

Society Folklore picks Eugene for conference site

By Jim Davis
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Chain saw sculpting and the Saturday Market will be among a wide range of topics discussed at a national Folklore conference held in Eugene this week.

More than 800 folklorists from around the world will attend the annual meeting sponsored by the American Folklore Society, according to University Folklore Director Sharon Sherman.

Hundreds of presentations on subjects such as folk healing in Southwest and dealing with unemployment will be given at

the conference — the largest in the nation. "This is really big," Sherman said, who was recently nominated and elected to the Executive Board of the AFS. "This is big, not only for our Folklore department, but for our community."

"It is a bit rare that a community the size of Eugene would get a convention like this," Laura Danielson said, a Lane Community College folklore instructor, who will fiddle at a dance held during the convention.

The convention will begin when a limited number of folklorists travel to Sisters to meet Skip Armstrong, a chain saw

sculptor, in a pre-conference tour on Wednesday.

These folklorists will see Armstrong's ornate wood sculpturing, and tour the five-story house constructed by Armstrong.

Thursday through Saturday, folklorists will attend presentations ranging from forums to videotapes and films on varying aspects of folklore.

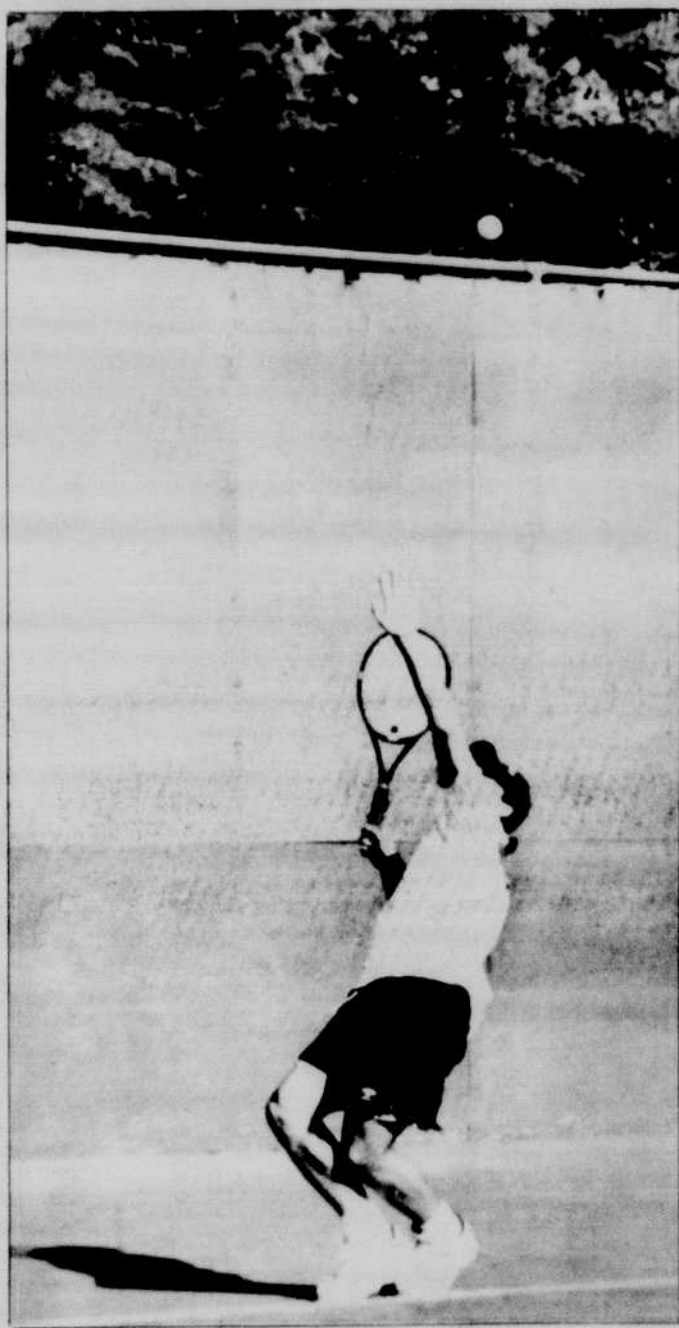
The special theme for this upcoming conference will be, "Folklore, Civil Rights and Social Justice." Many of the presentations will deal with ethnical perspectives in Folklore.

The conference will conclude on Sunday with a post-conference tour to the coastal town of Newport, Ore.

The American Folklore Society decided upon Eugene after its 1987 meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"We organized the program for that meeting, and it was in the middle of nowhere," Sherman said. "Once we got back, I wrote to the AFS about Eugene as a possible site for the folklore conference. They wrote back to say they would love to meet in Eugene — not only because Eugene is such a wonderful place, but because the Folklore program at the UO was one of the top programs in the nation."

Eye on the ball



MARK McTYRE/for the Emerald

Laurent Castaillac, a redshirt freshman, must keep his eye on the ball as he practices his power serve to keep up with his teammates on the Oregon squad.

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MEETINGS

- Circle K will meet tonight at 6:30 in EMU Cedar Room D. For more information, call 346-8840.
- EMU Board of Directors House Committee will meet today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-3733.
- Asian-Pacific-American Student Union will meet today at 5 p.m. in Room 225 of the Counseling Center. For more information, call 346-4342.
- Society of Professional Journalists will meet tonight at 7 in EMU Cedar Room C. For more information, call 683-1498.
- MEChA will have a cultural events meeting today at 5 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room F. For more information, call 346-3508.
- Amnesty International will meet tonight at 7 in EMU Century Room C.
- Japanese Student Organization will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room E. For more information, call 686-4484.
- Incidental Fee Committee will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in the EMU Walnut Room. For more information, call 346-3749.
- EMU Board will meet today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-3720.
- Overeaters Anonymous will meet today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Koinonia Center Parlor.

MISCELLANEOUS

- School of Architecture and Allied Arts will present a forum on "Visions for the Ferry Street Bridge" tonight at 7 in Room 127 Lawrence. For more information, call 346-3671.
- Returning Students Association will have an open house today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Room 27 EMU. For more information, call 346-4305.
- Academic Advising & Student Services will hold a workshop on how to apply to law school today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 164 Oregon Hall. For more information, call 346-3211.
- Student Senate will staff a grievance today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the EMU Lobby.
- Black & Decker will conduct a group presentation tonight from 7 to 8:30 in the EMU Maple Room.
- Northwestern Mutual Life will conduct a group presentation today from 4 to 5 p.m. in the EMU Oak Room.

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