

## Conference

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gles, Lynn Fujiwara, an assistant women's studies professor, spoke of the financial hardships Asian women in California face because of several negative welfare changes in the mid-1990s.

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Lynn Fujiwara  
professor



Adam Amato Emerald

Flor Jimenez, Zenia Leyva, Oscar Arana, and Eddy Morales from MEChA dance at the Wayne Morse Conference Thursday. The dance, called La Negra, originates from Jalisco, Mexico. The troupe learned to perform the complicated moves in one week.

Fujiwara said the current welfare option is too harsh because immigrants can only receive government assistance for up to five years, and that is often not enough time for a family to become financially independent in a brand-new country.

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## Feminism

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Almquist said the conference is a start, but there is more work to be done for feminists.

“The questions that certain feminist scholars raise are relevant to

all spheres of our lives — and not just to men and women in the U.S.,” she said. “A conference such as this provides a public forum in which to discuss matters that concern us all, to exchange ideas on how to bring about positive change, and most likely to be exposed to and learn about some aspect of

women's studies that is entirely new to us.”

Registration for the conference begins at 8:30 a.m. today and tomorrow and is free. The first presentation will begin at 9 a.m. each day, and both days will end with a multimedia production that begins at 9 p.m.

## Petty

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tour since their 1999 *Echo* tour, and they appeared enthusiastic to be back on the stage. Petty announced that they were going to play an old song, “Here Comes My Girl,” and so he hoped that he remembered it all.

“We don't have teleprompters up here,” Petty said. “We're strictly old-school.”

The concert covered a wide range of the band's albums, playing hits such as “It's Good To Be King,” “Even The Losers” and “You Don't Know How It Feels.” After a set of slow songs, the group played an instrumental song called “Guitar Boogie Shuffle,” before which Petty in-

vited the audience to relax, dance around, and yell.

Petty had an incredible stage presence, and seemed to exhibit a true connection with his audience. His vibes told the fans that he was happy to be there and was having a great time. This attitude, combined with Petty's killer smile and the little dance moves that drove the fans to applaud, resulted in one great musician who captivated his audience for two and a half hours.

The band was coaxed back onto the stage for an encore with a clamoring of whistles, applause and flickering lighters. Petty and The Heartbreakers came back to play their classic “Free Fallin'” and the well-known “American Girl,” before leaving a cheering, satisfied crowd.

Corvallis is one of 15 cities in which Petty will be performing this summer, before heading to the studio to record a new album. The group will be performing Saturday at the Gorge Amphitheater in George, Wash., which promises to be an outstanding show: If a Petty concert in a basketball gym is great, imagine how one would be with the backdrop of the setting sun and the breathtaking Columbia Gorge.

The Wallflowers will open for Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers Saturday at the Gorge Amphitheater in George, Wash. The show begins at 7 p.m., and tickets are still available through Ticketmaster.



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