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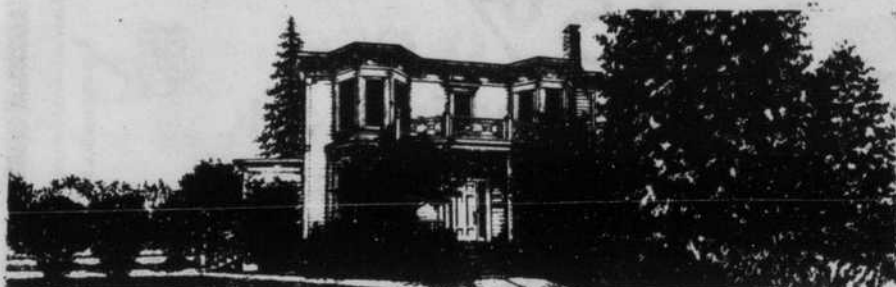
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## Forging new paths...with art

Jack Emerson, a fifth-year architecture student, deals the final blows to an airbrush mural on the stairway leading to the University Outdoor Program's main offices.

The idea behind the painting is to make the program's entrance more noticeable and enticing to students. The doorway sits next to the EMU loading dock, near the visitors parking lot just off of University Street.

No problem.

The painting was created by airbrushing over stencils to form jagged peaks and softly rounded clouds that lead to a kayaker and skier. It has taken Emerson about 120 hours over the past two years to complete the project, because, as he says, you can only paint the snow-capped peaks when the sun is shining.

Photo by Debbie Howlett

## Park booze decision on tap

By Hank Trotter  
Of the Emerald

If your Indian summer daydreams include sunbathing in Alton Baker Park with a blanket and a six-pack of beer, you're in for a rude awakening.

Alcohol is now prohibited at the county park because the city recently annexed the property.

The prohibition could be reversed, however, if the Eugene City Council adopts a code amendment at its Oct. 26 meeting.

Because the park is owned and run by the county instead of the city, it is defined as a "public open space" within the city. And the Eugene Code — while allowing consumption of alcohol in city

parks — prohibits it in open public spaces.

The status of Alton Baker Park, located a mile west of Autzen stadium, changed in May when the city annexed what was then an "island" of county land within the city of Eugene, says Ernest Drapela, Eugene director of parks.

This island included Autzen stadium, Alton Baker Park and some adjacent property, Drapela says.

Lane County has no rules limiting alcohol consumption in county parks and Alton Baker has long been a favorite watering hole for University students.

"Controversy arose over the sudden change in status, of whether alcoholic consumption

could take place there," Drapela says.

"No, (alcohol) is not permitted. It's a real unfortunate misunderstanding," he says.

The annexation also means the Eugene Police Department may now patrol the entire park. Before, city police only could patrol the park's parking lots, says Bill Spreicher, an officer with the Eugene Crime Prevention Unit.

"It was a real problem because people knew they could just go up on the grass and thumb their nose at us and get real rowdy," Spreicher says.

He says a "blanket policy" in the police department now treats Alton Baker Park like any other park within the city.

"If they are in a designated area and they are not minors, there is no problem," he says of beer and wine drinkers.

When contacted Thursday, he was unaware the park is officially a "public open space," thus disallowing consumption of alcohol.

Eugene police watch commander, Sgt. Randy Wight, said "the official position is there is no alcohol allowed and we will enforce that ordinance. Unofficially, because there is that gray area for the public, some alcohol consumption has been allowed in the picnic areas."

To create a more uniform park policy, Lane County commissioners voted July 13 to apply all Eugene city park rules to Alton Baker Park.

"When we tried to apply park rules we found we had no authority to pass rules on county property even though (the county) had agreed," Drapela says.

If the Eugene City Council votes to amend the code to include county-owned parks within city limits in its park policy, alcohol may again be allowed in Alton Baker Park.

"I wouldn't recommend that anyone consume alcohol in Alton Baker Park until October 26. My assumption is there will be permitted areas within the improved area of the park," Drapela says.




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All interested men should contact Bob Curran, Associate Director of Chapter Services, at 8741 Founders Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268; (317) 872-8003; or call Marti Chaney at 686-3216.