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Events highlight Chinese culture

China's unique customs are the focus of several workshops and lectures

By Erin Snelgrove
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Through a series of workshops and lectures, the Chinese Students and Scholars Association is presenting Chinese Culture Week at the University.

Beginning today and ending Friday, the workshops and lectures are intended to educate people about Chinese values and customs. Festivities for the week include learning about the costumes of Beijing opera, participating in a martial arts demonstration and hearing how law is practiced in China.

"The purpose of the week is to teach people about the differences between America and China," CSSA President En-Ge Xing said.

"I'm hoping the events will give people a basic understanding of what Chinese culture is like."

Michael Fishlen, associate professor of Chinese and head of the East Asian Language and Literature Department, is hosting the law lecture tomorrow. Spending time in China in 1989 and 1990, Fishlen said he learned a lot about the ways in which Chinese laws and customs are unique.

"I'm going to talk about my perspective of the sense of the time," Fishlen said. "I want to give structure to a collection of impressions and experiences I had."

Sandy Bonds, theater arts professor, is presenting a workshop about Beijing opera costumes. She said she believes the style of dress reflects a piece of Chinese culture.

"I want to illustrate the connection between the costumes of Beijing and the imperial dress of China," Bonds said.

Chinese Culture Week

■ **Today:** Opening ceremony/reception, Gerlinger Lounge, 7 p.m.
■ **Tuesday:** Art exhibition, EMU lobby, 1 to 6 p.m.; "Rule of Law: Students Demonstrations, Legal Education and Law Practice in China, 1989 to 1990," 30 Pacific, 4 p.m.; Traditional Chinese painting workshop, 141 Lawrence, 7 p.m.
■ **Wednesday:** "The Costumes of Beijing Opera," 115 Lawrence, 7 p.m.; Tour of Chinese collection in University Museum of Art, 4 p.m.; Chinese Martial Arts (Wu-shu) Demonstration, EMU Amphitheater — or Fir Room if it rains — 1:30 p.m.
■ **Thursday:** Art exhibition, EMU lobby, 1 to 6 p.m.; Tai chi workshop, 350 Gerlinger Annex, noon; "Popular Chinese Culture: Old and New," 206 Lawrence, 7 p.m.

Landlords

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habitable and in good repair while a city code would have more details about what sorts of materials would be used in construction.

He also said the state law carries exceptions for certain residences — like university dorms.

Legal possibilities

The city may have no housing code, but students have resources at hand should they have trouble with their residences and the people who own them.

One is the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group's renter's handbook. Merriah Fairchild, OSPIRG's state board chairwoman,

said the group has put out a renter's handbook for more than 20 years.

The handbook advises students on what to do when moving in and out and tells them about their rights should any problems occur in the interim.

"Usually people have more problems with huge property agencies," Fairchild said. "People have more success with [mom and pop] landlords."

Large property agencies dot the classified section of the newspapers: Talray Holdings Inc., Spyglass Associates and Jennings & Co. to name some.

These agencies get in legal disagreements with their tenants, as a public records search found.

Talray Holdings, Inc. was the plaintiff in five such disagreements in 1998 and two so far this year.

Helen Macht, Talray Holdings property manager, said she could-

n't remember the last time Talray lost one of those agreements.

Most of the time, she said disagreements were about rent that was past due.

Macht said the company tries to work the problem out with the tenant first, before breaking out the legal papers.

If University students find themselves in need of legal help, ASUO Legal Services has lawyers on hand to help — and they're paid for by student incidental fees.

Mary Boelcke, an attorney with ASUO legal services, said about 11 students contact her per week with landlord or tenant issues.

Some of the most common problems are students not being able to get their deposits back, landlords not making repairs and students trying to break their leases during the winter if they happen to fight a losing battle against mold.



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