

## Chinese students find new way to bring their culture to campus

■ **WEEK:** Events include workshops on topics ranging from Tai Chi to accessing the Internet

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Students interested in learning about Chinese culture can do so without leaving the United States.

Throughout the week, the Chinese Students and Scholars Association and the International Students Association are sponsoring events designed to bring the culture of China to campus.

Wei-Dong Yang, president of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, said they have organized China Culture Week to introduce Chinese culture to the campus community in a creative manner.

"It's the first year we've had a cultural week," he said. "Usually we have Chinese culture night, but this year we wanted to change the style of our celebration because a lot of student groups have cultural nights."

Yang said the weeklong event allows the group to present more aspects of Chinese culture than the cultural nights allow.

From Monday through Wednesday, students can view a picture display and watch videos on various topics including

acupuncture and Chinese opera in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

Yang said the visual presentation has already been well-received by the public. "Lots of people have come in and seen it," he said.

Students can also participate in workshops about Chinese martial arts and cultural information. On Monday, the student group presented a workshop on Tai Chi and how the martial art can be beneficial to people's health. The workshop also provided an introduction to performing Tai Chi.

Today, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Ben Linder Room, students can learn about how to access Chinese cultural information on the Internet. Yang said this workshop will provide people with information about the expansion of the Internet in China and how to access journals like the *Chinese News Digest*.

"The Internet is exploding right now," he said. "A lot of information about China is on it."

China Culture Week culminates in a reception and lecture Wednesday in Gerlinger Lounge. Elizabeth Remick, a University professor of Chinese politics, will speak on Chinese political deconstruction and how China's past can provide clues as to how the country will progress in the future.

## Schools join Asian studies programs

■ **EXPANSION:** The two schools will be sharing Ford Foundation grants, preventing a tuition hike

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In a merger that is rarely seen in higher education, Lewis and Clark College — a private institution in Portland — will combine with the University of Oregon to offer a joint Asian studies program.

This translates into an increase in both enrollment and the quantity of classes that will be offered at both schools.

"It will not mean any new programs, but it will mean an expanded array of classes on both campuses," said Richard Steers, interim University vice provost.

Currently, the University offers 75 programs in Asian studies and Lewis and Clark offers about 45.

This collaboration will provide increased educational opportunities for both schools.

"We will get the chance to exchange professors so that a Pulitzer Prize-winning professor will be able to come to the University and lecture to our students," Steers said. "At the same time, Lewis and Clark, which hasn't got the depth of

Korean language that we do, will benefit from our knowledge on that subject."

Another goal of the joint program will be to further the research projects on both campuses.

"We hope to broaden both our Asian offerings for our students and the research programs for the faculty on both campuses," said Steve Durrant, director of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies at the University. "For example, Lewis and Clark will be able to do things they are currently not able to do [in research]," he said.

"The richer we can make our curriculum, the more students we hope to attract, and the higher the quality of students we will be able to attract," Durrant said.

The new programs will not mean an increase in tuition, however.

Funding for the project, which will go into effect fall term 1996, is being provided by the Ford Foundation, a non-profit organization that awards grants around the world.

"There is no cost increase for either set of students," Durrant said. "Oregon students will still pay the same amount [for 95-96] and Clark College will pay their current amount."

Tuition at the University is currently \$1,120 per term for residents and \$3,731 for non-residents, while Lewis and Clark's is \$8,410 per semester. Tuition for spring term will remain at these levels.

The grants are for \$100,000 each and will be dispersed every year for three years, Durrant said. The University and Lewis and Clark will share the \$100,000.

Ford Foundation grants are typically given for use in education, environmental issues, population studies and health services studies.

"It's one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the world," Steers said. "And definitely one of the largest in the United States."

As funding for higher education gets tighter, especially in Oregon, schools are looking for ways to enhance the quality of their offerings in a cost-effective manner, Durrant said.

And even though private schools and public schools tend to keep their distance from one another, the schools were quick to take this opportunity.

"This is basically for the benefit of both sets of students," Durrant said. "It allows us to offer a better range of services to our students at no extra cost."

## Fair designed to lure students into joining campus groups

■ **ASUO:** Each group will have information and members available to answer questions

By Ashley Bach  
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Thirty-six student groups will be on hand in the EMU today to answer students' questions and to distribute information about their respective programs at the ASUO Programs Faire.

The annual event, which begins at 9 a.m. today and runs through 4 p.m. Wednesday, is an opportunity for student programs to gain new members, said Jennifer Davis, ASUO Programs Coordinator.

Davis, who organized the fair, said while most groups are focusing on freshmen and transfers, all the programs hope to get their message out to a wide variety of people.

"[The event] is for the groups who want to widen their visibility on campus," she said.

Each group will have a booth in the EMU on the concourse level, and will have fliers and representatives available to answer any questions students may have.

"Students can go to those booths which coincide with their interests," Davis said. "We're trying to make it easy for students to learn about the groups."

While less than half of the total groups on campus are participating, Davis said many programs are just too busy to have a booth at the fair.

"A lot of the major groups are in the midst of their programming and can't stretch them-

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selves thin," she said.

Nonetheless, many of the larger groups on campus will be present, including the ASUO Women's Center, Greek Life and ESCAPE. With these groups present as well as others, Davis said she hopes all students will explore the options available at the fair.

"It's really beneficial to everyone," she said. "Students pay incidental fees so [being in a student group] is one of their benefits, and programs always perform better with more members."

Groups and students who are not able to attend this year's fair can participate in this spring's smaller event as well as next year's fall and summer programs such as IntroDUCKtion and orientation, Davis said.

Seeing the various groups rally together to express their different messages, Davis hopes that students who are not already involved with student programs will be affected.

"It can create a really strong impact," she said. "Then through these groups, students can further themselves and their own pursuits."

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