

Oregon Grind 2: folk festival alternative

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The Oregon Grind 2 will be the event for anyone looking for an alternative to the Willamette Valley Folk Festival or just some great Oregon-grown entertainment.

Six Oregon bands will play on the EMU East Lawn Monday. The free concert will begin at 3 p.m. and continue until dusk.

"It's going to be great," said Adam Zacks of the EMU Cultural Forum, which is sponsoring the event. "It's an alternative to the folk festival and will try to reach another side of campus that appreciates another style of music."

The Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Renegade Saints, Rubberneck, Lincoln Brigade, The Strangers and Jerry Joseph will each take the stage during the free concert.

Rubberneck, a funk band from Portland and endorsed by musician Stevie Wonder, will begin the set. Eugene's Lincoln Brigade, a popular band at the WOW Hall and other clubs in town, will play next.

The Strangers, who started in Oregon but are now based in San Francisco, have been compared to the Doobie Brothers. Their first

two albums have sold over 5,000 copies and their third was just released in January. The Strangers recently played to a sellout crowd at San Francisco's Great American Music Hall. The band regularly travels all over the United States, averaging between 250 and 300 dates covering 20 different states each year.

Jerry Joseph has just returned from Costa Rica, where he was vacationing with actor Woody Harrelson and collaborating on the music for Harrelson's upcoming play. Joseph toured for more than a decade with his band, Little Women, but now performs with a group of musicians called Welcome Hunters.

The "Bohemian Boogie Grinders," the Renegade Saints, cite some of their greatest influences as Eric Clapton, Led Zeppelin and the Allman Brothers. Self-described as "a bunch of hairy guys who like to drink Jagermeister," the Renegade Saints have two lead guitars, a Hammond organ, a piano and three lead vocalists "who actually sing."

In an interview, vocalist John Shipe described the Saints' sound as something intense, melodic and dramatic. "Whatever emotional quality there is to be found in a

particular song we usually mine the mother lode and milk it for all she's worth. We do have a laidback side, and an acoustic set for getting delicate, sweet, and lugubrious, but ... you know ... we're trying to make hair stand on end, because ours is!"

The Saints will be followed by The Cherry Poppin' Daddies, another favorite on the Eugene circuit. The eight-member band is made up of seven former University students and began in Eugene in 1989. The Daddies, although they play a mix of musical styles, are best known for their swing.

Their music often has social undertones, including such issues as child abuse and violent conflict. But their attitude is not all disillusion and despair.

"As a band, we don't think of the world as some great malicious entity," said singer-songwriter Steve Perry in a press release. "We don't think resignation and despair are the only valid gestures to assume."

The six bands will represent a wide variety of musical tastes and talent. "We're trying to incorporate different styles of music," said Zacks. Besides, "it's free and there's nothing wrong with that."

Trade focus of Canadian leaders talk

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Canadian political leader David Barrett will conduct a panel discussion today at noon in the Walnut Room, dealing with issues such as Canadian-U.S. relations, free trade and union organizing efforts between Canada, the United States and Mexico.

Barrett has had a distinguished career with the New Democratic Party in the province of British Columbia and he served as Minister of Finance for the region from 1972 to 1975. In 1988, he was elected Member of Parliament and acted as his party's free-trade critic.

"He is a very well-respected leader in Canada," said Bryan Downes, chairman of the University's Canadian Studies Committee, which is co-sponsoring the discussion with the Labor and Education Research Center.

"He has some concerns about the emergence of multinational corporations and he will bring a social democratic perspective to these issues," Downes said.

Barrett, who just returned from South Africa where he helped oversee that country's first democratic elections, will also speak at the University of Washington and Western Washington University.

In addition to his political background, Barrett worked in radio and television and hosted a daily open-line radio program in Vancouver B.C.

He has honorary doctor of law degrees from St. Louis University, where he earned his master's degree in social work, and from Simon Fraser University.

Downes said Barrett was opposed to the North American Free-Trade Agreement and that he may discuss "developing countervailing power among labor organizations in the three countries."

Police and jurors react to triple killer's death sentence



NORTHWEST

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Skip Barron, who served on the jury that convicted triple killer Charles Rodman Campbell, said sentencing a man to death was tough, but waiting for the sentence to be carried out was almost worse.

Campbell was sentenced to death for the April 1982 murders of Renae Wicklund, 31; her eight-year-old daughter, Shannah; and family friend Barbara Hendrickson, 51, near Clearview in Snohomish County.

"What bothers me most is it's now 12 years after the fact, and that's four years longer than he allowed that little girl to live," Barron said. "That just doesn't seem fair."

But the decision wasn't easy, even after learning the gruesome details of the case.

"Basically, I'm not a real advocate of the death penalty, but in extreme cases like this, it was apropos: the no remorse and why he did it, and how he did it and the fact that he killed an eight-year-old girl. There was no other sentence really."

Ms. Wicklund, whom Campbell raped in 1974, and Mrs. Hendrickson both had testified against him in that 1974 sexual assault. Campbell was on work release from the state prison at Monroe when he bludgeoned and slashed the throats of his three victims, nearly beheading the child.

"You don't think it would be hard (to sentence someone to death) until you really do it," Barron said. "I don't think there was anyone there who really wanted to sentence anyone to death but we didn't think we had a choice. ... His mother didn't even come forward to ask us not to. You'd think some family member would come forward and beg for his life but no one did. ..."

Barron has a 50-page scrapbook of stories detailing Campbell's trials and multitude of appeals.

"I'm just waiting for that last entry — his execution," Barron said.

Royce Ferguson, who served as one of Campbell's first defense attorneys, said he still hears from Campbell occasionally. Ferguson stopped representing the killer after Campbell was angered that the

attorney asked for a continuance on the trial, against Campbell's wishes.

"Campbell calls me now and then," Ferguson said. "Not so much as his lawyer or a legal resource as it is 'here's a guy on death row.' Most people would refuse his collect calls. But I figure we're all human beings. How can you say no to a condemned man?"

He declined to discuss what they talk about.

"I can tell you about the changes in him over the years," Ferguson said. "I think in the early years, the guy was more self-centered. Just like all people, I think the guy is wiser and more mature. ... If you look at the crime, yeah it's terrible and horrendous and all those things. I think 10 years on death row, or 12 years on death row, has a way of mellowing people."

"Revenge is a human characteristic, compared to an absolutely coldblooded killing devoid of any human emotion," Ferguson said. "By comparison the gambling club (Chinatown Massacre) deaths were just coldblooded. I'm not saying none of them should get the death penalty, but the revenge thing, who hasn't in some small way felt that emotion?"

Ferguson referred to the 13 people shot to death in a 1983 robbery in a gambling club in Seattle's International District.

Attorney Anthony Savage, who took over for Ferguson and represented Campbell through his original state appeal, said he opposed the death penalty no matter what the crime.

Lt. Rick Bart, the Snohomish County sheriff's detective who investigated the murders, said he will be at the Washington State Penitentiary awaiting Campbell's execution. He will be sequestered with Renae Wicklund's mother through the proceeding, he said.

"I want to be there. I feel like it's part of my case," Bart said. "It's probably one of the worst things I've ever seen as a police officer, and I've seen a lot of horrible things done to people. If you can think of a way to physically hurt somebody, I think I've seen it. This homicide scene will be one I'll never forget, probably because of the little girl."

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