

Center sets spiritual fest

Group believes all religions are on even footing

The Smiling Forehead Sufi Center is sponsoring a "One in the Spirit Festival" in the EMU Ballroom Saturday from noon to 10 p.m.

If the only thing that made sense to you in the former sentence was "EMU Ballroom," try this:

There is a group of persons in Eugene who practice Sufism, and believe that all religions are equally valid, and, although persons believe in different "messengers," the spirit and message is basically the same. The Sufi feels that it is his goal to realize unity in his daily life.

The "One in the Spirit Festival" is to be a celebration of this unity through the bringing together of persons and groups that are into varied ways of seeking spiritual awareness.

Listed here are the events and workshops that will be taking place and the groups that will be represented. Exact times will be posted in the EMU.

Organizers of the festival encourage persons to come and not only talk with the followers of these different paths, but also become participants in the workshops, dancing and activities, in order to make it truly a festival of unity.

A \$1 donation is asked for admission to the festival. All proceeds from the event will be used by the Sufi Center and also a spiritual journal entitled *One in the Spirit*, published by Alankara Distributing Society of the Northwest, a non-profit organization.

The journal contains art, poetry and articles on music, astrology, spiritual teachers and the role of women in religion.

Workshops

Mysticism of Sound
Seed Education for Children
New Age Childbirth
Foot massage (at booth)
Hatha Yoga
Pyramids
Healing
Natural Healing
Out of the Body Experiences
Macrobiotics
Chinese Philosophy and its relationship to the study of Tai Chi Ch'uan
Unification Principle

Smiling Forehead Sufi Center
Universing Center
Bobbi Atkinson
Michael Mooney
Mountain Grove
Eugene Healing Group
Inner Space Travel Agency
Ron Ford
Tao Teh Ching Society
Unified Family

Organizations with booths

Lovers of Meher Baba
Pyramids-Michael Mooney
Howard Cutler
Eloise Whipple
Inner Space Travel Agency
Ananda Marga Yoga Society
Smiling Forehead Sufi Center
Universing Center
Alankara

Mandala Art Therapy
One World Family
Unified Family
Eugene 3 HO
Integral Yoga (Portland)
Muktananda Group (Eugene)
Tao Teh Ching Society
Pomana Ashram
Mountain Grove Healing Center

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sufi Dancing
Kirtan
Child Care (all day)
Film on Meher Baba
Bhakti Band (spiritual rock and roll from Portland)
Choral Reading
A play
Several short plays
Alankara distribution of "One in the Spirit"
The Way and the Knowing
Way and Know (Plays)
Film on the La Boyer method of childbirth

Smiling forehead Sufi center
Ring of hearts Sufi center
Divine Light Mission
Mehee Baba Lovers
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Sri Chinmoy Center
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Smiling Forehead and Ring of Hearts
Alankara
One World Family
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Futurist analyzes society

By STEVE TWEDT
Of the Emerald

Robert Theobald doesn't like the way things are going. Theobald, a futurist, analyzes trends in society and forecasts their possible outcome and he says, "We have little time left to create a society in which we would want to live."

Speaking at a press conference at the Eugene Hotel Thursday morning, Theobald told of his challenge for people to reverse trends of increasing unemployment and inflation. "We have to feel a commitment to finding ways to change," he said.

"We need to have an understanding for the system and a commitment from people to not ask for so much," Theobald said, "I'm looking for volunteerism in the sense of gaining a stronger community spirit."

Theobald, a masters graduate of the economics programs at Cambridge and Harvard, works for the Northwest Regional Foundation, which is an outgrowth of the environmental symposium series at Expo '74.

"The Northwest is one of the few places left where there is some trust," Theobald said, "Few places enjoy a cooperation between their institutions to improve their society. Finding a method of cooperation is the key change needed in our society."

Theobald feels the changes must come on the community level because of the failure of the federal government to be able to help out cities.

"Our next election could be disastrous because we're not discussing the key issues," Theobald said. "Politicians are looking at elections in terms of the numbers of voters who won't vote for them. They figure the more vague they are about discussing issues, the fewer the voters who won't vote for them."

Theobald says that even though many people are dissatisfied, people do not act because they feel they are unable to do anything. "We don't have apathy," Theobald said. "We have a very high level of frustration."

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