



ABOVE: Ed's Coed, which was acted and produced by University students, was filmed locally. **RIGHT: Mariel Hemingway** visited Eugene to act in the track film *Personal Best*.

Eugene • in the MOVIES

Eugene has had its share of stardom over the years, providing the scenery for several movies

By Nikki Okimoto
Entertainment Reporter

Fade in. A long shot taken from a helicopter flying over a shopping mall. That

useless, ugly brown rotunda looks very familiar.

Hey, it's Valley River Center!

If you happen to rent the 1980 film *How to Beat the High Cost of Living*, you'll get a mediocre plot with dated subject material and a wacky ending. You'll get Susan St. James, Jane Curtin and Jessica Lange. You'll even get Fred Willard from *The Love Boat*.

You'll also get to see Eugene immortalized on film.

Since the early history of motion pictures, Oregon has attracted film productions from Academy Award-winning masterpieces to straight-to-video bombs. Lane County, and Eugene in particular, has had its share of cinematic glory.

In 1926, silent film star Buster Keaton filmed *The General in Cottage Grove*. Just thirteen years later, *Abe Lincoln in Illinois*, a film based on a Pulitzer prize-winning play, was filmed in Eugene and the McKenzie River area. Raymond Massey won the Academy Award for his role as Lincoln in the film.

University students even got into the act,

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Caliente

A dance celebration, a beer garden and a performance by local salsa band Caliente will conclude the Ben Linder Symposium tonight at 8 in the EMU Dining Room.

The Symposium commemorates the tenth anniversary of Ben Linder's death. The celebration is free and open to the public.



Josh Kornbluth

Humorist Josh Kornbluth will bring his one-man comedy show, "The Mathematics of Change," to the Hult Center's Soren Theatre April 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$16, and limited youth and student discounts are available.

A Benefit for Andy's Music

Jacob Marley's Ghost, The American Girls, Isor Wallobee and Ondine will perform "A Benefit for Andy's Music" at WOW Hall May 1.

The show will begin at 8:30 p.m., and the doors will open at 8. Admission is \$5 at the door.

"Be There" is a weekly column highlighting the week's top local entertainment events.



Animal House, which was filmed on campus and stars John Belushi, is the best-known movie that was filmed in the area.

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Local band The Sugar Beets will perform Heartfest III, an event that includes dancing and "unusual rituals," at WOW Hall April 26.

Sugar Beets CD disappoints

By Les Zaczek
Freelance Reporter

Recently there has been a revival in folk-rock-jam bands, and nowhere has this revival been more prevalent than in the Northwest, where musicians and listeners alike have traded in their gloomy lyrics and flannel shirts for happy tunes and tie-dye.

Yes boys and girls, hippie-rock is making a comeback, and the local band The Sugar Beets is trying to jump onto

the magic bus. The problem is that this is such an exhausted genre of music that it takes a really exceptional band to pull it off.

Babes with Axes is a good musical reference point, except The Sugar Beets have more instruments, such as the fiddle, the mandolin and the banjo.

The other difference is that the Babes have better songwriting and more engaging vocals.

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REVIEW

In Your Dream

The Sugar Beets

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Playing: April 26 at WOW Hall, 9:30 p.m.