



# Summer Diversions



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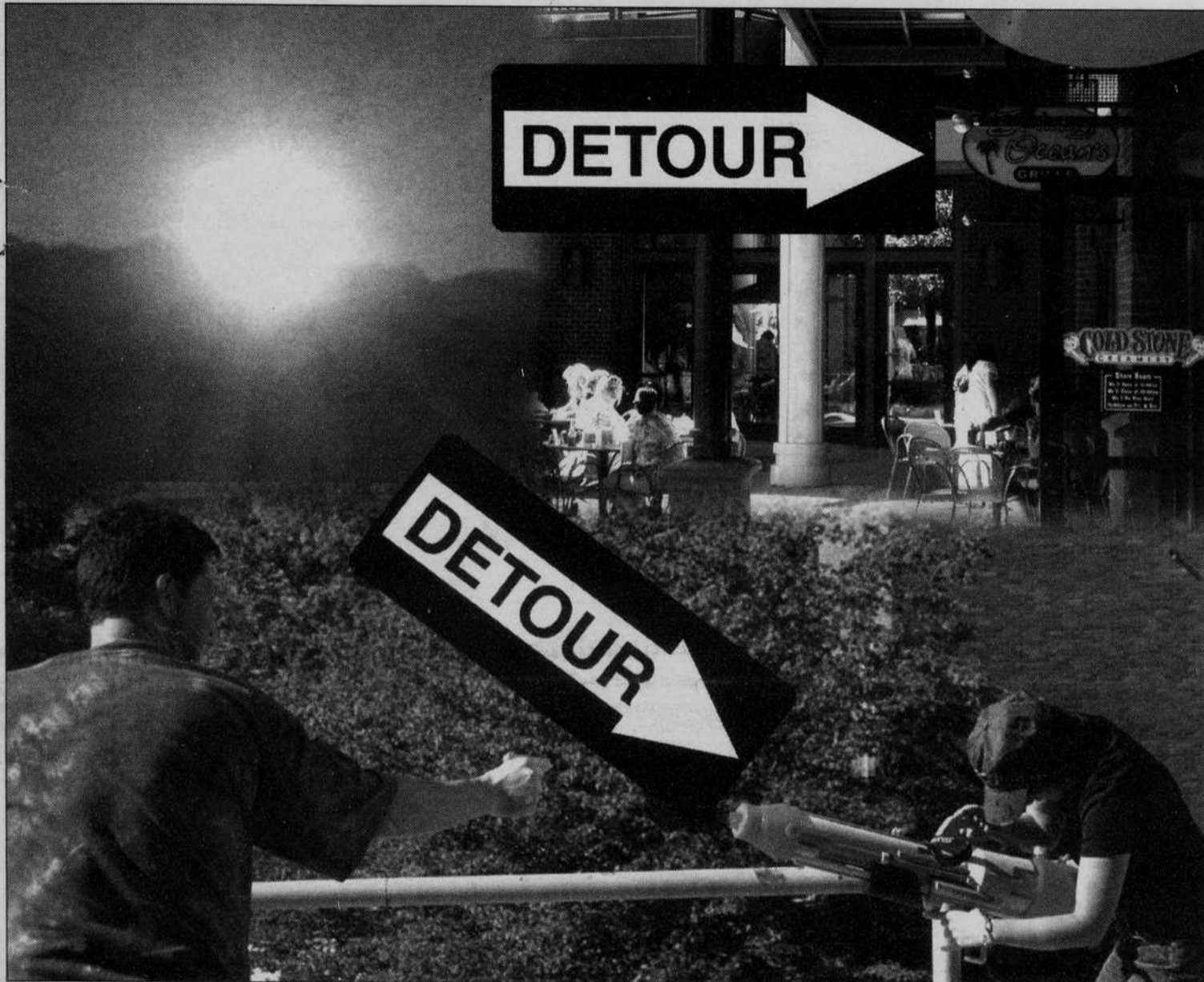


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## Spend the summer getting soaking wet

There comes a time in every college student's life when, in order to escape the heat of summer, a good old fashioned water gun fight is in order. For students of a crazier persuasion, however, stripping clothes away and diving into the nearest body of water may also be necessary.



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In short, summer can be fun, but the heat inherently makes people miserable. But fear not. With a little creativity and lack of inhibition to go back to childhood roots, the heat can be beaten quite easily. The first step in reliving childhood summer

fun is traveling to the nearest department store and buying an arsenal of the classic Super Soaker squirt guns. These water weapons have improved quite a bit over the years, and

the newer models pack enough water to last through an entire water-gun war. One of the newest models, "Monster XL," even features a bipod, so anybody wielding the massive weapon can lay on their stomachs while firing.

Super Soaker also manufactures many other models, including the huge "SplashZooka" and the smaller "MAX-D 2000."

If the prices for water guns seem too high, water balloons serve as an easy substitute. Water balloon fights are more fun in some cases because they require coordination and aim as opposed to simply pointing and shooting.

If chasing down people and soaking them doesn't sound appealing, maybe it's time to dig out that old Slip 'N Slide. Wham-O, the company that created Slip 'N Slide, has been hard at work making new and improved ways to slide down hills — even if they are made for ages 5 to 12. The newest design, called "Big Splash," is 22 feet long and has an inflatable tunnel called the "splash-and-dump."

"Surf Rider" is another slide, al-

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## New flavored malt beverages provide lighter, sweeter taste

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They're generally citrus-flavored. They're sweet and alcoholic. And the advertisements show college-age drinkers having great parties while drinking them.

A new trend has emerged in the beer industry, and while it isn't hoppy, it appears to be hopping.

Flavored malt beverages, such as Sun Devil Alcohol Lemon Drink, Hooper's Hooch and One-Eyed Jack, all of which capitalize on a lemonade taste, have been around for a few years.

In late 2001 and 2002, however, a flurry of new beverages have hit the shelves, pushing the "malternative" sector's sales to more than \$600 million and cutting into the \$33 billion beer market, according to The Business Journal.

These lighter-flavored drinks are aimed at twentysomething drinkers, so a team of five Emerald staffers decided to give these new beverages a try and see whether any of them are worth students' money, or if drinkers should just stick to their old standbys. It was a hard job, we know, but Emerald readers deserve this kind of service.

We based our ratings on a scale of one to nine, with nine being the highest. We judged the drinks on flavor, sweetness and aftertaste and assigned them a point value. Finally, we gave the drinks an overall ranking, and that is how they are presented here, from our least favorite to our favorite.

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## Ice cream comforts in warm weather

Oregonians always seem to be caught off guard when the temperature reaches above 59.5 degrees. It's rare for houses to have air conditioning, and the humidity makes people question the validity of the barometer and yell: "You're lying! It's at least 150 degrees!"

A motivating way to avoid the stifling thickness of an Oregon summer is to indulge your taste buds with a delicious treat.

I love ice cream — a lot. Once, when I was small, I wished that I was Laura Ingalls Wilder from "Little House on the Prairie." Then I thought about having to churn my own cream to make a bowl of deliciousness, and I cried.

But I only cried a little, because I knew somewhere, somehow, I could get a delicious scoop or 10 of ice cream with relatively little effort. The following is a list of

just a few of the shops in town that I like to frequent.

Dairy Queen has several locations in the Eugene-Springfield area; who could ask for more? They feature soft serve "real" ice cream, banana splits, blizzards, dipped cones and ice cream cakes, among other things. The best Dairy Queen to frequent is on Coburg Road, as is it the cheapest and one of the cleanest.

Another ice cream classic is Baskin-Robbins. With a plethora of choices, one could get lost in the beautiful shiny glass that prevents unsupervised "sampling." And, if those summer days get too boring, try taking on the role of a quality control officer and count if there really are 31 flavors. Ah ha! Now that would be corporate corruption.

In addition to cones and portable pints, Baskin-Robbins also prepares and sells handmade ice cream cakes. Looking at one of these cakes makes one think of looking at the Mona Lisa, they really are pieces of art.

Prince Puckler's Ice Cream is a campus favorite. It is more of a gourmet establishment but offers something big chains can't: a hometown, original feeling. And it's worth every penny.

Pearl Street Ice Cream Parlour — previously known as Farrell's — always offers a rip-roarin' good time. Where else can you get a volcano of ice cream, fudge, cherries, nuts and whipped cream? And for only a quarter, they have a machine that tests how "hot" you are.

One warning: Don't ever, ever, ever let

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