

IN BRIEF

Have you ever dreamt of living in the 1950s, when men were chivalrous, women were graceful and couples danced cheek to cheek in fluid motion? Or perhaps you'd just like to erase the traumatic memories of your junior high school theme dances, when Billy the Bully would trap you in the corner and give you a wedgie. Either way, the Oregon Ballroom Dance Club may have the opportunity you've been looking for.

This Friday night, the OBDC hosts a weekly ballroom dance that may transport you back to the day the boys came home from The Big One.

The dance will be held in room 220 of Gerlinger Hall, near the corner of 15th Avenue and University Street, and will begin with instruction from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. According to the OBDC Web site, the instruction hour will cover "the basics and a few variations for a couple of dances." Following the first hour, the twirling and dipping begins. The dance officially ends at 11:30 p.m. — or earlier for those who get dizzy and pass out.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Oregon Ballroom Dance Club Web site at www.ballroom.uoregon.edu

Admission to the Friday dance is \$4 for students and faculty and \$5 for the general public. Admission is free for OBDC members and regular volunteers.

Once every term, excluding summer, OBDC will also host a formal dance in place of the regular Friday dance. The next formal dance has not yet been scheduled.

You aren't required to bring a partner, and you may not want to wear open-toed shoes. It is possible that your young Gene Kelly or Debbie Reynolds didn't watch "Singin' in the Rain" with as much heart-felt longing as you did.

For more information on how to dance the night away, see the OBDC Web site at ballroom.uoregon.edu or call 346-6025.

— Michael A. Booth



BRET FURTWANGLER | GRAPHICS EDITOR

Hurricane: insurance lessens losses for some

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be living thousands of miles away from his mother.

"It's been me and my mom for a while so I'm used to taking care of her," Peterson said.

Hurricane Jeanne, which struck Florida last weekend, canceled flights and forced Catina Peterson to stay in a Eugene hotel and miss several days of work.

The Petersons, who moved to Florida from Southern California in Aug. 2003, had never experienced a hurricane.

"We're not used to hurricanes or anything like that ... the aftermath of everything was more devastating than the actual process in which it happened," Peterson said.

Hurricane Charley made landfall in Florida carrying winds of 145 mph. At its zenith, the hurri-

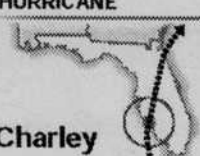
cane's winds topped 180 mph. It killed 13 people, seriously injured dozens and knocked out power for two million people. Damage costs following Charley were in the \$10 billion range.

"A lot of people were hit worse than me; the house behind me was tilted, like in 'The Wizard of Oz,'" Peterson said.

Because the Petersons were insured, they are able to start working toward rebuilding their home.

"Repairs (to the house) are being made. We're basically going to knock down all of the walls, treat the foundation and rebuild everything," Peterson said. "It's a very serious situation. Those who don't have insurance really lost everything."

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HURRICANE	LANDFALL	WIND SPEED & CATEGORY	STORM SURGE	ESTIMATED DAMAGE
	Charlotte Harbor; Aug. 13 at 3:45 p.m.	145 mph; 4	13 to 15 feet	\$ 7.4 billion

SOURCES: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association; AP Reports

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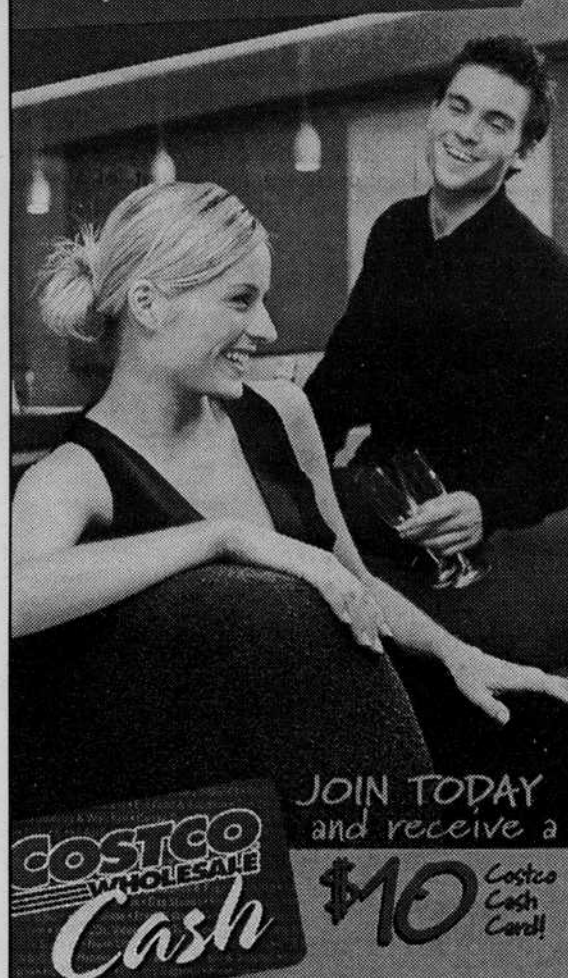


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