

Citizens' plan to maintain "riverside haven" finalized

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Linda Saltmarsh took her children to East Alton Baker Park as soon as they could walk. She often used the park as a place to exercise, running on Prefontaine's Trail.

But an automobile accident changed the way she viewed the park. After knee surgery, it became a place for her physical and mental therapy.

"I appreciated the park as a natural get-away," she said.

After her recovery, she used the bike paths to commute to the University.

Saltmarsh is one of thousands of Eugene and Springfield residents who use the park for passive recreation — jogging, fishing, hiking, picnicking, boating and flying kites. It is the only park that connects the two cities.

For two years, she has been a member of the East Alton Baker Park Citizen Planning Committee. The committee recently completed a plan to ensure that the park remains a natural site within the city, rather than a more traditional park with golf courses, play structures and well-mowed football fields.

After meeting about once a month for the past two years, the committee's East Alton Baker Park Plan was finalized May 2. The plan will be presented to the City Council in August for

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— LINDA SALTMARSH
member East Alton Baker Citizen Planning Committee

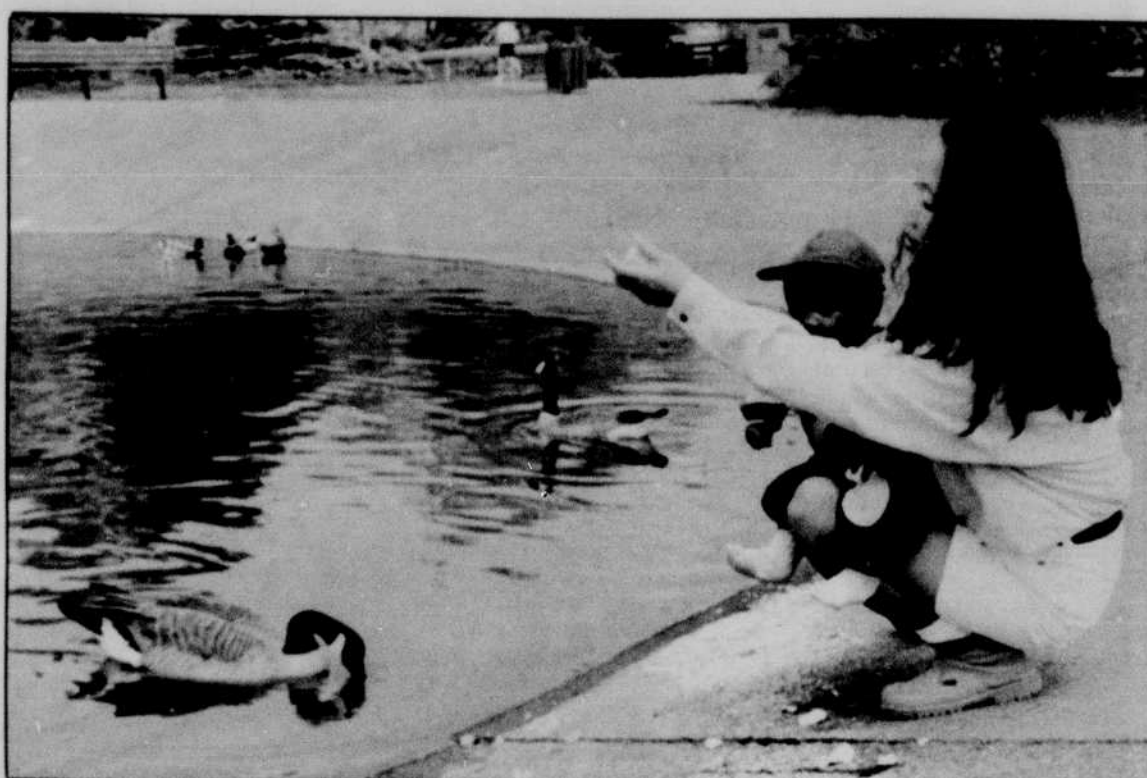
adoption.

A view of passive recreation is included in the preface of the committee's draft plan: "Passive means we are acted upon, we are receiving the action. If we are passive, then the land is active. ... This doesn't mean we sit back and do nothing, but it means we are here to serve this land, not the other way around."

The preface is also a summary of the committee's visions and goals.

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The plan's vision is to create a natural area within an urban area, said Teresa Bishow, senior planner for the city of Eugene and staff support for the committee.



Yoon Rogers and her son Dimitri feed the ducks Sunday afternoon at Alton Baker Park. Members of the East Alton Baker Planning Citizen Committee are advocating keeping the park a passive recreation area.

But the vision of the park wasn't always aimed at passive recreation. For several years, the County proposed that a golf course be built in the central section of the park.

In November 1992, Lane County voters passed Ballot Measure 20-01, a citizen initiative developed by Sharon Teague, which prohibited the development of a golf course. The measure established a 15-

member citizen committee to design a plan for passive recreation uses for the park.

Before the ballot measure took effect, Lane County transferred its property ownership of the park to the cities of Eugene and Springfield. Springfield transferred its ownership to Willamalane Park and Recreation District.

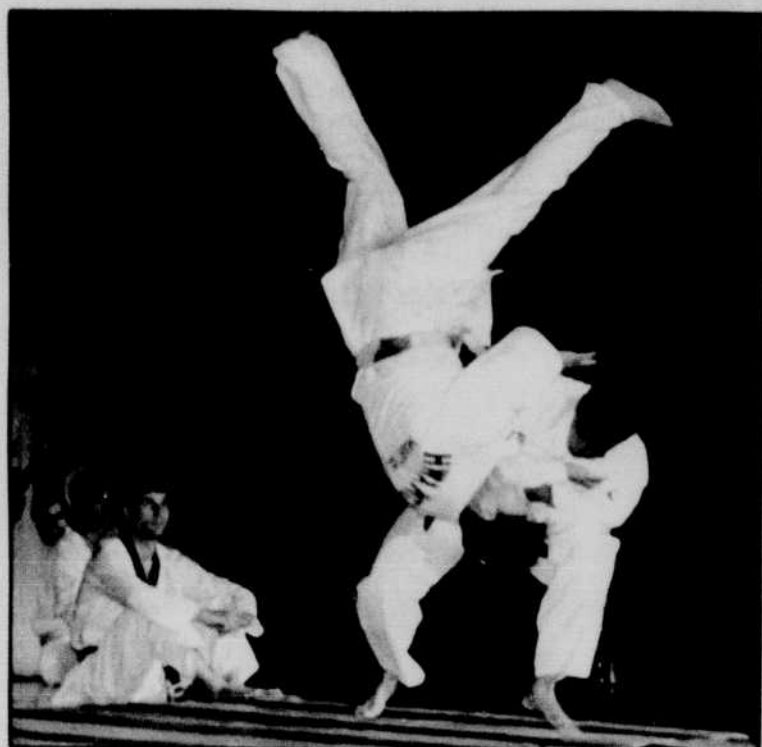
In June 1993, the Eugene City Council and Willamalane Board

appointed members and a core staff team to the East Alton Baker Park Planning Committee.

The committee members said they have created a plan that will make the park a community resource for passive recreation.

"The park is a fantastic resource that is really close to the community," said Chris Ramey, director and architect of

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Martial artists from Hwang's Martial Arts Studio display their abilities Sunday at the third annual Korea Night in the EMU Ballroom.

Korea Night brings rich Korean culture into spotlight

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If there was one thing the Korean students who performed in the ballroom Sunday night wanted to express, it was strong Korean traditions.

Yuni Choi began by singing the Korean national anthem. Students from Hwang's Martial Arts Academy gave a Tae Kwon Do demonstration. University students performed a dance with ornate costumes and colorful fans. The evening ended with a victory melody sung on stage.

Korea Night was a chance for Korean students to highlight the rich Korean culture and many long-standing traditions before an audience of about 300 University students, faculty, staff and community members who attended the third annual Korea Night, sponsored by the University's Korean Student Association.

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"As Korean and Korean Americans," said Ben Kang, president of the KSA, to the audience, "We are very proud and honored to share this night with you."

Kang said the students in KSA have worked since the beginning of the academic year to plan the culture night, by far KSA's biggest event throughout the year. In the weeks that worked up the event, he said things got more and more hectic.

"Culture night doesn't happen overnight and I don't think tonight was an exception," Kang said.

He was working on about two hours of sleep, and said he was not unlike the many other Korean students who donated their time and put off studying for their midterms to make the evening a success.

Helpers began preparing the food at 9 a.m. the day before. The meal included Bulgoki, Korean style beef, and Jop Chae, Korean style noodles, served over white rice. They also served Kim Chee and BooChin-Gae or Korean style pancakes. For dessert there was rainbow rice cakes and to drink was a cinnamon drink or tea.

Kang said he told students not to be frustrated because, "What you're going to remember is that it was a great night and we came together as a University."

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