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TODAY

Today is President's Day. Banks, post offices, and other state and federal offices will be closed.



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Behind a strong night from Kenya Wilkins, the Ducks downed Stanford 64-62

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Vietnamese students celebrated their New Year Saturday with dances and skits

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WEATHER

Rain today.
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Publication faces uncertain funding

■ **FINANCE:** Offended student groups call for cutting the Oregon Commentator's funding

By Ashley Bach
Student Activities Reporter

Amid swirls of controversy and weeks of debate, the Oregon Commentator will go before the Programs Finance Committee (PFC) to present its 1996-97 budget proposal at 7:45 tonight in the EMU Board Room.



After printing a list written by four Cornell students entitled "Top 75 Reasons Why Women Should Not Have Free Speech" and satirizing various groups and institutions, including the African-American holiday Kwanzaa, on its back page, the monthly magazine has raised charges of sexism and racism by students and faculty alike.

Commentator staff members say the charges are both wrong and based on uneducated opinions. Thomas Schoenborn, chairman of the publication's board of directors, points to the fact that along with the list of 75, a two-page criticism of its writers was also published.

"We made fools of the guys who wrote it," Schoenborn said. "I'm sure they'll never date again."

Editor-in-Chief Farrah Bostic said that given her position in the magazine as well as the fact that the Commentator's board of director is two-thirds women, the Commentator is obviously not sexist.

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Gwen Lam (left), Sydnie Reed, Karen Cheang and Joni Wu, students of the Eugene Chinese School, perform the flower drum dance at the Asian Celebration Saturday at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Feb. 18 was Chinese New Year.

Celebration highlights Asian diversity

■ **EVENT:** Festivity shares culture and demonstrates uniqueness of Asian societies

By Jamie D. Pope
Freelance Reporter

Cooking demonstrations, art exhibits, martial arts shows, and demonstrations of traditional and non-traditional music and dance were all part of the 11th annual Asian Celebration, which took place on Feb. 17 and 18 at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

Two underlying currents shaped the vision of the Eugene Celebration. The first was sharing Asian and Asian-American culture with the Eugene-Springfield community, and the second was explaining that Asian society is not one culture or race.

Charlotte Colin, chairperson of the Asian Celebration Art Show, said sharing Asian life and culture helps people understand different cultures within the community.

"I think it's really important to share

with people the differences between American and Asian cultures," Colin said. "I also think that the Asian Celebration gives people a chance to see what others are doing."

Norm Higa, a volunteer at the celebration, said sharing Asian culture is necessary because Americans often stereotype Asian people and Asian society. He believes the Asian Celebration is an opportunity to see and appreciate the differences between American and

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AFL-CIO recruiting student activists for Union Summer internships

■ **LABOR:** With new leadership, the often controversial union aims to revitalize its crusade

By Alex Holan
Freelance Reporter

With a new leader at the helm and its political power at perhaps an all-time low, the AFL-CIO is seeking new blood for a crusade to reenergize the labor union movement.

The organization is coordinating a new summer internship program called Union Summer and will be on campus all day today to recruit interested students for activist jobs.

Program participants will

advocate wage raises for American workers, act as a unified voice on the job, push for security in workers' families and encourage dignity in their working lives, said Michelle Brauer, organizing recruiter for the federation.

"The goal is to recruit 1,000 student activists from around the country and send them into exploited industries," Brauer said.

Possible target areas for Union Summer activities include the farming industry in California and poultry processing plants in Georgia and Mississippi. Laborers in these areas suffer from unfavorable working conditions and poor relations with manage-

ment, Brauer said.

University students who participate in the paid internships can earn undergraduate credit through the Sociology Department. Internships last three weeks during June, July or August.

Recruiters are also seeking graduating students to fill full-time apprenticeship positions.

To support the internship and apprenticeship programs, the AFL-CIO plans to increase its \$2.5 million annual organizing budget to at least \$20 million. This increase will fortify its six-year-old Organizing Institute, where apprentices complete an intensive training program.

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Recruits can expect to gear up to battle against industry armed with "confrontational tactics," Brauer said. Activists will join organizers in "corporate campaigns," which have in the past involved pressure, harassment and public attacks not only on companies, but on their executives and customers.

Needless to say, the AFL-CIO has made some enemies. In fact, critics of the federation have long argued that its tactics result

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in unnecessary violent attacks on a company's reputation, and that the tactics destroy a company's image by terrorizing its cus-

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