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Films, festivals, fun ahead

Family Weekend will host a variety of shows and events in hopes of bringing students and parents together

By Jayoung Park
for the Emerald

This weekend's Family Weekend at the University will offer various tours, performances, exhibits and other events including the Willamette Valley Folk Festival, a Woody Guthrie film and tour of the Museum of Natural History.

Tris O'Shaughnessy, assistant dean of students for family programs, said Family Weekend joined forces with Knight Library and the Cultural Forum to present the film, "Roll on Columbia: Woody Guthrie and The Bonneville Power Administration."

"We collaborated with Knight Library and the Cultural Forum to present a phenomenal film about Woody Guthrie, and it clearly demonstrates the cultural and the historical atmosphere of the campus community," O'Shaughnessy said.

Mike Majdic, director of the Knight Library Media Center, will host the hour-long film that won various awards, including first place in the U.S. International Film and Video Festival. The showing will be held Friday at 4 p.m. in the Knight Library Browsing room.

"Both students and parents will get a kick out of this film," he said. "It will be interesting to look at Oregon in the 1930s and '40s," Majdic said.

The 31st annual Willamette Valley Folk Festival, held Friday through Sunday, features free music-sponsored events by the Cultural Forum and will provide multiple music stages, workshops, folk arts, crafts and performances. Three headliners include Ian Moore on Friday, from noon to 10 p.m.; Toby Foyeh and Orchestra

Schedule of events

May 18-20

Willamette Valley Folk Festival. EMU East Lawn. Free.

May 18

Tour of Museum of Natural History. 2 p.m. Museum of Natural History.

Sociology Colloquium: Leontina Hormel, sociology, discusses "Teaching Social Issues and Movements: Activism in the Classroom." 3 p.m. Room 332, Gilbert Hall, Free.

Woody Guthrie Film. "Roll on Columbia: Woody Guthrie and Bonneville Power Administration" 4 p.m. Knight Library Browsing Room.

Oregon Ballroom Dance Lessons (leather-soled shoes advised and no partner needed) 7:30 p.m. Room 220, Gerlinger Hall. \$4 general public, \$3 students and UO faculty.

"Profesia," presented by Teatro Mila-

gro/Miracle Theater. 8 p.m. Agate Hall Auditorium. Free.

UO Ensemble Concert. The Oregon Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Bands open Family Weekend with a wide variety of popular jazz repertoire. 8 p.m. Beall Concert Hall. \$5 general, \$3 senior citizens and students.

International Student Association Coffee Hour. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. EMU International Lounge. Free.

May 19

The Urban Farm Tour. 8:30 a.m. Urban Farm on Millrace.

Student Honors and Awards Brunch. Noon. EMU Ballroom. Priority ticketing (\$12 per person).

May 20

UO Concert. The Oregon Wind Ensemble, directed by Robert Ponto, and the UO Symphonic Band, directed by Todd Zimelman. 3 p.m. Beall Concert Hall. \$5 general, \$3 senior citizens and students.

Africa on Saturday, from noon to 10 p.m.; and the Tony Furtado Band on Sunday. This event will take place on the East Lawn and other specified locations throughout the EMU.

Melanie Williams, International Student and Scholars Advisers said that students and family are welcome to visit the International Coffee Hour sponsored by the International Student Association on Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the International Lounge in the EMU. "Although we are not directly involved with Family Weekend, we encourage students and parents to come to our small award ceremony that will be held in the International Lounge."

The Student Honors and Awards Brunch recognizes students' academic and community achievements and will be held Saturday at noon in the EMU Ballroom.

"The Awards Brunch is one of

the highlights of this event, and this year we are awarding 28 student-parents who have a GPA of 3.6 or over," O'Shaughnessy said. "We have eight student-parents this year with a GPA of over 4.0 and that's amazing."

O'Shaughnessy said the purpose of Family Weekend is to provide an opportunity for students and parents to unite and learn about various aspects of the University. "Our main goal is to offer some programs in a wide range of interests for students and parents to come together," she said. "Our events are not structured in a way that we take every hour and every day of the parents and the students, but rather it's structured to give a sense of the university atmosphere just as a setting."

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