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Food, fun and entertainment cap off international festival

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McArthur Court was transformed into a comfortable and intimate home for the world Sunday evening when the Foreign Students Organization hosted International Night 1986.

Exotic international cuisines and cultural entertainment were all part of the grand finale of the weeklong International Festival '86. Songs, dances and exhibitions from around



Photo by Michael Wilhelm

The international fashion show was one of the highlights of International Night 1986. Here, a "Kiss-Me-Kate" hat is worn with a traditional Danish outfit.

the world were presented, in the four-hour show that began about 6 p.m.

Inside Mac Court, a beautiful stage decorated in red and gold tones formed a splendid background for the performances that captivated the audience of about 500 people.

The evening began with song and dance from Latin America to entertain the audience during dinner.

The formal program began with an old Nordic folk song and dance, which tells the story of a man whose brother betrayed him and tried to marry his favorite girl. That was followed by a German folk song called "Today Here, Tomorrow There," which praises the life of a transient.

The show continued with an exciting Spanish Flamenco Guitar solo, "spiced with gypsies' breath and rhythm."

A dance troupe performed some magnificent dances from the Middle East. Members of the group wore Middle Eastern costumes as six women performed some amazing feats of balance and skill accompanied by two musicians.

One woman danced with a loaded serving tray balanced perfectly atop her head while she moved her hips, sat down on the stage, lay nearly flat, rolled over and stood up again without missing a beat.

But the international fashion show may have been the highlight of the evening for many.

The fashion show included costumes from more than 20 different countries and from nearly every continent on the globe. Organization, variety and authenticity made the fashion show a perfect example of the evening's purpose, as representatives from many different cultural backgrounds were brought together on the same stage at the same time for a common purpose.

"To all of the foreign community, you enrich our lives greatly, and we thank you," said University Provost Richard Hill, the guest of honor.

Consul says Soviets seek end to arms race

By Michelle Brence
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The Soviet Union is committed to ending the arms race, and disarmament will be achieved by banning nuclear tests and weapons in space, said Consul Vladimir Golubkov of the Soviet Consulate in San Francisco.

"Our choice is clear: stopping the arms race on earth and preventing it from spreading," Golubkov said.

Golubkov and Vice Consul Andrei Nazarov spoke to about 100 students and community members Friday night after meeting with University President Paul Olum and South Eugene High School classes earlier in the day. They visited Eugene at the invitation of Joseph Austin, who teaches "War in the Nuclear Age," a University SEARCH class.

An end to nuclear testing is "the most effective way to put an end to the nuclear arms race," Golubkov said.

"It is clear that new weapons need to be tested, and if there are no tests, there can be no new weapons," he said.

But the United States has rejected the Soviets' invitation to join a nuclear test ban, he said. The Soviets extended the ban twice, but the United States' response has remained "No," he said, "especially after (Thursday's) test in Nevada."

The Soviet Union and the United States "speak absolutely different languages" when it comes to President Reagan's proposal to mutually inspect nuclear test sites, Golubkov said.

"The Soviet Union has proposed to ban nuclear tests altogether, while the United

States is trying to legalize them," he said.

And the proposed Strategic Defense Initiative, or Star Wars, is a "new spiral of the arms race," Golubkov said.

The plan violates the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty, and all arguments in favor of the system are "deprived of logic," he said.

"Our position is let's go down, not up," he said.

Golubkov repeated Soviet proposals to eradicate all nuclear weapons by the end of the century and to pull U.S. and Soviet medium-range missiles out of Europe. He also spoke of a Soviet desire to withdraw troops from Afghanistan and to participate in a summit in the United States.

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"We should like in the near future to withdraw Soviet troops stationed in Afghanistan, as soon as a political settlement is reached that ensures an actual cessation and particularly the non-resumption of the armed aggression by the local contras," Golubkov said.

Golubkov also called for a

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More testicle-cancer awareness needed, victim says

By Mike Rear
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During finals week at the University of Eastern Washington two years ago, Kevin Linn and a few friends were sitting around his apartment drinking beer and eating Cheetos while watching an episode of NBC's "St. Elsewhere."

The episode featured a young man who had been diagnosed with testicular cancer and explained the technique of Testicular Self-Examination (TSE).

The next day while in the shower, Linn discovered a lump on one of his testicles after following the instructions given during the episode, he said.

The swelling was large and elongated, and when compared to the testicle itself, Linn said, "it was like taking an oversized grapefruit and setting it on a basketball."

When he went in for a routine checkup a few days later, he mentioned the growth to his doctor, who sent him to a urologist. The lump was diagnosed as cancerous, and Linn says that, in effect, the show saved his life.

Linn spoke about testicular cancer and the importance of early detection to a group of about 100 American Cancer Society (ACS) volunteers and students

Saturday at the University.

Testicular cancer is most common among men 15 to 35 years of age and accounts for 12 percent of all cancer deaths today, according to ACS statistics. Ten years ago, most of those contracting the disease would have died. Today, however, because of advances in medicine and radiology, there is a cure rate of close to 90 percent.

Testicular examination is a simple and easy process that takes about three minutes. The technique involves feeling for unusual contours, and it is best when done after a warm shower or bath. Examinations should be conducted monthly.

The first sign of cancer is a slight enlargement of one of the testicles. Pain may be absent, but there may be a dull ache in the lower abdomen and groin.

The ACS has estimated that about 5,100 new cases of testicular cancer will be diagnosed in 1986 alone.

Linn works as a volunteer for the ACS by traveling a circuit to give lectures and workshops.

"If by volunteering for the American Cancer Society I can help spread the word about the importance of early detection... and if just one person learns

what I learned watching 'St. Elsewhere,' and it saves their life... then it will really be worth it," Linn said.

Before Linn saw the "St. Elsewhere" episode, he never would have known that he could get testicular cancer, he said. "I didn't know what the symptoms were. I thought I knew everything because I was only 20 years old."

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Linn was lighthearted and humorous about his condition. He says he believes his attitude was boosted by his religious convictions as well as by his "silver lining" point of view.

"St. Elsewhere" is very involved with the ACS in Los Angeles, Linn said. Now he watches "St. Elsewhere" every week,

and if he has to miss it, his brother tapes it for him, he said.

Linn would have been added to the list of statistical fatalities if he had waited a couple more weeks, he said.

After his recovery, Linn began two years of volunteer work with the ACS. He has spoken to groups in Connecticut, Washington, Oregon, Kentucky and Louisiana. He also has appeared on "PM Magazine," recorded a commercial with members of the cast of "St. Elsewhere," and will appear on WTBS Saturday at 7 p.m.

Although Linn has a hectic schedule, he enjoys his activity but is unsure of the future, he said. He is sure, however, that he will be an ACS volunteer for some time to come.

Linn is one of many volunteers involved in the ACS 1986 statewide Residential Crusade Kickoff, its annual education and its fund-raising effort.

April has been declared National Cancer Control Month by the ACS. There will be more lectures and information on the prevention and control of cancer throughout the month.

For more information about TSE, the National Cancer Month or the ACS, call 485-2211.