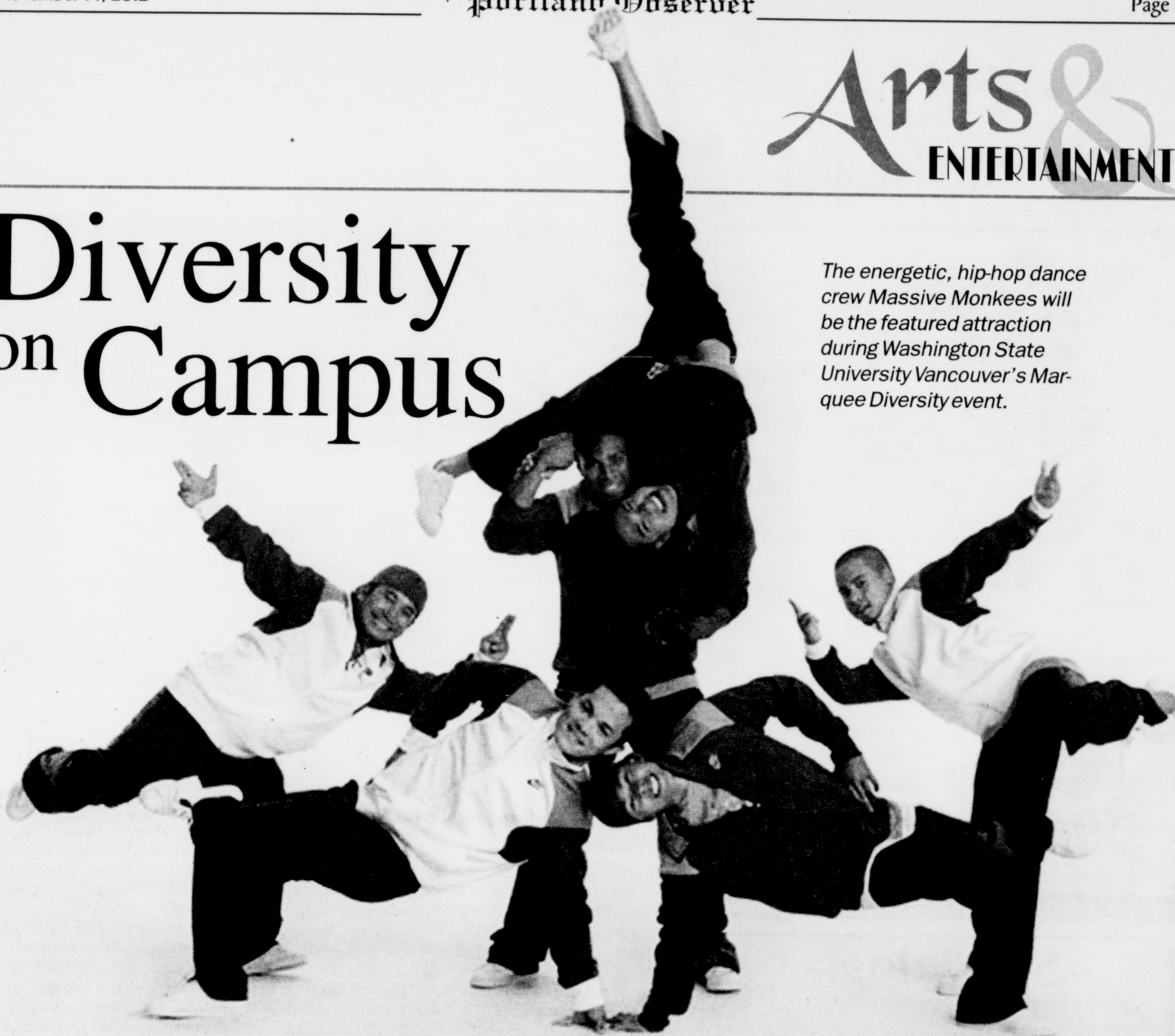


Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Diversity on Campus

The energetic, hip-hop dance crew Massive Monkees will be the featured attraction during Washington State University Vancouver's Marquee Diversity event.



Dance crew challenges stereotypes

Massive Monkees will bring their energetic, hip-hop stylings onto the dance floor at Washington State University Vancouver's Marquee Diversity event at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 in the Firstenburg Student Commons.

Hosted by Student Diversity, the event is free and open to registered guests on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, visit vancouver.wsu.edu/mde.

Massive Monkees is comprised of more than 25 spirited break dancers known as "b-boys" and "b-girls." The Seattle-based team is famous for its original moves and dynamic group routines that have won numerous accolades. Many of the group's members are full-time artists who are involved in mentoring youth in Seattle schools and community centers, helping to diffuse negative perceptions of hip-hop and break dancing.

"We are excited to bring such a high-energy, internationally known group to our campus," said Bola Majekobaje, assistant director of student diversity at

WSU-Vancouver.

Phillip Nguyen, the student diversity peer mentor responsible for coordinating the event, views Massive Monkees as a performance that goes beyond the confines of the dance floor.

"In addition to bringing a fun and innovative performance to campus, Massive Monkees will challenge the stereotype of what it means to be an Asian Pacific Islander. They are breaking the molds established by media and society," said Nguyen.

Since coming together in 1999, Massive Monkees have performed in front of more than 1 million people on an annual basis. They have shared the stage with Alicia Keys, Jay-Z, Public Enemy, Missy Elliot, LL Cool J, Ludacris, 50 Cent and Akon. They have also been featured in season four of the MTV show "America's Best Dance Crew." Additionally, Massive Monkees made history in 2012, by becoming the first American crew to win "R-16 Korea," an international b-boy competition held an-

nually in South Korea.

Held semiannually, WSU Vancouver's Marquee Diversity event features nationally recognized speakers and performers with the goal of bringing issues of diversity, social justice and

multiculturalism to the community. Speakers and performers are selected by a committee of students and staff.

WSU Vancouver is located at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., east of the 134th Street exit from either I-5 or I-205.



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