

Variety keys dance festival

Dancers and wallflowers alike are invited to attend the 10th Annual Shrovetide Folk Festival which starts today and runs through Saturday.

The festival will feature folk dances from around the world and free workshops in special ethnic dances.

Nine different dance groups and featured guests will take part in the festival, sponsored by the University dance department. These groups and individuals will perform tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Studio Dance Theater, 354 Gerlinger Annex. The concerts will cost \$1.

Starting 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jerry Duke of the University Department of Dance will lead a free workshop on Appalachian

clog and big circle dancing until noon. At 1 p.m. there will be a workshop on Croatian dance followed by a Mexican dance workshop at 3 p.m. All workshops will be in the Gerlinger Hall Gymnasium and are sponsored by University Recreational Folk Dance.

Exhibit shows autographs

Autographs of all United States presidents will be exhibited at the University during the months of June and July as a centennial-bicentennial event.

The signatures, on documents and letters, will be displayed beginning June 1 in the circulation lobby of the University library.

They constitute the Edward McKean-Smith collection of presidential autographs, given to the University by McKean-Smith, a retired journalist now living in Coquille.

McKean-Smith is a 1958 graduate of the University School of Journalism.

Slavic picnic features speaker

All students, staff members and their families are invited to attend the ninth annual Slavic Picnic Sunday afternoon from noon until 4 p.m. at the Hendricks Park pavilion.

Slavic music, frisbee, volleyball and traditional Slavic food will be featured at the event. Because the picnic is a potluck, all participants are asked to bring a Slavic food item or they may make a small cash donation to the Russian and East European Studies Center.

Diane Farrell, Oregon State University instructor in Russian civilization, will offer a 2:30 p.m. talk on her research in Russian folk cartoons in woodblock prints. She has gathered and studied the prints for years and will discuss the artistic, linguistic and political features of her collection.

Mental health group seeks input

Lane County commissioners are looking for two individuals interested in serving on the Mental Health Advisory Committee.

This citizen's advisory committee advises the commissioners and Department of Community Health and Social Services regarding policies and programs of the mental health division.

The committee also informs the community about the program, service and facilities available through the mental health division.

One appointment will be for a period of three years. The second appointment is a minimum appointment for one year, with the possibility of extending the term beyond that time.

Interested individuals should contact Robin Paolillo, Board of Commissioners, Room 200, Courthouse, Eugene, Oregon, 97401.

Deadline for applying is June 11.

Law graduate wins essay prize

Gabriel Robles, a May graduate of the Law School, has won first place and \$300 in a national essay contest sponsored by the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Robles, who is originally from Ontario, also obtained a bachelor's degree in political science at the University in 1973.

His winning essay was on the subject of search and seizure of aliens by state authorities, with special emphasis in research on federal preemption of the field.

Aid award mailing announced

Emmett Williams, acting director of student financial aid, has announced that approximately 3,000 student financial aid awards for the academic year 1976-77 were mailed Wednesday to all students whose applications (including all official required documents) were complete by March 1. These include new freshmen, transfers and returning students. All awards were mailed to the students' permanent address.

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LECTURES

"Felt Making" is the topic of today's lecture by Barbara Pickett of the architecture and allied arts school. The talk begins at 4:30 p.m. in 177 Lawrence.

MISCELLANEOUS

A piano recital by Shirley Miller and Mary Lee Parker has been scheduled by the music school for Sunday at 8 p.m. in Beall Hall.

WSU scientists set sky probe for ozone layer investigation

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Three Washington State University scientists are going high in the sky in an Arctic-to-Antarctic air sampling project to study whether aerosol sprays are destroying the earth's protective ozone layer.

Dr. R. Rasmussen, head of air resource research at the university, said the Manufacturing Chemists Association, a chemical industry group, will pay for the flights as high as 45,000 feet in a small chartered jet plane.

Rasmussen said the air pollution study team will sample the atmosphere for halocarbons, the chemical compounds which include fluorocarbons, carbon tetrachloride and methyl chloride.

Fluorocarbons are gases used as propellants in some canned aerosol sprays. Some scientists maintain that fluorocarbons drift to the upper levels of the stratosphere, where ultraviolet rays turn them into chlorine.

The scientists say chlorine destroys the ozone layer, which shields the earth's surface from harmful ultraviolet rays.

Rasmussen said earlier investigations by WSU scientists

at ground stations in Hawaii and the Antarctic leads him to suspect that any damage to the ozone layer by halocarbons emitted from aerosol cans and dry cleaning plants is too "negligible to be measured."

Rasmussen said "Some very well-known labs came up with errors of 50 per cent in their findings. We also found that the numbers being quoted for the global concentration of fluorocarbons is not as well known as previously thought."

"Some of the premises on which people have been making judgments about fluorocarbons are not as solidly based as we thought."

Natural biological and geological processes, including ocean emissions and volcanic activity, are responsible for a considerable amount of the halocarbons found in the atmosphere, Rasmussen said.


Determining the percentage of the halocarbons which are natural and the percentage which are man-made will be one of the goals of the trans-Pacific flights, Rasmussen said.

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