

The UO Russian and East European Studies Center, UO students of Russian, European studies and theater, with support from Yamada Language Center, present

A new bilingual Russo-English play by J.Nemirovskaya

"Russian for the Princess"

A young German Princess arrives at the Russian court, charms everyone and later becomes the Russian Empress Catherine the Great.

The play is a set of masquerades, puppet shows and funny Russian lessons given to young Catherine.

Presentation of each letter is followed by court intrigues, love affairs, politics, dance, music and even acrobatics.

The play will be performed just once, Friday, November 19, in UO Agate Hall (Agate and 18th) at 7:30 p.m. The show is free and open to the public.



Counselors gain leadership skills, opportunity to travel

Camp Adventure trains University students to work with children on military bases throughout the world

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"Hey all you Camp A Fans, let me see you clap your hands," shouted a group of energetic students from various colleges on Saturday. While the students sang a variety of camp songs, another crowd of college students responded with smiles and laughs.

The students were partaking in their first leadership assessment conference (LAC) for a program called Camp Adventure. The students singing the camp songs were veterans of the program, and the onlookers were college students from schools around Oregon interested in getting involved.

Founded in 1985, Camp Adventure trains college students to become camp counselors for the children of those serving in the military.

"These kids' parents are serving. We are easing their burden by taking care of their kids," University student Amanda Lee said.

The students train during the school year and spend the summer at a military base. They receive 18 credits for their participation in the program.

Currently, students with various majors from more than 80 colleges around the United States participate in the program, which has its

headquarters in Iowa.

The Oregon Camp Adventure program holds two LACs each year — one in November and one in January.

"LAC is an opportunity for students who are interested in the program to come learn what it is all about and find out what it takes to be a camp counselor," trainer Angela Gorsuch said.

After the LACs,

Camp Adventure begins training, which occurs nearly every other weekend in winter term. Students

from schools throughout Oregon come to the University for the training.

Many of the students who have participated in Camp Adventure have come back to participate again.

"I had such a great experience last year and I already missed it, so I wanted to do it again," University student Meghan Sullivan said.

"It was such an amazing experience to be able to touch these kids' lives and in return have them touch (my) life," University student Julia Reynolds said.

Many of the students say they were attracted to the program because of the opportunity to travel. Camp Adventure

sends students to various locations, mostly in Europe, Asia and the United States. The students work as counselors during the week and receive weekends off to travel.

"This is such an amazing opportunity to spend your summer doing something meaningful that you will remember for the rest of your life," said Gorsuch, who has participated in the program for five years. "If you have any desire to experience the world, this program is a great way to do it."

MORE ONLINE

Oregon Camp Adventure will hold its second leadership assessment conference on Jan. 22 in the Education Building. For more information, e-mail oregoncampa@yahoo.com or visit www.campadventure.com.

The goal of Camp Adventure is to create magical moments for children that will last a lifetime. Some camp counselors say they leave camp with their

own magical moments.

"Last summer was amazing. I fell in love with the kids," University student Jessica Melton said. "I just want to have more memories."

Training Coordinator Brad Ficek, who has participated in the program for more than three years, said when he was in Russia on a child's birthday, the group of international children taught each other to sing "Happy Birthday" in eight different languages.

"It was awesome seeing children from all over the world come together to learn from each other and share a cool experience," Ficek said.

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IN BRIEF

University employees begin yearly fund drive

The University's Charitable Fund Drive kicked off on Tuesday in the Knight Library Browsing Room.

The drive is an opportunity for state employees to donate to charitable organizations through their workplaces. Last year, University employees raised nearly a quarter of the money statewide, about \$230,000, even though they only make up about a tenth of state employees. Employees give money through payroll deductions, checks or credit cards.

Co-director of the drive, Associate Dean of Social Sciences Priscilla

Southwell, said she hopes to raise about \$250,000 this year.

"There's a lot of needy people in Oregon," she said.

Donations collected will benefit United Way, Black United Fund, Earth Share, McKenzie River Gathering, Children's Trust Fund of Oregon, Habitat for Humanity, Oregon Youth Soccer Association and the Equity Foundation. Employees can specify which agency their money will go to. The drive ends the week of Dec. 5.

— Moriah Balingit

Trial on hold due to scheduling conflict

HERMISTON — A man charged in the shooting death of a farm worker might not face trial until 2006

because his defense lawyer has a scheduling conflict.

Ever Alexis Flores, 24, and Margarito Morfin, 21, are accused of invading the Hermiston home of 12 farm workers, killing 38-year-old Paco Chavez-Tena and wounding Chavez-Tena's 16-year-old son, court records show.

Flores is charged with aggravated murder, attempted murder, robbery and burglary. One of his attorneys, Ralph Smith, told Umatilla County Judge Jeffrey Wallace on Monday that he has conflicts for most of 2005 with a murder case in Marion County. With the Umatilla County docket already packed with pending murder cases, scheduling trial dates would be difficult.

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