 1963 the Ems became a part of the Chicago White Sox organization, a relationship that lasted just one year, during which time the Ems compiled an ignominious 2-23 record.

The Philadelphia Phillies took over the Eugene franchise the following year, and until 1974 the Ems were the Phillies' Class AAA team and a member of the Pacific Coast League. From those teams emerged the likes of Mike Marshall, a Cy Young Award winner, who now pitches for the Minnesota Twins; and Andre Thornton, who led the Cleveland Indians in home runs last year.

After another year of independence in 1974, the Ems' present affiliation with the Reds was consummated in 1975.

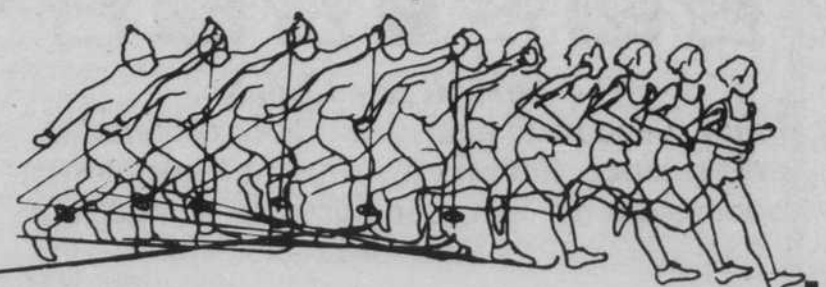
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