

Student group offers cultural 'challenges'



Editor's note: The Emerald's profiles of University student groups continues with a look at the Chinese Student Association.

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You don't have to be Chinese to be a member of the Chinese Student Association.

"Lots of people can participate in CSA activities, whether or not they are Chinese," says CSA Pres. Alan AuYeung. "We would especially like to challenge

American students to be hosts to our new students," adds AuYeung. The CSA Host Program assigns American members to new students, encouraging a cultural exchange. AuYeung also encourages faculty and community members to host new students.

Other CSA activities include an annual Oriental Culture Week. This year, the CSA hopes to stage a cooking contest and dinner during the week's activities, AuYeung says.

The CSA also sponsors "China Night" to celebrate the Chinese New Year with entertainment and an authentic Chinese dinner, cooked and served by CSA members.

"This is the most challenging program we have in terms of coordination and organization," says AuYeung.

The CSA also has picnics, pot-

luck dinners, table tennis and chess competitions, and singing contests. The CSA plans to have an artifact exhibit in the Museum of Art sometime this year.

Another CSA goal is "home orientation." Before fall term, CSA members who travel to various cities in the Orient bring with them first-hand information about the University.

The CSA also offers a tutor system to its members as well as tourist information and a bilingual magazine with articles submitted by members.

A new aspect of CSA, a radio program titled "From Orient to Oregon," should be ready in a few weeks, AuYeung says. The program, scheduled for Friday from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on KWAX will feature Oriental music and contain news briefs of events in Asia and the Orient.



Photo by Steve Dykes

CSA Pres. Alan AuYeung

The CSA has been a branch of the ASUO since 1972. Before then, the association was under the direction of the Foreign Student Organization (FSO). The rapid growth of Oriental membership within the FSO gave CSA a chance for independence.

The CSA receives over \$3,000 a year from the Incidental Fee Committee, a 3 percent increase from the 1977-78 school year, according to AuYeung. Those funds are used for administrative purposes such as postage for the

association's newsletter. Money also goes toward publication and printing of a member directory.

The CSA will hold an orientation meeting Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 204 Condon to provide information on the services offered by the association. Guest speakers will be Dr. Thomas Mills, director of International Student Services, and Ramon Herrera, ASUO president.

For more information call the CSA office, 686-4322 or come to Suite 5 of the EMU.

Can biking situation improve?

By CATHERINE SIEGNER
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The Eugene Bicycle Committee elicited comments on the city's bikeway system from riders and non-riders at an all-day public hearing Tuesday in Harris Hall.

Committee members Dave Spradlin, bicycle coordinator for the city; Bert Teitzel, city engineer for public works; and Dave Hatch, project engineer from Transportation Planning and Management, Inc. of Corvallis responded to the Eugene residents.

Boyd Brown, 4481 Hilton Drive, suggested that bike paths next to the Willamette River have dividing lines and signs to keep riders to the right.

"People ride double and on the wrong side and it causes accidents," he said. "Paths along the river are pretty narrow too, and I've almost hit dogs that are with their jogging owners."

Spradlin said he wasn't sure that painted lines would be observed. "I've noticed bicyclists rid-

ing side by side, but there's a common courtesy that if someone comes along one will move over."

Dave Madera told the committee about an accident he had with another bicycle rider.

"I didn't think I was really hurt, but later I found I had a broken collarbone. I don't know how it could be implemented, but somehow people should take some responsibility for accidents between two bike riders."

Spradlin indicated the city is working on a new bike licensing program with the police department that will help recover stolen bikes and aid in contacting those involved in accidents.

"When people ride bikes, they are technically a vehicle," Spradlin said. "So there should be some recourse in an accident."

James Lane, 960 W. 19th Ave., said he thought Amazon Park paths should be lighted.

"People walk their dogs there at night, and it's really dark," he said.

Teitzel told Lanz that the city plans to implement several light-

ing projects next year. He also mentioned a future plan to connect the new bicycle bridge still under construction at Judkins Point on the Willamette to Franklin Boulevard.

He said the city may extend the Autzen Stadium path along the south side of the river near Franklin, but "the riverbank is pretty narrow there, so that's a problem."

Mel Oberst, a bicycle planner from the Umpqua Region of Governments, said Douglas County is trying to get bicycle paths put in on sidewalks, and asked the committee for comments on the idea.

"We don't use them except as a last resort," Teitzel responded.

"There have been conflicts between pedestrians and riders. Curb cuts are just an option, but we don't call them bike paths."

All input received at the hearing will be included in an update report to the Metropolitan Bikeway Master Plan.

The Metropolitan Bikeway Committee has scheduled a hearing today at 12:30 p.m. in the L-COG conference room at 125 E. 8th Ave. to discuss the update.

Fourth district debate set up

A debate between incumbent Fourth District Congressman Jim Weaver and GOP challenger Jerry Lausmann has been tentatively scheduled for later this month on the University campus, says Jeff Warren, ASUO vice president for state affairs.

Warren, who has been coordinating candidate forums for the ASUO, says both candidates'

campaign staffs committed the two candidates to an Oct. 24 debate during the noon hour.

Although the debate plans could change, Warren says it may be moderated by a panel of local media members.

Lausmann challenged Weaver to a University debate in late September.

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