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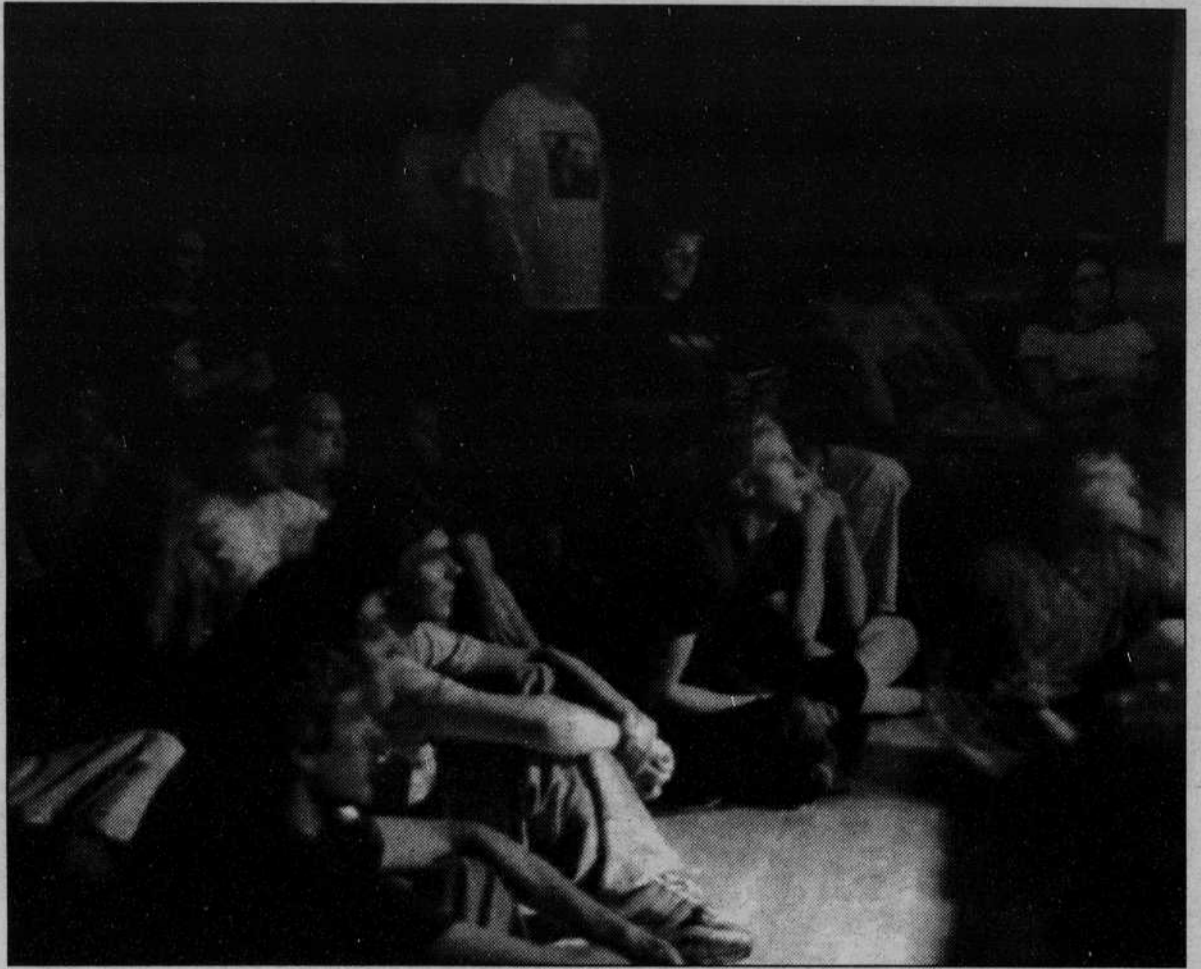
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Nancy Suryan for the Emerald

Music-lovers have options this summer concert season. From bluegrass to rock, a variety of music will be performed at local venues.

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Gala activities include concerts featuring Monte Montgomery on Friday, Jimmy Thackery on Saturday and W.C. Clark on Sunday.

A day-pass is \$5, a three-day pass is \$8 and children 12 and younger get in free.

— Jillian Daley

Discover summer tunes

When the days seem to stretch into forever and the sun shines bright and hot, there's often good music being played somewhere. Summer in Eugene is no different, although sometimes the best concerts are a couple of hours away. The season began, meteorologically speaking, on Friday, and interesting performances can be found throughout the next few weeks.

Wannabe hippies, original Deadheads and fans of bluegrass are truly in their element during the summer. Endless outdoor concerts and festivals offer the highest level of intoxicating sights and sounds. Beginning Friday, The Northwest String Summit brings some of the best bluegrass musicians together for a three-day festival at Horning's Hideout, a hidden-canyon vacation spot 35 minutes west of Portland. The festival features the Yonder Mountain String Band, the David Grisman Quintet, and Northwest favorites Hanuman, full information is available at <http://www.segueproductions.com/stringsummit/index.html>.

Etouffee (which means "smothered," as in "crawfish smothered in cream sauce") brings the sounds of the swamp home to the Wild Duck Music Hall on Sunday. Kelly Thibodeaux, fiddler extraordinaire from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, heads up this Southern rock and R&B band. They call it "Cajun

Swamp Rock," and it drives audiences wild. Fans age 21 and older will pay \$8 and be at 169 W. Sixth Ave. when the doors open at 9 p.m.

The '80s are still hot — no, really — and the B-52's aim to prove it with a concert July 7 at Britt Festivals. Britt is a stunning natural amphitheater in Southern Oregon, five miles west of Medford. The B-52's need no introduction; they're the original party band, with catchy, bouncy melodies and lyrics full of pop kitsch. Tickets are only (!) \$33 for the lawn. Full information is at www.brittfest.org.

It's not a habit, it's cool, I feel alive — I'm not an addict, but I do like one-hit wonders on the rebound, and K's Choice will be trying to resurrect the addiction to their music with a stop at Dante's in Portland at 9 p.m., July 10. Proving the band is on the downside, tickets are only \$8, available from Fastixx. For more information call (503) 226-6630.

Thrasher Presents and Dan Steinberg Presents show some sales savvy by bringing the Indigo Girls to Veneta during the Oregon Country Fair. The show is at Secret House Vineyards (right next to OCF's grounds) and starts at 5 p.m. July 12 (right at the end of OCF's first day). The Indigo Girls are counterculture favorites writ large, and the show is sure to draw a huge crowd. Tickets are \$25 from Fastixx. For more information call (800) 497-1574.

Pat Benatar keeps the '80s hope alive with a concert at the Roseland Theater in Portland on July 19. Rockers age 21 and older can feather their hair, buy tickets for \$28.50 at Fastixx and get more information at (503) 224-2038.

The Oregon Country Fair starts a day early for Dead fans with a concert and film July 11 at the McDon-

ald Theatre, 1010 Willamette St. "Sunshine Daydream," a 1972 Grateful Dead film, will open the Thursday show, and the Tri Chromes featuring Bill Kreutzmann will psychedelically rock the house. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$15 from Fastixx.

— Michael J. Kleckner

Enjoy the outdoors

With the onslaught of summer beating down on rain-weary heads, many students staying in Eugene for the next 21 weeks may be dreading the upcoming dog days.

An often heard, often said phrase is, "There's nothing to do in Eugene." There may be nothing for lazy people to do in Eugene, but here's a challenge: Get up off of the couch and look around. With so many outdoor activities, there is no excuse for boredom in Eugene, especially during the summer.

Mountain Bike Magazine has ranked the Eugene area in the top 10 for its diverse and challenging trails, but if a nice stroll is all that's desired, many of the trails are catered to all levels of difficulty.

According to standard bike-iquette, there are some beautiful trails that are generally not used during the winter months in order to preserve their rideability during the spring and summer. Since there haven't been any floods so far, now is the prime time to get out and ride or hike the naturally majestic trails.

One very popular but not too difficult path in the Eugene-Springfield area is the McKenzie River Trail. It is a beautiful trail that winds through trees and snuggles up next to a river. This is not a path to race through: A rider or hiker should really try to enjoy the scenery and serenity of this path. On bike, it is a little more difficult than walking but it is worth it. The

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