

# Parents' Weekend packed with activity

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Nearly 500 parents from as far as West Virginia and Hawaii are expected to arrive for Spring Parents' Weekend, running today through Sunday at the University.

Following on the heels of Thursday's University Day, tours, lectures, boat races and a number of other events are planned.

Registration will be at the first-floor lobby of the EMU from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday. Parents will receive clues for a campus-wide scavenger hunt, along with other information on the University and city, at registration. Parents are invited to attend classes as space permits, said Mary Hudzikiewicz, director of parent programs and commencement.

Organized by the Student University Relations Council and the Office of the Dean of Students, this Parents' Weekend marks more than 75 years that the University has pro-

moted this and other similar events, Hudzikiewicz said. The council is a student volunteer group that promotes the University.

Highlights include an awards ceremony Saturday afternoon in the EMU Ballroom. The ceremony will recognize outstanding students for their service and leadership.

Awards such as the Gerlinger Cup and Koyl Cup will be given at that time. The honors have been awarded annually since 1914 to the most outstanding junior woman and man in the University.

The luncheon starts at noon. Tickets are \$7.50 and available at the Office of the Dean of Students, Room 364 Oregon Hall.

At 3 p.m. Saturday will be the Canoe Fete, or festival, at the Eugene Millrace, which is located across Franklin Boulevard from Lawrence Hall. The festival includes a flotilla of makeshift pontoons, boat races, a picnic lunch and a band, all free to those attending.

Parking is available at the University Physical Plant building near the Millrace or along 13th Avenue and Agate Street.

Parents concerned about the changes at the University should attend two special lectures scheduled for Saturday morning in the EMU.

At 10 a.m. in the Maple Room, Barbara Pope, director of the University's Clark Honors College, will speak on changes in the University's curriculum and requirements.

At 11 a.m. in the Oak Room, a panel representing several student services will answer questions from parents. Representatives from University Housing, the Office of Public Safety, the financial aid office, Career Planning and Placement Services and student affairs will attend.

A Knight Library tour and campus historical tour also are slated for Saturday. The library tour begins from the south-side entrance at 9:30 a.m. and lasts for about one hour.

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friends to donate money. He's contributed \$500 himself toward the event.

"I assumed I would get it," he said. "I was two-and-a-half weeks into fund raising before they told me I got it. I was really pumped when I found out I could go."

The University cycling club is sponsoring Kadas. The club is providing him with a jersey, extra equipment and with names of people and businesses who may be able to help fund his participation, said co-coordinator David Boxberger.

"I thought he was doing a noble sort of thing," he said. "It's nice to see someone who's into bicycling and helping out instead of doing the self-absorbed thing."

Lane County Public Health helped Kadas find information about AIDS for a table he'll have set up in the EMU Lobby Wednesday and Thursday. The agency couldn't help Kadas' participation, but its employees are "heavy-duty supporters," said Sally Weaver, a community service worker at the agency.

"This should be a very colorful way to get publicity about AIDS prevention," Weaver said.

Bike-Aid participants will be divided into five groups of 20 people. The network chose Kadas to co-lead the San Francisco delegation. Kadas is the only Bike-Aid participant from Eugene.

Kadas said he looks forward to seeing the East Coast and meeting people across the nation. Kadas and the other Bike-Aid participants will stay in churches, homeless shelters and people's homes.

Traveling across the United States will help Kadas in developing his thesis for a master's degree from the Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management. His thesis is on building community awareness about issues such as AIDS.

Kadas said he'll have a table in the EMU lobby Wednesday and Thursday. People can send contributions for Kadas' trip to: P.O. Box 63847, Eugene, OR 97403.

# High school students visit for language day

By Beth Hege  
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Conversational Latin, women's lives in Ghana, French television commercials and daily life in Cyprus were among more than 100 workshops offered during the Yamada Language Center's Foreign Language and International Studies Day May 13. More than 3,500 students from 80 Oregon high schools participated.

Laura Carver, a ninth grader from Central High School in Independence, said it was "a chance to learn things we can't in school." She attended workshops on bullfighting, women in India and Pakistan, and forest issues in Indonesia. Carver said state funding cuts had hurt foreign language and international studies at her high school.

Luanna van Ness, a Spanish teacher at Klamath (Falls) Union High School, said the field trip was something students looked forward to every year.

Van Ness enjoyed meeting with other high school teachers and taking a workshop on the cha-cha-cha. She and 39 students boarded a bus at 5:45 a.m. to attend Foreign Language and International Studies Day and faced a three and a half hour ride home afterwards.

This year was the 16th annual Foreign Language and International Studies Day. University students, faculty and GTFs offered 30-minute workshops on a voluntary basis.



High school students participate in the Chinese torn-paper collage workshop in the EMU Board Room Thursday.

# Special Olympics promotes respect and pride

By Rebecca Merritt  
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More than 1,500 athletes will try to run, lift, spike or leap their way to a gold medal at the Oregon Special Olympic Summer Games May 21-23.

The 24th annual summer games competition begins at 9 a.m. Friday at the Casanova Center. The Eugene competition is one of seven annual state Special Olympics games representing more than 5,000 Oregon athletes with mental retardation, said Mike Jette, state competition director.

During the weekend, athletes compete in track and field, gymnastics, volleyball and power lifting. Competition will take place alternately at the Casanova Center, Hayward Field, McArthur Court and Gerlinger Annex. All events are free and open to the public.

"It's a wonderful event for the community," Jette said. "The Special Olympic really promotes the self-respect and self-pride of people with mental retardation."

Athletes aged eight to adult have been training between eight and 12 weeks for this year's summer games. Special Olympians also compete in one of 13 regional competitions before participating in the state summer games.

About 500 volunteers from around the state will coach the athletes and more than 300 Eugene-Springfield residents have volunteered to help with the weekend's events. More volunteers are needed, he said, and anyone can sign up to work a four-hour shift or longer.

Opening ceremonies for the summer games begin at 7:15 p.m. Friday at the Lane

County Fairgrounds. Participants of the Law Enforcement Torch Run will light the Special Olympics torch.

Jette said law enforcement officials from around the state are currently participating in a run across Oregon, carrying the Special Olympics torch to the opening ceremonies. Participating officers have collected pledges for the torch run that will be used to help sponsor the athletic competition.

"The law enforcement community supports this event because Special Olympics helps build confidence in individuals with mental retardation," said Jim Soules, co-chairman of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. "Through successful experiences in sports, they build a positive self-image which carries over into the classroom, home, job and the community."

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