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Duckopoly

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angle-shaped, not rectangle-shaped.

2. There is no "Jail" or "Free Parking." There is "HOME" and "SPRING BREAK."

3. Players don't "build houses," but get "Years of Credit," ultimately leading to a "Diploma."

4. There is no Mr. DUCKOPOLY.

Also, in no game of Monopoly will anybody say, "How about I give you \$200 and the Green Garter Band? Then all you have to do is get the Willamette River." This trade staged by Danforth didn't go through.

Reinhard said that there is some-

thing about possessing your favorite local stores and buildings: It gives the game a personal stake.

The cards from the "Contingency" and "Campus Mail" piles (not "Chance" and "Community Chest") add more local flavor to the game. Some examples are: Pay \$20 to every player (for their vote) for being elected student government president; Lose two turns for having "too much fun over the weekend"; and collect \$50 for selling textbooks back to the bookstore. Danforth thought that \$50 was "pretty generous."

About half of that fictional sum would go to purchasing the game for \$23.95 at the University of Oregon

Bookstore. Sportswear buyer Bev Emery at the Bookstore said 148 copies have been sold since last September. Reinhard was surprised by this number, thinking it would have been much lower.

"I see them in the Bookstore, and they look very pathetic," he said.

Not for long. Within the month, a new version of DUCKOPOLY will be on the Bookstore's shelves. Wilson said the board and box will be redesigned to have more visual appeal, though no fundamental changes will be made to the game.

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Summer school

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and a half hours, four days a week (and for three of the weeks, it meets all five days of the week).

That's right, my fellow Americans — 10 hours of class per week — the equivalent of more than three weeks of normal classes.

So, where do midterms and finals fit in? Well, since the 11-week summer term moves at such a rapid pace, it's not uncommon for a midterm or final to occur about once every week or two. In fact, during the 11 weeks of my chemistry class this summer, only two of those weeks did not feature a midterm or a final.

Hardcore.

"I believe that summer school provides an excellent opportunity for learning and growth," said Mike Savage, a senior majoring in psychology. "Eugene is beautiful in the summertime."

Savage said he had to attend summer school two years ago in order to stay on top of the music theory sequence in which he was enrolled.

Susie Waterman is a junior pharmacy major at Oregon State University. She also happened to be in my chemistry class this summer. What was she doing there?

It turns out that the University was one of only two Oregon colleges that offered general chemistry during the summer. OSU was not one of them.

"If I didn't take the class, I would have been a whole year behind in

getting into the pharmacy program," Waterman said.

I asked her what the biggest differences were between summer term and normal terms.

"The pace was a lot faster than normal. We covered a chapter per day as opposed to a chapter per week," she said. "It was fast, but I still felt like I got a lot out of it, even though we didn't go into as much detail as we would have otherwise."

Not all summer school classes are as academically stressful, however. I also took an eight-week math class which didn't seem very different from the norm, apart from the fact that it met five days each week instead of four.

All in all, I'm glad that I took summer school this year. Yeah, going to school for three and a half hours per day, four or five days per week, was kind of a drag. I had to deal with the sun shining brightly outside the window, receiving postcards every week from lucky friends who went to exotic places, and being stuck in Eugene most of the time. But it sure beat taking an entire three terms of general chemistry. In the long run, it's going to save me a lot of hassle down the line.

Plus, I'm really starting to enjoy the sympathetic looks that I've been getting from people after I answer their question, "So, Dave, what did you do on your summer vacation?"

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