

Chinese Student Association to hold festival

■ The event will shed light on Chinese culture and the significance of the Chinese New Year

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University students will have an opportunity to learn more about Chinese culture at the Chinese New Year Festival on Sunday night.

Unlike other cultures, traditional Chinese society used to follow the lunar calendar for festivals and planting crops. Because of a different calendar system, Chinese New Year usually falls near the end of January to mid-February.

The Chinese Student Association, which organized the event, changed the name from China Night to Chinese New Year Festival to reflect the arrival of a new century and to emphasize the tradition of the Chinese New Year at

the event.

"It is a new century, a new beginning," said Eric Yin, CSA program director. He said the name change is just a representation of a beginning of the new era, as suggested by the name of the holiday.

"We want other people to have a chance to explore the happiness of Chinese New Year and the beauty of Chinese culture," said Annie Lo, CSA public relations officer.

Chinese New Year "is the biggest festival of the year," Lo said. "Everyone will put down their work, and family members will reunite during the New Year if they are scattered around during the year."

Yin also said the CSA will present Chinese culture from the past and present during the event. He said the stage background will be decorated as a traditional Chinese restaurant.

In addition to celebrating the New Year, members from the CSA will perform a play based on "The

Cultural event

What: Chinese New Year Festival

Who: Chinese Student Association

When: Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and performance at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.

Where: Dinner at Skylight area and performance at EMU Ballroom

Contact the CSA at 346-4322 for more information.

Source: Chinese Student Association

Butterfly Lovers," a legendary love story about two Chinese scholars.

Members will also perform traditional folk songs to present another side of the Chinese culture.

"We are trying to let as many people as possible to have a closer look at the Chinese culture," said Jennifer Huang, an executive member of the CSA. "It's a good chance to bring people together."

Both Huang and Lin expressed the CSA expected to introduce more about Chinese culture to both the University and Eugene communities through the presentation Sunday night.

gene have no lasting interest in making a difference for future renters, he said.

Shaw, who has worked on housing issues on a national level, said he was working on enlisting OSPIRG in the national housing campaign.

The Earth Day 2000 group works on local and global issues ranging from saving wildlife in Oregon to initiatives against global warming.

Students volunteering for the Clean Water Now campaign will focus on cleaning up the Willamette River. Students will take a stream walk on Feb. 5 to pick up any garbage. Toward the

end of the term, the group will embark on a toxic walk to find out exactly where and why rivers are polluted, what is in the water and how to clean it up.

The group working on stopping the ATM surcharge hopes to eliminate the methods bank use to make more money at the cost of consumers.

All interest groups exchanged ideas on how to achieve their respective goals and set up meeting times.

Pursell said she was excited to see many new faces at the kickoff event.

"The energy in this room was really great," she said.

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posits when moving out. Bae said the group is currently working on identifying exactly where the problems are and whether a renters' hotline offering legal advice to renters will help or whether they will work toward getting a housing code passed by the City council.

However, because many students leave Eugene after graduating from college, Bae said, getting support for this issue is difficult. Many students are from out of state, and even those from Eu-

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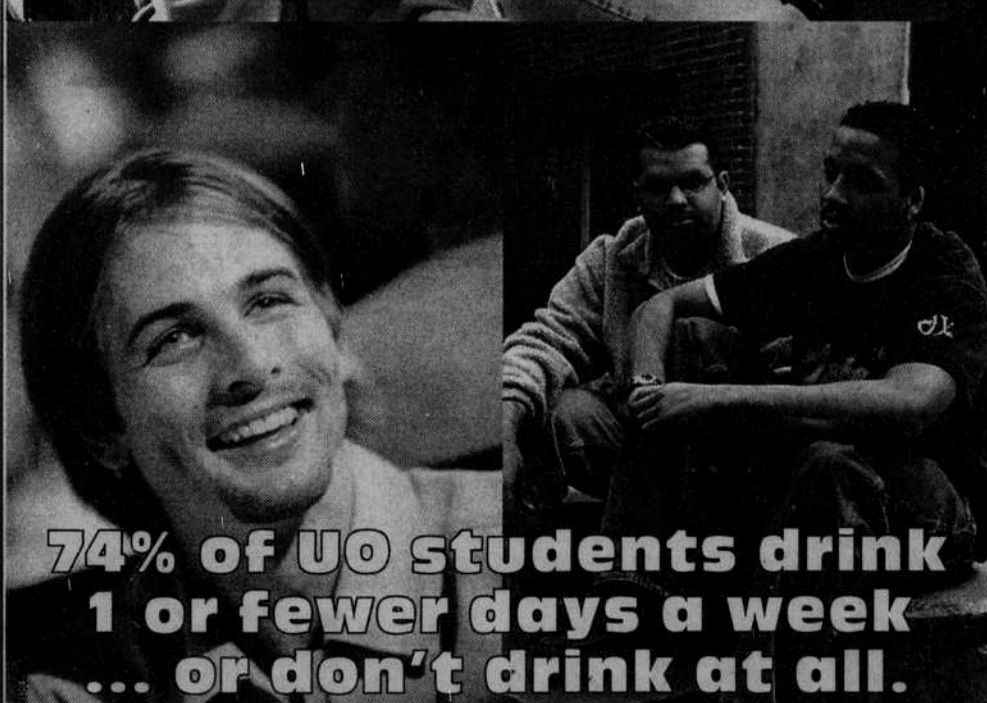
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for more information:
346-4361

Opening Reception

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5:00-7:00 pm
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74% of UO students drink 1 or fewer days a week ... or don't drink at all.

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