

Bicycle Week kicks off with weekend contests

Local cyclists can expect plenty of opportunity to "spin their wheels" soon, as Eugene Mayor Les Anderson designated May 1 through May 9 as Bicycle Week.

One highlight of the week will be two timed races pitting bicycles against cars and busses. One race will start at 30th Avenue and Willamette Street, the other at Centennial Boulevard and Garden Way. Both races start at noon Saturday and end at the Eugene downtown mall.

Other events include:

- A 25-mile bicycle tour along McKenzie View Drive. The ride starts at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Campbell Center.
- A 50-mile bicycle tour starting at 8 a.m. Saturday from the Campbell Center. This ride requires registration with the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department (EPRD) and costs \$2.
- A bicycle licensing clinic from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at all Eugene fire stations.
- A Lane County Pioneer Museum bicycle tour of historic homes in Eugene. The tour starts from the museum near the county fairgrounds at 1 p.m. Sunday.
- A training ride sponsored by Collins Bike Shop. The ride starts at 10 a.m. Sunday at Collins, 60 E. 11th. Ave.

Other events continue through next week and will be announced in the *Emerald*.

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Worker solidarity gets global promo in May Day fest

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Richard Nixon set May 1 aside as "Law and Order Day," but since 1889 workers around the world have commemorated May 1 as International Workers Day.

Growing out of the fight by laborers for an eight hour work day, May Day celebrates the history of struggle and the strength of workers throughout the world.

In Eugene, a march and rally is planned for 1 p.m. at Harris Hall in the county courthouse complex, with a picnic to follow.

"May Day is important for people everywhere," Jane Loth of the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB) told an audience at a pre-May Day program Tuesday.

To show their support and solidarity with working people, RSB is organizing a car caravan for a May Day rally to be held in Portland. Information is available from RSB, 726-8143.

"The rich keep telling us hard times are over, while millions of workers are still unemployed. The acceptable level of unemployment in the United States used to be three to four per cent, but now it is five to six per cent. The government has to keep readjusting the figures, but between every percentage adjustment are the jobs of millions of workers," Loth said.

Loth described the build-up of military strength and the increasing numbers of military recruiters on campus and at state employment offices as symptomatic of the military's use of economic decline for its own ends.

"The United States is getting ready for war so the ruling class can sit on the top of the imperialistic dung heap," Loth claimed.

According to her, the labor of the working people sustains society and keeps the nation afloat. She says because of this, "The working class has no interests in common with the capitalist ruling class whose very wealth comes from what workers produce."

Students, hard pressed to stay in school with tuition costs rising, are now finding there is no work available once they graduate, Loth said.

"The future this system is offering us is a system we will not accept," she continued.

"As students we are taught to look down on the working class," Loth explained. "We are taught to feel superior to people who work with their own hands and often this means our own parents."

Drumbeats to fill the air during Africa Day fete

African drums will resound in the EMU Ballroom Saturday night when the African Students Association (ASA) presents its annual Africa Day celebration.

This year's presentation will feature an assortment of foods from various regions of the African Continent, including moi-moi, doo-doo (which is fried plantain), soup, stewed beef, fried beef and chicken.

Entertainment will be provided by a group called Asempra Cultural International and by African students themselves. Traditional African dances, folk dancing and poetry on the effect of Western civilization on African society will be presented.

According to ASA president Obi Afulezi, the drum beats will be "the heaviest you've ever heard."

African students will perform a play depicting the past, present and future of Africa to help raise the awareness of people to the current struggle in Africa, Afulezi said.

The introduction of a political theme to Africa Day is new, according to Afulezi. "We are trying to get more cooperation among all people of African heritage," he said. "Our goal is the unification and the intensification of solidarity in Africa."

Featured guest speaker at the event will be Ambassador Ouattara of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to the U.N. He will talk on the cultural and political situation and the direction and goals of the OAU.

Africa night will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 general admission. They will be on sale at the EMU Main Desk and at the door.



AFRICA DAY

African Students
Association present

Africa Day Celebrations

on May 1. 6:30 p.m.

EMU Ballroom

Come, enjoy different African dishes. Let your hearts throb with African drums. Sway with modern Highlife music.

Hold your breath to the traditional war dance. Hear Ambassador Ouattara of the OAU to the UN speak on the past, present and future trends in African culture and politics.

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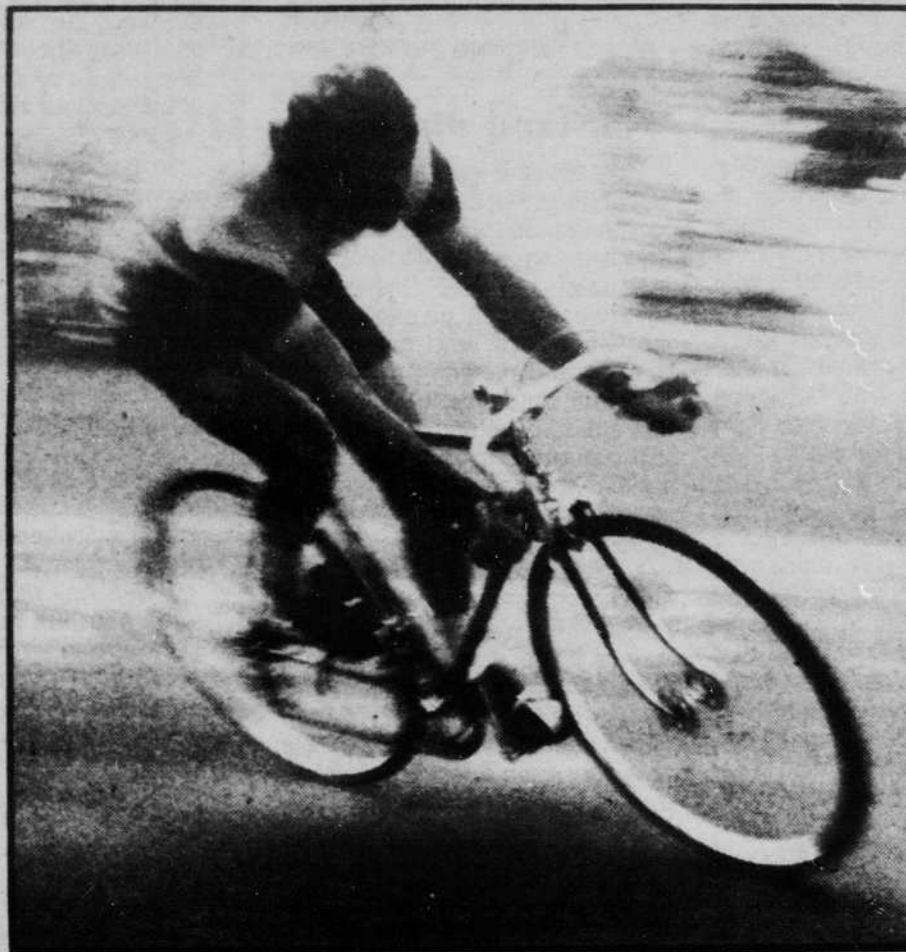
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