WOW Hall hosts mix of shows

Volunteers are an important part of the downtown performance ball's success

By Peter Breaden Oregon Daily Emerald

For a mix of entertainment that all ages can enjoy, students may turn their attention from the liquor store on 8th Avenue to a stately building down the street. Better known by its astonishing acronym, the Woodmen of the World Hall has been hosting live music and dancing since 1933.

Under the ownership of the nonprofit organization Westside Community Center for the Per-forming Arts, the WOW Hall is staffed primarily by volunteers. Although there is a paid staff of twelve, there are more than 450 active volunteers, of which more than half are teenagers.

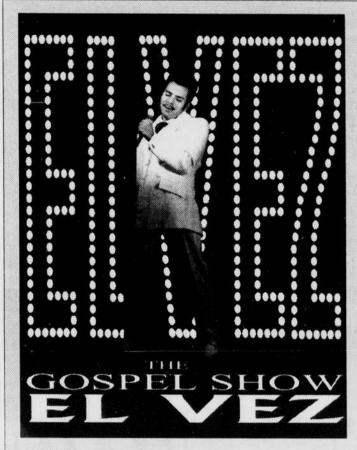
This week, three African dance sessions and one in adult tap will try the "floating floor" of the WOW hall. The less-than-solid hardrock maple floor's reputa-tion is, in fact, one of the hall's biggest attractions, publicist Bob Fennessy said.

"The way the floor is constructed, it moves, it has some give to it," he said.

For onstage events, the patchwork performances begin the Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. CCPA will have a Hawaiian folk concert featuring Bob Brozman and Ledwaard Kaapana, who are both masters of the slack key guitar

Friday, the one-woman band,

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- WHO: El Vez
- **WHERE:** WOW Hall
- **WHEN:** Sunday, September 27, at 8 p.m.
- WHAT: El Vez starts at The King and quickly moves on, adding humor and politics to a dancable rock beat.
- DESCRIBED AS: "A social-political-Las Vegas-via-Memphis-byway-of-Mexico rock and roll revue.
- PERFORMING WITH: King of Hawaii and Los Mex Pistols

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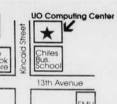
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