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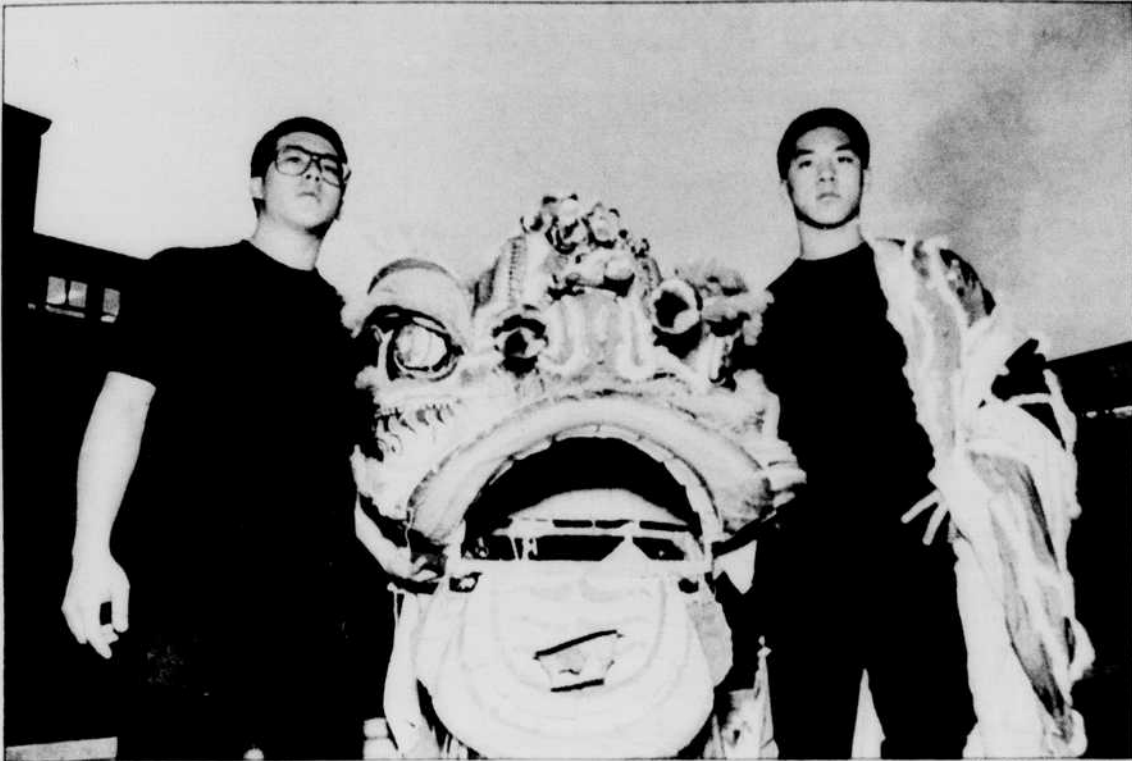


Photo by Sean Poston

Chemistry major Eric Mah (left) will show off a bit of his Chinese heritage when he and his brother Jason participate in the lion dance at this Sunday's Asian Celebration.

Student to dance a lion's share

By Don Peters
Emerald Associate Editor

Many people are familiar with the Chinese lion dance.

Made famous in movies, parades and the like, the dance is a traditional way to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

University junior Eric Mah knows the ceremony better than most. He's been doing it in various events for the past three years, and he'll be on stage once again this Sunday at the Asian Celebration.

"My mother is involved in the Asian Council," Mah said, explaining how he learned the dance. "They needed young, healthy bodies, and I got sucked in that way."

Once there, Mah, a chemistry major and a Eugene resident for the past 17 years, enjoyed what he was doing.

"It's fun," he said. "That's

why I stayed with it."

Mah said the Chinese lion dance is used to ward off evil spirits at the New Year by going around from house to house, "ushering in prosperity and good fortune."

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The dance takes five people: two in the lion, a drummer, a gong player and a cymbal player. Mah and his brother Jason (a senior at Churchill High School) usually play the lion.

Though he only digs out the costume once a year, there is a heavy time commitment for the

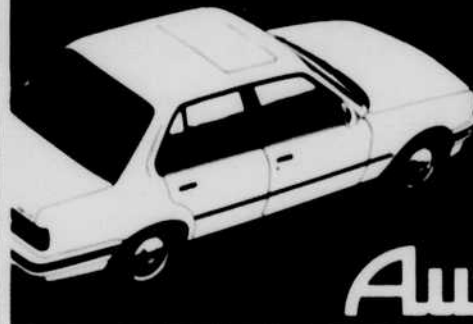
performances. Practice sessions and promotion tours start a month or two before the event.

Mah's schedule come this time of year is a bit grueling. Last Sunday, the troupe spent six hours touring local restau-

rants, drumming up support for the Asian Celebration. That, in addition to being a full-time student in a difficult major and serving as one of four co-directors for the Asian Pacific-American Student Union, can be a little much.

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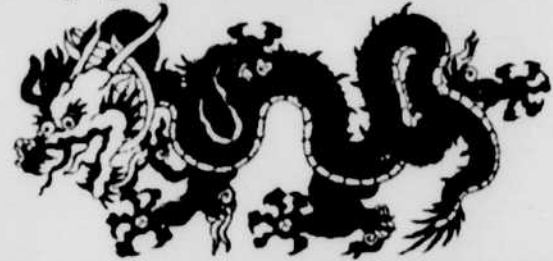
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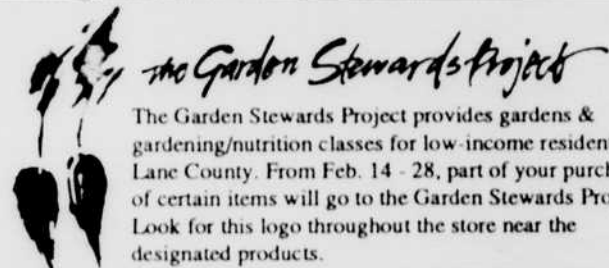
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