

Ferguson-Murphy charity run to be Thursday

By Stephen Maher
Emerald Associate Editor

Ten years ago University student Bart Ferguson's father, Denny Ferguson, and the elder Ferguson's close friend, Ed Murphy, decided to jog a different route during their regular run in Portland.

They eventually found themselves underneath the Morrison Bridge at Barbie's Cafe and enjoyed beer and sweet rolls before jogging back home. The next year friends joined them on the zany run and a tradition was born; a tradition that now has a home in both Portland and Eugene.

This Thursday at 4 p.m., the third annual Eugene Ferguson-

Murphy Memorial Beer Run unfolds. And on Dec. 23, the Portland version of the fun run takes place for the 10th straight year.

The Eugene run will be dedicated in memory of Ed Murphy's son, Pat, a University senior until his death from an accidental gunshot wound on Oct. 3.

"I want people to remember Pat," and at the same time contribute to charity and enjoy themselves, Bart Ferguson said, adding a large contingent of Pat Murphy's friends are coming from Portland for the event.

The younger Murphy and Ferguson had organized the race in Eugene the past two years, Bart Ferguson said, and donated the proceeds from en-

try fees to charity as their fathers have done in Portland.

"I thought it would be kind of fun to have our own beer run," said Ferguson, a University senior in speech and rhetoric communication. However, the only connection beer has with the Eugene run is in the name.

"I don't do it in Eugene because there's really no place to do it," Ferguson said of the absence of suds.

The Eugene run begins at the Beta Theta Pi house, proceeds north on Hilyard Street and across Franklin Boulevard until it runs smack into the bike and jogging path along the Willamette River. From there the route travels in a loop across the Autzen Stadium footbridge, west to the Ferry Street Bridge and then back to Hilyard Street and the Beta house.

The first year of the Eugene run \$250 was raised for an alcoholism center in Portland, and the second year \$500 was raised for a Eugene foster home, Ferguson said.

This year proceeds will go the Relief Nursery, a Eugene center for abused children, he said.

"It is a zany run," he said. "For the most part the runners are out to have fun."



Photo by Maria Corvallis

University student Bart Ferguson (left) has dedicated this year's Ferguson — Murphy Memorial Beer Run to the memory of Pat Murphy.

EMU craft fair offers local Christmas gifts

By Kelvin Wee
Emerald Reporter

Christmas is a time for giving, receiving and traditions. One traditional event at the University that has not changed in the last fourteen years is the Annual Christmas Craft Fair.

Sponsored by the EMU Craft Center and the Cultural Forum, the fair will be in the EMU Fir Room today and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The fair is designed to expose the University community to local and regional works of crafts-people and artists, said Carol Westlake, assistant director of the EMU Craft Center.

Everything at the fair is made in the Northwest and sold by the people who made it,

Westlake said.

Included in the fair will be Christmas tree ornaments, wooden toys, ceramics, handmade jewelry, pottery, leather goods, baskets, rubber stamps, neon lamps, stuffed animals and handmade clothes, Westlake added.

The Cultural Forum and the Craft Center don't profit from the fair. All money exchanged at the fair is between buyers and merchants, with the Craft Center acting more as an organizer than as a landlord, according to Westlake.

The fair also doubles as a contest for artisans from the region, she said. Staff members of the Craft Center will be judges of the contest.

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