Street Faire, Canoe Fete top Mayfest's list of events

Whatever your pleasure, as long as its not sitting in class, you'll find it during this weekend's Mayfest.

Today

The Black Student Union will host Hayward Coleman, a mime and comedy acrobatics performer, in a free show at the Condon School gym at 8 p.m. This is the last day to check out the BSU-sponsored Art Show, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Room 167 EMU.

The ASUO is sponsoring the annual Street Faire. Merchants begin peddling their wares along East 13th Avenue at 10 a.m. and will close up at 5 p.m. The faire will continue through tomorrow.

The Cultural Forum will present Willy Dee, performing blues, jazz and funk at the Noon Gig, EMU Courtyard. Following the concert, SURC sponsors the Student Showcase featuring the University Song and Dance Troupe at 1 p.m., Tae Kwon Do at 1:30 and the B.A. Quartet at 2 p.m.

Friday

For one day only, the beer gardens will be moved out of the crowded cafeteria and onto the EMU East Lawn. Live music from blues band Watermelon Slim and the LeRoi Brothers from Austin, Texas will highlight the event. Identification will be checked.

If you don't have ID or prefer nonalcoholic "mocktails" to beer, the residence halls are sponoring "Music and Mocktails," 5-8 p.m., EMU Skylight Refectory. Resident assistants will be serving the beverages during this free event.

The 15th Annual Willamette Valley Folk Festival opens at 8 p.m. following the beer gardens on the EMU East Lawn. (See related story page 11B) Music lasts until 10 p.m.

A BSU-sponsored fashion show will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Gerlinger Alumni Lounge.

Saturday

The Willamette Valley Folk Festival continues from noon to 10 p.m. The BSU will sponsor an outdoor "Gospel, Jazz and Funk Festival" at 5 p.m. in the EMU Courtyard.

"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," will be the theme of the annual Canoe Fete, a parade of canoe-based floats on the Mill Race. The SURC-sponsored event begins at 2 p.m. Winning floats and the Mystery Duck will be announced immediately following the parade.

Sunday

This is the final day for the Willamette Valley Folk Festival. The Robert Cray Band will provide the festival's climax at 8 p.m. with it own distinctive brand of rhythm and blues.

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The Junction City historic museum will be open special hours during the festival. A beer garden (Ol Haven) also will be a daily attraction.

The Scandia Run, a 10-kilometer race, will be run in conjunction with the festival.

'Ninety percent of the churches and merchants in the city contribute to the festival." says Linda Fischer, festival publicity director. "We really have a community event here.'

The Scandinavian Festival was founded in 1960 by Junction City physician Gale Fletchall.

Interstate 5 had recently opened five miles to the east, taking away much of the thru traffic that had passed through the town on Highway 99. Fletchall recognized a need to revitalize the town's rapidly-sagging economy, and he thought that there could be no better way than to have a traditional, annual community event celebrating Junction City's strong Scandinavian heritage.

'We wanted to have something our city could be proud of," says Fletchall. "I think we have accomplished that in our festival.'







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