

Many activities planned for Parents' Weekend

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Parents of University students may be seen this weekend touring the campus, drinking at the beer garden, listening to a lecture about cancer research or enjoying some Willamette valley folk.

The University Parents' weekend begins today, with activities continuing through Sunday.

Students are encouraged to bring their parents to see where they work and play, said University Parent Programs Director Mary Hudzikiewicz.

"It's an opportunity for the parents to get to know campus, for the students to show them where they live, study and work and for the parents to enjoy being on campus during a spring weekend," Hudzikiewicz said.

Parents should receive a "better understanding of what the University is about, what we're offering and what their son or daughter does everyday," she said.

The University has been hosting some form of Parents' Weekend since the spring of 1927, when moms were invited to campus, said University Archivist Keith Richard.

Parents' Weekend originally began as "Dads' Weekend," which was always held winter term on the weekend of a bas-

ketball game. Hudzikiewicz said.

During a time when basketball tickets could no longer be purchased, dads stopped coming to the Dads' Weekend.

The University then began "Moms' Weekend" during spring term, and the two groups were invited together for the first Parents' Weekend 18 years ago.

University Day is always scheduled the day before Parents' Weekend, partly so that campus will be at its best for parents to see, Hudzikiewicz said.

Parents are invited to attend classes all day Friday, and registration for other weekend activities is from 4 to 7 p.m. in the EMU lobby.

Other Parents' Weekend activities include seminars by faculty members, Museum of Fine Art and Museum of Natural History lectures, a carnival night and a Parents' Weekend breakfast.

Parents are invited to attend other University events this weekend, such as the Greek Week Variety Show this evening at the Hult Center, the annual canoe fete on the Millrace and the Willamette Valley Folk Festival.

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