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# THIRTEENTH MORE THAN A STREET

Some stores are gone, some remain, the people have changed, but 13th Avenue will remain a constant

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When students and visitors come to the University, it's likely that their first off-campus experience in Eugene will come at the intersection of 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street. However, most know little about the colorful and long history of the street and the businesses in the area.

Before the 1970s, 13th Avenue was open to general traffic all the way through campus, but because

of high congestion the street was closed. Logging trucks and the high volume of traffic using the road were seen as a danger to students on campus. Permanent closure from Agate Street to Alder Street was considered in 1970, but only part of this area has been closed.

Former Associate Director of the Office of Planning and Institutional Research Larry Bissett said that more than half of the traffic was University students, staff, and

others with University business, but noise from the cars and trucks took away from the quiet study environment vital to students' needs.

After the closure in the 1970s, a number of creative ideas for the use of the street were developed. Architecture and Allied Arts students came up with a plan for inflatable buildings that could be dismantled when not in use. These buildings would add more space for students to work. Concepts were also developed for adding structures that would house craftsmen's fairs and art exhibits, turning the street into "the Craftsman's Hideaway."

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## Nature: Eugeneans bask in outdoor beauty

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"The view at the top of Skinner's Butte is gorgeous at night and a great place to go during a date to just kind of figure out where you are in relation to the rest of Eugene," 21-year-old Marissa Ooyevarr said.

The Columns is the other popular park attraction. Located on the west side of the butte, this leftover basalt quarry provides ideal routes for crack climbers.

"I have climbed the Columns several times, three times this past summer," said Ooyevarr. "The Columns is good for beginners only if you are with a group or a guide. It really isn't that challenging (for experienced climbers) but it is kind of a good place to go to just have a quick fun climb."

Hanlon enjoys the park for its easy accessibility.

"The Columns are great fun if you want to learn crack climbing technique. The (Outdoor Program) hosts Intro to Rock Climbing there every fall and spring, and everyone has a great time. All skill levels can be accommodated at the Columns- beginner to expert," said Hanlon.

### Hendricks Park

Hendricks Park sits in the University's West Hills and is Eugene's oldest city park. The 78-acre space is charming and serene with mature moss-covered Douglas-fir trees, and a world-renowned rhododendron garden. The trails at the park are an ideal place for bikers, walkers and runners

to escape the doldrums of daily life and enjoy the quiet atmosphere.

"It seems so remote," said 21-year-old Gina Rolling who walks and runs in the park. "I walk 15, maybe 20 minutes through a neighborhood (to get there) and then it seems like the park is complete wilderness. One side is a beautiful garden, and the rest is natural forest."

The park also has picnic tables, benches, a gravel trail that meanders through the rhododendron garden, and 40 parking spaces for visitors who arrive by car. If you visit the park on foot, be sure to stop near the entrance and visit Pre's Rock — an age-old tribute to one of the University's legendary runners.

Hint: Visit the park after a week of sunny days; rain often makes the trails muddy.

### Ruth Bascom Riverbank Trails and area

Clearly, Eugene developed its transportation system with foot and bike traffic in mind. Nowhere is this more apparent than on the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Trails. This flat, paved route provides a link between campus and multiple other destinations, and can also help students reap the physical benefits of walking, running, rollerblading or biking.

The trail loops around and across the Willamette. It also runs through Alton Baker Park, Eugene's largest developed park with more than 400 acres of land. The park has two distinct areas, both with their own ponds and large, noisy geese and ducks.

Veteran marathon runner, Joe Henderson, likes to train on the trail and in the areas around Alton Baker Park.

"The bike path is better for faster training, because most runners race on the roads and need experience on that surface, and for longer runs, because more distance is available here without repeating," he said.

However, the paved trails aren't his favorite route.

"Pre's Trail (near Alton Baker) allows easier running and great views," he said of the bark-mulch trails. "I've run it about a thousand times in the past 25 years and never tire of it. Getting away from traffic while still being in the middle of town is a great luxury."

Farther down the trail lies the Owens Memorial Rose Garden, a truly colorful sight during most months of the year. This nine-acre park lies directly along the river and houses 750 rose bushes, a gazebo, benches, and picnic tables.

Hint: Bike or run to the rose garden in the spring when the roses are in full bloom.

This is just a sample of the outdoor opportunities available in Eugene. For more information, visit the Outdoor Recreation Program office, located in the basement of the EMU. The program provides free access to wilderness maps, books, magazines and staff advice, and provides a variety of equipment rentals.

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## Tailgate: Fans recount fond memories

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"I will put it this way: Football is a ravenous sport. If you take away the drinking and the social aspect you will lose a good portion of the crowd," he said.

One of the final hurdles to a perfect tailgating experience comes at the end

of the day. Trying to go home after a win or loss can be a challenge. Hence, some fans tailgate afterward to allow the rush to dissipate.

"The flow in a lot of the parking lots is pretty heavy so a lot of people have to wait for an hour after," Lopp said.

For tailgaters, the community they create makes each game memorable.

"We had one guy the last game with lamb chops, and it was the best meat I had ever eaten, it was cooked so well," Lopp said. "So football Saturdays are the best, and the excitement? I live for it."

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