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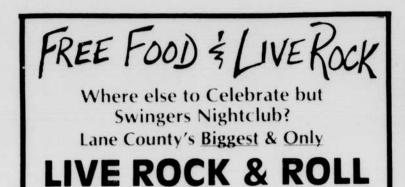


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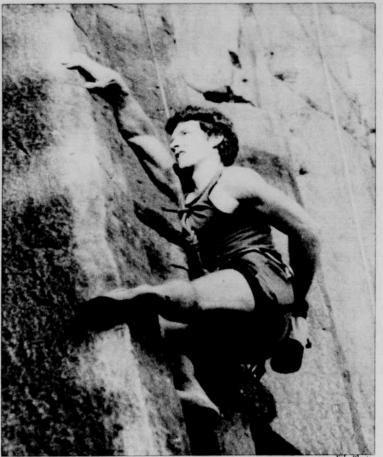
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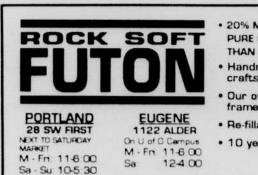
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Eugene's unique location at the heart of the Willamette Valley gives students the opportunity to enjoy scenic outdoor recreation areas close to home.

Whether you're a returning senior squeezing in a few graduation requirements or a first term freshmen, you won't have to travel far to enjoy beautiful rivers and lakes in and around the Eugene-Springfield area.

If you're into fishing, boating, skiing, hiking, swimming or just catching up on your tan, there's a place nearby for you.

Fall Creek Reservoir is one of the area's top swimming, boating, water-skiing and all-round recreational areas. Located approximately 20 miles southeast of Eugene off Highway 126, the lake is nestled in the outskirts of the beautiful Willamette National Forest and is a perfect day-trip getaway.

Also east of Eugene off Highway 126 is Blue River Lake. About 50 miles from Eugene, Blue River Lake is just north of Cougar Lake, alongside the churning McKenzie River. Highway 126 abounds with recreation areas, day sites and camp sites en route to these lakes.

The McKenzie River is an ideal waterway for fishermen and thrill seekers who brave its rough waters on rafts and drift boats. After turning east in the Eugene area, the river stretches into the Willamette National Forest, with plenty of access along Highway 126. This time of year, the McKenzie is relatively warm for swimmers and boasts spring chinook salmon, steelhead and trout for anglers.

Leaburg Pool, just above Leaburg Dam about 20 miles east of Eugene along Highway 126, is also excellent for swimmers and fishermen. Formed from the McKenzie, Leaburg pool is much like a quiet lake with boat access, swimming docks and plenty of trout.

About 20 miles south of Eugene, near Cottage Grove, are two more excellent recreational areas. Cottage Grove Lake and Dorena Lake are popular among boaters and fishermen, but also offer picnic areas and camp grounds for sun bathers and day-trippers. Cottage Grove Lake is just south of Cottage Grove while Dorena is about 15 miles east of the city.

Traveling along Highway 58 southeast of Eugene, Dexter Lake, about 15 miles, and Hills Creek Lake, approximately 50 miles, offer more all-around recreational opportunities. Fishing, hiking, boating and swimming areas abound along the route as well as incredibly sce-



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nic and quiet camping areas.

Also along Highway 58. about 10 miles southeast of Oakridge, are the Kitson Hot Springs. When the temperature cools off at night the springs can't be beat for relaxation. The steaming pools are tucked right against the cold waters of Salt Creek, just off Highway 58. and are easy to miss from the road. Look for a small, gravel turn off and campground just before the springs or, to be safe, ask at Dink's Market just outside Oakridge.

To the west along coast Highway 126 is Fern Ridge Reservoir, about 15 miles outside Eugene. A recreation area with campsites, two boat ramps and

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