

China Night celebration set

Every Chinese New Year, Trish Sheng's parents would tell her the Chinese legend of a beast that hated the color red. The horrible creature, however, did love to devour women, so once a year nearby villagers would send it a woman as an offering.

But the villagers finally decided on a better solution to the problem of the hungry beast. The people began using the color red all over their homes and successfully warded off the beast.

The Chinese legend of the beast is one thread in a web of stories that provide meaning to Chinese traditions. The beast story, for example, explains why red is a central color now in the celebration of the Chinese New Year, which takes place Saturday in the United States. Sheng, Chinese Student Association president, said the group is sponsoring China Night, which will include a dinner, dance and performances.

When CSA member Judith Sun was a child, Chinese New Year was all about the gifts she could get. Now she said she misses being with her family in Indonesia for what is essentially a family reunion.

"When I grew up, I understood more the meaning inside of things," Sun said. "I knew (Chinese New Year) was not just for fun but for people to get together."

Chinese New Year falls during late January or early February in the United States. Sun said she has trouble remembering on what day the holiday falls every year now that she lives in the United States.

"In my country you won't forget because it's the greatest day of the year," she said. "I really miss it."

ET ALS

MEETINGS
International Student Association will have a subgroup meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in the ISA office in EMU Suite 206. For more information, call 346-4387.

ASUO will have a student health insurance meeting today at 2 p.m. in the Student Health Center medical library. For more information, call 346-3702.

ASUO will have a Graduate Advisory Committee meeting today at 2 p.m. in the Koononia Center at 1414 Kincaid St. For more information, call 346-3248.

EMU Board will have a meeting today at 5 p.m. in the EMU Board Room. For more information, call 346-3720.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chinese Student Association will have a Chinese New Year celebration Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Eugene Hilton. For more information, call 346-4322.

Ecology Program will present Dr. Elizabeth Venrick who will give a speech titled "Phytoplankton in the North Central Pacific" today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 112 Willamette.

RELIGION

Catholic Newman Center will remember Martin Luther King Jr. at the weekend mass Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. For more information, call 343-7021.

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