

Annex shuts down

□ The venue closes doors after opening nine months ago

By Ed Carson
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The Mill Camp Annex in Springfield, which featured musical acts such as Little Feat and the Blue Oyster Cult, has closed its doors after only nine months of operation.

Mill Camp owner Jeff Gaulcon said months of poor attendance was the reason for closing the Annex.

"The numbers simply didn't support the facility," Gaulcon said.

The Mill Camp itself has recently remodeled its saloon, allowing Gaulcon to continue bringing bands to the Eugene-Springfield area.

The Mill Camp has less space than the Annex, but Gaulcon said that might not be an entirely negative change.

"The Mill Camp doesn't look as cavernous or as empty," Gaulcon said.

Another advantage is that the saloon won't be entirely dependent on the bands to stay in business like the Annex was.

"It won't be the mainstay of what keeps the doors open," Gaulcon said.

Gaulcon, who is also the Mill Camp's talent buyer, said he still hopes to bring in the same kind of acts as before, but he admitted that some of the bigger acts will no longer be possible.

Aside from being a smaller facility, the only other major change that Annex patrons will see is that the Mill Camp will be restricted to people aged 21 and older because of OLCC alcohol license restrictions.

However, Gaulcon doesn't believe that excluding the under-21 crowd will have an adverse effect on attendance.

"We weren't getting support from the under-21 crowd. People under 21 who might cry about us closing the Annex ... well, they had it and they didn't support it," Gaulcon said.

Around the edges



Photo by Anthony Forney

Mike Marlen of Oregon Collab Construction grinds off the rough edges on the new LTD bus stop at East 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street. Marlen said they are in the process of "prettying up" the booth and putting on the final touches, including a glass panel roof.

Eugene brings back Dead for two shows

□ The sold-out concerts will continue a long tradition for the band and the fans in the area

By Lia Saliccia
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For the first time in three years, after two canceled shows, a serious illness and miles of red tape, the Grateful Dead are back in Eugene to play two concerts to sold-out crowds in Autzen Stadium during the weekend of Aug. 21 and 22.

For many, that's good news, considering the somewhat costly arrangements made to ensure the concerts, which will bring needed revenue to the city. For others, it's bad news, an open invitation to drug users to roam on University property.

The first time the band played in Eugene was Jan. 30, 1968 in the EMU Ballroom. As the Dead gained a larger following, the size of their concerts grew, and one year later they played in Mac Court.

They played three more times in Duck basketball territory, in 1978, 1981 and 1987 with Bob Dylan and at Lane Community College in 1971. They also played the Hult Center — three concerts in 1983 and three in 1984.

When the number of Deadheads outgrew the Hult Center, the only place left big enough to accommodate them was Autzen Stadium, where they packed crowds into the bleachers and across the entire football field in the summer of 1990.

"Going to Eugene is like visiting our country cousins," said Dennis McNally, publicist for the band. "Well, Eugene isn't exactly the country; how about Northern cousins? It's like a return home to family."

One reason why the band has a special relationship with the area is because of ties to the Merry Pranksters, who started at roughly the same time as the Dead.

The Pranksters started in the Bay Area, moved to La Honda, Calif., and many members, including leader Ken Kesey and bus driver Ken Babbs, settled down in Pleasant Hill. The group's adventures are chronicled in Tom Wolfe's book *The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test* and include driving around the country in a brightly painted bus called



Garcia

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'Insurgent' money missing, report says

□ Suspect may have taken funds after being turned down

By S.A. Clemens
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Funds from the *Student Insurgent* have turned up missing, and members of the editorial collective believe the money may have been used by an former editor as a donation to his think-tank, according to a report filed with the Eugene police department by some of the newspaper staff.

The *Insurgent* staff had no

comment.

The suspect allegedly had asked the *Insurgent* to donate the money, using funds the newspaper can allocate for such causes, and he was turned down, according to the report.

Eugene police will not release the names of the suspect or of those who filed the report. Police also asked that the amount of money not be released as well.

The suspect was then voted off of the *Insurgent* editorial collective for reasons not related to the donation, but his name was

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WEATHER

For the final weather forecast of the summer (for us that is) ... Sunny and warm through the weekend with highs around 80.

This is the last issue of the *Emerald* until the "Law School" edition Aug. 23 and the "Back to the Books" issue Sept. 20. Remember to catch the meteor showers tonight.

MARIJUANA 'MINE' BUSTED

YREKA, Calif. (AP) — Four people have been arrested on federal charges accusing them of running a sophisticated marijuana-growing operation in a gold mine.

"They were mining green gold," Siskiyou County sheriff's Sgt. Gary Peery said Wednesday. Authorities found remnants of about 2,300 plants from a recent harvest when they raided the Advanced Mine shaft along the Salmon River 50 miles west of Yreka Monday.

The shaft had been converted into four rooms for hydroponic cultivation in which plants grow in water instead of soil. The rooms contained a drip irrigation system, growing lights and growing tables.

If convicted, each of the four arrested could face a maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison and a \$1 million fine.

SPORTS

LOS ANGELES — Renee Baumgartner, who captained the 1985 USC women's golf team and spent the last six seasons building the Oregon women's golf program, has been named the Trojans' head coach, athletic director Mike Garrett announced last week.

Baumgartner, 28, replaces Cathy Bright, who resigned after 12 seasons to get married and move out of state.

"We are very excited to have Renee return to USC," Garrett said. "She has proven herself to be an outstanding collegiate coach and will be a fine addition to the Trojan athletic team."

"It's great to be back at USC," Baumgartner said.