

Yamada center to host foreign language day

High school students will converge on the University for a variety of programs promoting international culture

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The University will welcome approximately 2,000 high school students from Oregon and Washington on Friday when the Yamada Language Center kicks off the 24th Foreign Language and International

Studies Day.

FLIS Day is the University's annual showcase of international programs. High school students from all over the Northwest choose from the 100 different presentations and events offered. Events range from doing origami to learning German hip-hop. The presentations and events are intended to promote and celebrate foreign languages and the study of other cultures.

Foreign Language and International Studies Day Coordinator Julia Bossers said FLIS is a celebra-

tion of cultural diversity and an important event that helps promote understanding for all those involved.

Presentations are delivered by members of the University faculty, graduate teaching fellows, international students and others who are interested in diversity, harmony and international understanding.

FLIS 2001 offered activities focusing on languages taught at the University, including Spanish, German, Russian, Finnish and Indonesian. Bulgarian folk dancing,

Swahili language lessons and Chinese calligraphy were some highlights of FLIS 2001.

The University Alumni Association offers a \$1,000 scholarship to the FLIS attendee who best answers a short essay question.

Students from participating high schools were invited to write a 500-word essay on why understanding and using foreign languages is important, based on their personal experience. The recipient of the scholarship must be a high school senior who will be

attending the University in fall 2002. The scholarship winner will be announced Friday.

The Yamada Language Center only offers FLIS Day to high school students, but University students are invited to volunteer. Interested students should attend Thursday's volunteer meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. in the center, 119 Pacific. For further information, please contact the center at 346-1538.

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News brief

Senate approves \$8,000 for MCC performances

By a vote of 7 to 3, the ASUO Student Senate on Wednesday night gave \$8,000 in surplus incidental fees to the Multicultural Center to help pay expenses for a series of upcoming performances sponsored by the group.

Abigail Lovett, a student who works in the MCC, said the hip-hop concerts, featuring Dead Prez, will highlight issues focused on in the MCC this year, such as the prison industrial complex.

Senators voted 8 to 2 to grant a special request by University Theatre for \$2,500.

With the extra money, University Theatre will now be able to pay student actors in its Mad Duckling summer theater production \$500 for the season instead of the \$250 they were paid previously, theater student Rich Brown said.

The senate unanimously approved two special requests by MEChA, one for \$1,705 to supplement funding for the group's Cinco de Mayo celebration, and one for \$361 to purchase compact discs for the group's radio show.

Senators also approved transfers from accounts within the group's budget, including the transfer of \$1,127 from a holding account to be used for food at the Cinco de Mayo event.

In old business, senators discussed moving the senate office into the space currently occupied by the Designated Driver Shuttle.

In new business, senators voted on proposed rule changes to senate office hours and special request guidelines for groups new to the ASUO Programs Finance Committee budget.

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Street Faire

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In addition, Campus Recycling has asked all food vendors to purchase paper products that can be composted.

"We have good communication with the vendors to discuss what they can bring to this campus," Borgida said.

Campus Recycling has also been working with McDonald Wholesale Co., a local paper supply company, for discounts on disposable products for the vendors to purchase.

Kaplan said the Street Faire will be close to a zero-waste event, but most paper cups have a plastic lining and can't be composted. At this time, waxed paper cups are the only biodegradable cup; however, these cups can't be used to serve hot beverages. Many of the cups at this year's event will have to go to the landfill.

"We are just trying to cut the waste down lower and lower for each event and trying to bring awareness to this campus," Borgida said. "We live in such a disposable culture and we want to change the mindset of people, and hopefully transcend our efforts into the Saturday Market and the Lane County Fair."

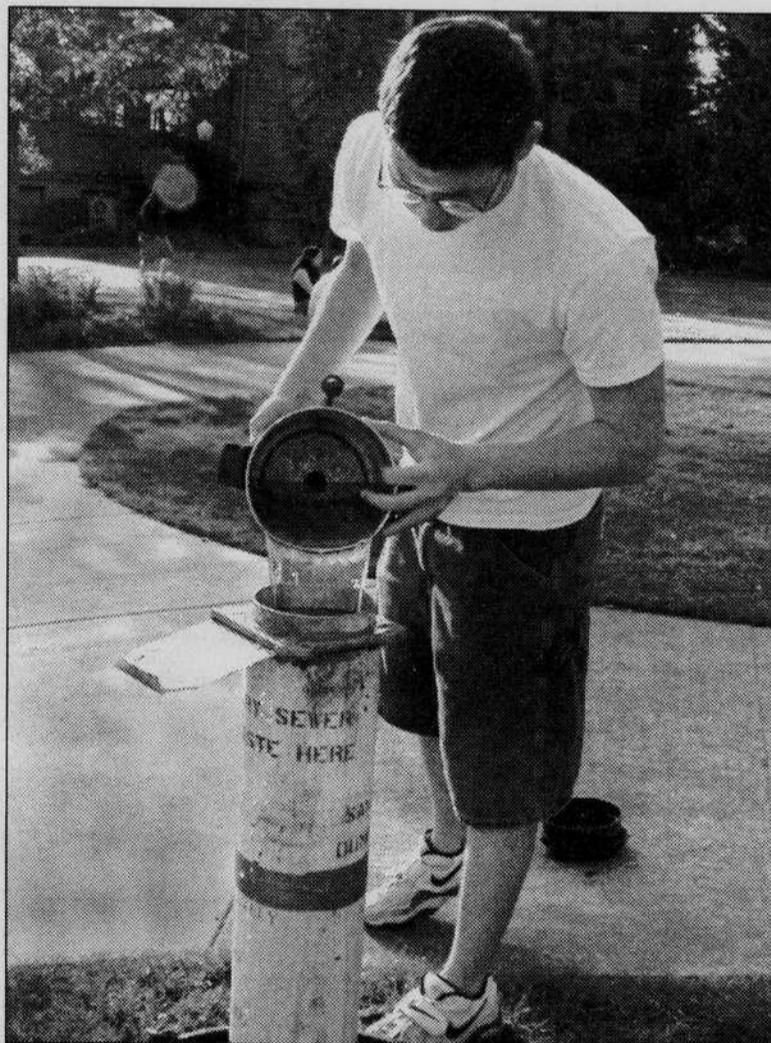
Campus Recycling plans to make the Willamette Valley Folk Festival, held on campus May 17 to 19 a zero-waste event also. The group will be washing 4,000 reusable plates and utensils in the EMU and returning them to the estimated 15 food vendors that will be serving the festival.

Borgida said they decided not to use the reusable plates for the faire because there are too many exit points and plates could be stolen or lost. In addition, the faire is during the school week and the group can't have access to the dishwasher in the EMU.

Student Recycling Coordinator Jeff Ziglinski said he hoped composting would be utilized in the University dorm's cafeterias in the future to help save wasted food.

"I think we are heading in the right direction," he said. "These are great pilot projects, but it would be great if the University could institutionalize it."

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Chase Challe, who works at the Kim's Bento booth at the ASUO Street Faire, washes out the end-of-the-day coffee pot into a dedicated sewer waste holding tank.

Schedule of bands playing at the ASUO Spring Street Faire

All bands will play in the EMU Amphitheater. Bands playing between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. will be playing acoustic sets.

Thursday, April 25th

10 a.m. Jamie Rust
11 a.m. Honey Vizer
12 p.m. Oddibie
1 p.m. Latin Dancers
2 p.m. KWVA
3 p.m. Bitesize
4 p.m. Paradigm
5 p.m. Hillbilly Holocaust

6 p.m. Mr. Sparkle
7 p.m. Alpha Charlie
8 p.m. Two Bucks Short
9 p.m. Alter Ego

Friday, April 26th

10 a.m. The Jeffersons
11 a.m. Papa's Soul Kitchen
12 p.m. Nature Boy Saints
1 p.m. C.C.S.
2 p.m. Miami Airlines
3 p.m. Cober
4 p.m. Opening ceremony for Asian Heritage Month

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