Asian-Pacific relations goal of exchange

By Demian McLean **Emerald Reporter**

University students will be able to study with Thai and Fijian professors next fall when Oregon colleges begin a threeyear faculty exchange with Asian-Pacific universities.

During the three-year period, University and Oregon State University professors will also travel to Thailand and Fiji, where they will offer courses in decision sciences and planning public policy and management.

The exchange, said PPPM as-sociate professor Maradel Gale, is an outgrowth of the University's three-year-old Micronesia Program. In August, the federal government granted Gale and decision sciences Professor Kenneth Ramsing \$227,074 to establish partnerships with Asian-Pacific universities.

"The competition for these grants was fierce," said Ramsing, noting that 181 American universities competed for the federal money.

Student Senate will meet today at 5 p.m. in EMU Century Room A. For more information, call 346-0630.

The American Marketing Association will have its first meeting tonight at 6 in Room 228 Chiles. New members are welcome.

A MEChA meeting will be tonight at 6 in the NASU Longhouse. For more information, call 346-3508.

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A Student Projects Board meeting will be today from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in EMU Room Century D. For more information, call 346-3729.

The Public Relations Student Society of America will have a meeting to discuss upcoming projects tonight at 6 in Room 214 Allen. For more information, call 485-2215.

AIESEC will have a general meeting today at 5:30 p.m. in Room 332 Gilbert. For more information, call 346-1340.

An EMU Board House Committee meeting will be

An EMU Board House Committee meeting will be today at 4:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room B. For more information, call 687-7721.

An EMU Budget Committee meeting will take place today at 1:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room A.

The Black Student Union will have study tables tonight from 7 to 9 in the Black Student Union. For more information, call 346-4379.

Hilled will have a Torah study with cookies and coffee today at 3 p.m. at 1414 Kincaid St. For more information, call 343-8920.

RELIGION

The Catholic Newman Center is sponsoring a political debate today from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St. Panelists will be Bill Temple from the Bush/Quayle campaign, Zack Grace from the Clinton/Gore campaign and Dominic Musat from the Perot/Stockdale campaign Moderators will be Joe Kremers and George Alvergue, LCC political scientists. For more information, call 343-7021.

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three Asian-Pacific grants available speaks highly of the University's Asian and Pacific studies program," Ramsing

The Thai-Oregon program, Ramsing said, will focus on ways to cement business and trade relations between Oregon and Thailand.

Oregon faculty will present Thai students with case studies of actual Oregon-Thai business partnerships.

The benefit for Thai students, Ramsing said, is that they will study global trade in the context of their own country.

"There are very few case studies of U.S.-Thai business," Ramsing said. "Most of ours are with China or Japan."

"The benefit for U of O students is that they get to study with Thai professors, and get contacts," Ramsing said.

Six professors from Oregon, three from the University and three from OSU, will visit during the life of the program, and



Kenneth Ramsing

six Thai professors will visit the Oregon colleges.

Political science Professor Gerald Fry, one of three University professors in the exchange, said Thailand is an ideal trade partner for Oregon.

Unlike Korea and Japan, which are established players in global trade, Thailand is still

"Thailand has an opportunity to grow in a positive direction, to improve the base of its economy without pollution,"

Like Oregon, "Its major cities are much the same size as Portland and Eugene, and it faces some of the same environmental problems, such as deforestation," Fry said.

The Oregon-Fiji project will send four University faculty to the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji.

Gale said the project's focus will be applying theory to solve problems in economically developing communities, with particular emphasis on development that is environmentally sustainable.

Seven faculty members from Fiji will visit the University during the three-year period and offer courses in Pacific Island studies.

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"We had to make sure we could accommodate everyone without booking them in hotels and motels," he said. "People weren't canceling and we realized, 'Hey,

we could be really full." The Cottage House, which is considered part of the Carson/Earl Complex, was formerly the University Delta Zeta sorority. The Office of University Housing is leasing the house for a year from the Delta Zeta sorority, in Oxford, Ohio, for \$8,000 a month,

Tendick said. Some Cottage House residents said they were disappointed when they learned they would not be living in the dorms. But they said living in a former sorority does have its benefits

University junior Michelle Eldridge, who transferred from Southern Oregon State College, said Cottage House rooms are much bigger than dorm rooms she's lived in. When she saw pictures of the house, she said she was excited.

"I like it a lot better," Eldridge said. "The dorms were fun my freshman year, but this is more homey. It feels more like a real house."

About six women assigned to live in Cottage House have moved out, said Jennifer Boyd, Cottage House resident assistant. She said most were American English Institute

students who wanted a complete college experience by living in "real dorms."

Cottage House residents said the worst thing about the house is feeling isolated from the rest of campus. The Office of Public Safety will step up patrols in the area at night, Boyd said.

The decision to move the students who couldn't be placed in the dorms into the Cottage House was "a last-minute thing." Tendick said. The housing department was finalizing the house's lease during late September when students were moving in.

The Cottage House wasn't equipped with phones for the first two weeks of classes,

"So I was walking around with a page and a cellular phone for the first few days of classes, which was weird," she said. "I felt like a drug dealer."

The housing department has overbooked students before. In 1987, the housing department moved students to the Angus Inn Motel and the Best Western Green Tree Motel for two or three weeks until additional dorm rooms could be found for

During the 1982-83 school year, the housing department bought a former halfway house from the county and converted it into Alder House.

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