



Eugene hosts regional meeting of student exchange association

By Patrick Low Of the Emerald

The Northwest chapter of the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs concluded its fall conference at the Eugene Conference Center on Saturday after three days of workshops and exhibitions. NAFSA members from Alaska, Northern Idaho, Oregon and Washington government and educational institutes attended the conference.

NAFSA is the nation's leading organization in the area of international education exchange. Founded in 1948 with 88 members, NAFSA now serves some 5,000 professionals involved in student exchange programs. The organization holds annual national and regional conferences to provide training and information for its members. This is the first year NAFSA has held a regional conference in Eugene.

A total of 50 workshops were presented during the three-day conference.

Soviet emigre to talk on Marxist takeover

Dr. Joseph loffe, a professor of economics and political science, will discuss the possibility of a Marxist takeover of the United States at the Black Angus Restaurant, 2133 Franklin Blvd., Wednesday night.

Ioffe, a Soviet emigre, is a member of an influential Communist family. Ioffe was on both the Kruschev and Brezhnev Committees on Economic Reform. His father was one of the leaders of the Soviet farm collectivization movement.

Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for dinner, \$2 for those not eating.

Anyone interested in attending should call 345-3989 or 485-6501. Reservations must be made by 8 p.m. tonight.

Dr. Ioffe's appearance is co-sponsored by the Defense Education Committee and the Willamette World Affairs Council. Workshops and exhibitions on teaching English to foreign students presented new ways to use computers in language programs. One workshop entitled "I Learn You Learn Cha Cha" discussed a "kinetic" approach to teaching, focusing on the relationship between physical activity and acquiring language skills.

Several workshops discussed educational and political trends in countries like Malaysia, China, the Soviet Union, Saudi Arabia and Latin America, while other presentations involved immigration policy and procedures and preparing refugees for employment.

Two workshops dealt with problems female students encounter studying abroad. One, called "Preparing Women for the Study Abroad Experience," discussed the myth of promiscuous American women traveling abroad and offered survival strategies for females.

At a noon luncheon, held in the Eugene O'Neill Room on Friday, NAFSA Vice President John F. Reichard gave an audience of about 120 members a brief summary of important issues and problems that NAFSA was facing.

Reichard said that the rate of foreign students coming into the country is in decline for the first time in two decades, after phenomenal growth over the last 10 years.

"If there isn't going to be new growth, this could have a lot to do with the kind of support we will be getting," he said. "A lot of the argument for international education that we have been making has related to economic considerations—that people are bringing money into the United States."

University President Paul Olum, who was guest speaker at the luncheon, told the audience that NAFSA was doing a terribly important business.

"Americans tend to be astonishingly insular," Olum said. "We may be the most insular people in the world. Americans tend to believe not just that the American way of doing things is the right one but almost the only one. They are unaware of how other cultures live and what they do, and we learn an enormous amount from our (foreign) students."



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