

Celebration promises fun for all

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"In the Willamette Valley, city of Eugene, the downtown explodes in a festival scene..."

A poem on the colorful poster for the 1989 Eugene Celebration begins with these words.

What is the Eugene Celebration? It's just what it says. "It's a celebration of the fact that we're lucky enough to be in the great Northwest," said Phil O'Shaughnessy, O'Shaughnessy, who is responsible for Celebration public information, works with Carol Brewster, the special events manager and co-

ordinator for the 1989 Celebration. The staff wants to stress that the Celebration has something for everyone.

Held primarily on the weekend of Sept. 30-Oct. 1, this year's celebration will have more than 40 events, most taking place in the downtown area. The events include competitions varying from the 8K road race and 1K Fun Run to the Fire Bucket Brigade, the Waiter/Waitress competition and an adult tricycle race called the Trike-Cathalon.

There will be a parade on Saturday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. with about 175 floats

and marching bands. About 30 booths will be set up at the Community Booth Parkway, and nearby foods of all sorts will be offered at the Extraordinary Eateries area.

Kicking off the Celebration earlier in the week will be the Mayor's Art Show. Here one can view some works displayed by 40 of the top local artists. The artists then will pick an Artist's Choice to be honored by the mayor. These will be exhibited at Jacob's gallery in the Hult Center.

Probably the main attraction of the Eugene Celebration is the

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Parades, exhibits, food and music will overflow downtown Eugene as the city kicks off its annual Celebration Sept. 30.

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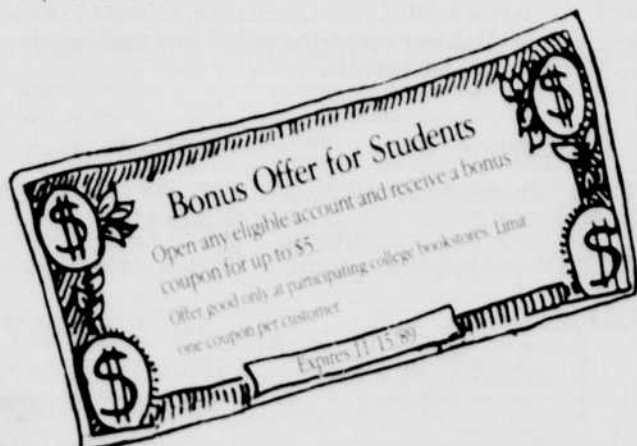
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