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High 56, Low 35

Wednesday Showers
High 47, Low 41

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HOSTELS



Jonas Weiss of Switzerland says his goodbyes to the Lee family of South Korea before leaving the Portland International Hostel on his way hitchhiking to Canada.

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TRAVELING HOSTEL-STYLE

Hostels offer an affordable place to stay while traveling, as well as international flavor

By G. Jaros
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Lee Han Sung's family skipped the complementary pancake breakfast offered by the Portland International Hostel, opting instead for Kim Chi, rice and potatoes, on Sunday. But after breakfast, Sung's 7-year-old daughter and 9-year-old son tried something completely new to them — an Easter egg hunt. Hostel staff hid candy and colored eggs for the children. It took a mo-

ment for the children to catch-on, but then the excitement of the hunt overcame them.

The Sung family said they heard about hostels from a friend before leaving home in South Korea.

Hostels are the least expensive accommodations to be found while traveling, save sleeping in a park, a car or at the mission. They offer Americans a taste of international travel without ever leaving the states. On any given night, their guest registration has more nationalities represented than the NATO alliance.

Hundreds of hostels are scattered throughout the United States, but many

Americans don't know about them.

There are many independent hostels, including the Eugene Hostel on Willamette Street, but the largest network of hostels in the United States and the world is Hostelling International American Youth Hostels (HI-AYH), or AYH hostels. They have a network of nearly 5,000 hostels in more than 70 countries; there are 150 hostels in the United States. Prices range between a few dollars in some countries to \$22 in New York City and \$25 in London. Most average between \$12 to \$16 per night.

Despite the name, youth hostels are for

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Exchange programs excelling

Successful University study-abroad programs boosted its exchange enrollment rankings

By Teri Meeuwssen
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German exchange students sharing the memory of their stay at the University with other possible exchange students has helped keep the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg exchange program alive for more than 30 years.

"This is the model of German exchange programs in the United States," said Susan Anderson, associate professor of German in the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures and the advisor for the program. "The whole Oregon University System gets about 40 Germans a year, and we send 40 students from Oregon over there."

The program and others like it have made the University rank 38th in a list of public and private research institutions for international enrollment and 28th for the number of its students studying abroad, according to a new national report.

"Open Doors: 1997-1998 Report of International Educational Exchange," issued by the New York-based Institute of International Education, ranks the University ahead of schools including the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Virginia and Rutgers University.

"It's a good sign to people that we have a quality institution," said Tom Mills, director of the Office of International Education and Exchange. "But the fact that we have a good international university has been a well-kept secret."

The University has a good reputation, Anderson said.

"Most German students know English well because they've had to learn it in junior high or high school, so those interested are really looking forward to coming to the United States," she said.

Mills said the University has always had a high number of international and study abroad students.

"They see that the quality of life here is really high, so they come here to experience

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Web site spotlights photos of popular Eugene locations

The site's creators hope to expand the page into an electronic magazine

By Felicity Ayles
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Sean Keener and his friend Nick O'Neill were just sitting around one day, having a beer and discussing their favorite topics: movies and the Internet. The movie "Smoke" came up, and the two friends remembered that in the film, the main character takes a picture of a cigar shop at the same time every day.

The duo was instantly inspired.

Though they may not be focusing on a cigar shop, Keener and O'Neill have brought a taste of Hollywood to Eugene with

their new Web site, eugenedaily.com.

Every morning, either Keener or O'Neill takes pictures of popular spots around Eugene. The pictures are then placed on the Web site and changed daily. The site boasts pictures of the University Bookstore, Full City Coffee Shop and a question asked to the same five people each week.

The pictures are all taken at the same time of day, and you never know who or what is going to show up in the photo.

"It's the same picture, but then it's really not," Keener said. "Sometimes you'll see friends

and people you know."

Keener is the owner of MoMun.com, an Internet design company in Eugene, and he said he enjoys doing this additional Web site as a hobby.

"We do it for the fun of seeing people out there on a daily basis and seeing people smile," he said. "It's kind of a photo essay of things at different places and different times every day."

The site has been getting a fair amount of feedback, and Keener said he enjoys hearing what people have to say, but he is not always able to accommodate everyone's suggestions.

People want to see different shots and angles, and they suggest picturing different locations such as schools and highlighting non-University related scenes, he said. But for the most part, Keener said his goal is to expand the page into an electronic magazine.

"This page is intangible for the moment," he said. "We're not making any money, and who knows if we ever will."

Although he gets no money from the businesses featured on the page, Keener said it helps to

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