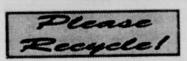
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how much I spent on travel last year." Han said. "Now that I'm living in Eugene, I won't have to travel at all during the track season."

Moore said there is an unspoken understanding between the community and the runners.

"Runners are respected in Eugene; they're considered on the same level as other athletes," Moore said. "In Eugene, running is looked on as a valuable, worthwhile activity."

Many small reasons combine to make Eugene the favorable location that it is.

Moore summarized the feeling best when he told a story about his legendary track coach Bill Bowerman.

"Bowerman was continually pestered by journalists for the secret to his runners' success," Moore recounted. "The journalists would ask, 'Is it the water the runners drink? Is it the cabbage they eat? Is it the morning runs they take through Hendrick's Park?"

"Bowerman finally respond-

ed, saying it was not any one thing that made his runners great, but that it was the combination of all the little things, along with intelligent training and racing, that made the runners from Eugene so good," Moore said.

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