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The Secret Garden recently purchased its neighbor, Campus Cottage Bed & Breakfast, both of which are located near campus. There are a wide variety of B&Bs, both small and large, old and new, located throughout Eugene for visiting relatives.

Get some R&R at a B&B

■ Eugene has many options for visiting relatives looking for something special this Family Weekend

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Speckled sun shining through the window, chocolates left on the bedside, a fluffy towel hung by the bath — if your kids fail to conjure up the ideal visit for you on Family Weekend, there are a host of other people willing to try.

The next time you're in town, why not treat yourselves by arranging a weekend stay at one of Eugene's many bed and breakfasts? From the intimate two-bedroom cottage to the three-story home with a view of the city, the Eugene Area Bed & Breakfast Association has a variety of options for you and your family to choose from.

For those interested in staying a stone's throw from campus, try the Excelsior Inn Bed and Breakfast, a popular destination for parents and other visitors to the University.

Maurizio Paparo, owner of the Excelsior Inn, is accustomed to meeting the needs of visiting parents. "Ours is a convenient facility. This weekend, 90 percent of our guests will be parents," he said.

Once a fraternity house, the Excelsior Inn offers 14 rooms with an assortment of amenities, including private baths, TVs with VCRs, air conditioning, computer hookups and king- or queen-size beds, as well as whirlpool tubs. With four newly renovated guest suites, each named after a renowned classical music composer, the Excelsior Inn's rooms offer their own connections to the past.

In addition to a comfortable place to stay, guests will enjoy the flexibility of an open breakfast, served from 7-10 a.m.

"This weekend we will offer our guests the choice of eggs benedict, a frittata, French toast, bacon and scrambled eggs," Paparo said.

Linda Haney, the most recent owner of the Campus Cottage Bed & Breakfast, offered several reasons why parents might want to stay there. Located within walking distance from campus and downtown, Haney says the cottage is convenient and comfortable. Return visitors will notice the Campus Cottage Bed & Breakfast was recently sold to its neighbor, The Secret Garden. Haney says guests will enjoy the merger of this "magnificent three-story inn built in 1918" with Eugene's "original bed and breakfast."

"In Eugene, the bed and break-

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Pookie's Bed 'n' Breakfast On College Hill
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250 North Adams St.
Eugene, Oregon 97402

fasts are either quite small, or large. There's not much in the middle range. Visitors will find there are lots of options to choose from in Eugene. There is something for everybody," said Haney.

How often do you get the opportunity to spoil yourself? Give yourself the time to sleep in, and let the smell of crisp French toast drenched with maple syrup waft up the staircase to your room. The intimacy of staying in a small house offers you this luxury. At Pookie's Bed 'n' Breakfast on College Hill, you can soak in a clawfoot tub and "step back in time."

Decorated throughout with antiques from the 1920s and '30s, this centrally-located bed and breakfast is just far enough away from campus to let you feel as though you are on a mini-vacation.

Request the Bartollette Suite, and you'll enjoy a view from the bay window of West Eugene for sunsets — or rain storms, as the case may be — over the coastal mountains. No matter the weather or the occasion, Pookie's offers a romantic atmosphere in the soon-to-be-designated historic district of College Hill.

Breakfast at Pookie's includes a full or continental entree breakfast served from 8-9:30 a.m. in the formal dining room.

"Guests dine on antique and collectible plates, featuring a different setting everyday. It's truly a wonderful surprise each time you dine," says owner Pookie Walling. In addition to caring for her guests, Walling is president of the Eugene Area Bed & Breakfast Association.

If you'd like to pop in for a visit, Pookie's Bed 'n' Breakfast will hold an open house Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at 2013 Charnelton St.

For a free directory of bed & breakfasts in the Eugene area, call 1-800-507-1354 or contact Walling at 343-3553.

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