

Japanese Night celebrates culture

Festival: Traditional food, customs educate 400 in attendance

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Saturday night was a good opportunity to discover futomaki and nikujaga in the EMU Ballroom.

The Japanese Student Organization presented its "Seasonal Festival" for more than 400 people. Distinct celebrations like New Year's and Valentine's Day were played out in a Japanese setting, together with traditional Japanese food and music.

"I hope the audience got an idea of what Japan is like," said Rika Watanabe, president of the Japanese Student Organization.

Together with more than 150 students, Watanabe has been working on the project since last July, intending to educate more people about Japan and the student organization.

The University has 360 Japanese students, and the first Japanese Night was held last year.

University President Myles Brand said in his speech during the festival that the night was another proof of the good relationship between the University and Japan, and praised the organization's work.

Watanabe said most of the expenses for Japanese Night were covered through fund-raising, including bake and T-shirt sales.

"Everybody has been working extremely hard, and I deeply appreciate that they made this a success," Watanabe said.



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A member of the Japanese Student Union performs in the traditional Japanese kimono at Japanese Night, a dinner sponsored by the Japanese Student Organization. The event, now in its second year, is designed to promote a better cultural understanding of the Japanese tradition.

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Students voice concern about LA residences

Quake: Students describe disaster conditions of homes, families in California

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University senior Jeff Pickhardt picked the wrong weekend to visit his aunt in Los Angeles.

Pickhardt awoke early Monday to a 6.6-magnitude earthquake that killed at least 32 people, closed five interstate highways and set more than 30 homes on fire. Although he was about 30 miles from the earthquake's epicenter in Northridge, Pickhardt said he still felt the impact of the great temblor.

"It was so big. It didn't feel real," he said.

Fortunately, Pickhardt's aunt just had foundation work done on her house, and the family survived the quake with little damages. Next-door neighbors weren't as lucky. Pickhardt said the chimney on one neighbor's home collapsed, and a swimming pool crashed through the home of another neighbor.

Pickhardt, who left LA Monday evening, said the worst part of the earthquake was the many aftershocks that left thousands with feelings of uneasiness and anticipation. However, he said, the quake wasn't as bad as the media portrayed. People in LA weren't terribly disrupted by the temblor and many tried to continue their daily routines.

"The next day it was just like business as usual," he said.

Back in Eugene, many University students spent the Martin Luther King holiday worrying about friends and relatives in LA.

Jessica Amezcuita, a freshman from LA, said she was scared for her family and friends after hearing about the earthquake. Her mom called her at 6 a.m. so she wouldn't have to hear about it on the news, Amezcuita said.

"I was so scared," she said. "Everyone I've talked to so far say that it's the biggest earthquake they ever felt."

Amezcuita said her family is OK, but she has several

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GOOD MORNING

► LONDON (AP) — Prince Charles is putting his polo career out to pasture.

Charles said he is giving up league polo to protect his back, though he will continue to appear in a few charity matches.

"Much as he has enjoyed playing polo over many seasons, his back is now telling him that it is time to stop," said a statement Tuesday from St. James's Palace.

The 45-year-old heir to the throne has suffered back strain on several occasions from playing polo. In 1990, he took a spill during a match and broke his right arm.

His announcement came a day after Buckingham Palace announced that his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, had suffered a broken left hand when her horse fell Saturday.

► CHICAGO (AP) — It was Danny vs. Donny, a three-round charity boxing match to determine which former child star had grown into the more macho adult.

The winner: Danny Bonaduce, who bloodied Donny Osmond's



nose and earned a 2-1 decision Monday night.

The challenge began at the gym where both men were working out. Osmond taunted Bonaduce as "a poseur, just flexing that flab."

There were no knockdowns in the fight at the China Club nightclub, but both men landed some good blows, one witness said. Osmond went the distance.

Eighty percent of the proceeds will go to The Tom and Roseanne Arnold Foundation, Bonaduce's chosen charity. The remaining 20 percent will go to The Children's Miracle Network, chosen by Osmond.

Osmond is starring in Chicago in the title role of the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Bonaduce, who played the wisecracking redhead Danny Partridge in the TV show *The Partridge Family*, is a disc jockey for a local radio station.

Senate confirms new vice president

ASUO: Leslie Warren to fill vacancy created by Diana Collins Puente

By Daniel West
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Leslie Warren was confirmed as the new ASUO vice president Tuesday night, by a unanimous vote of the Student Senate.

Despite such apparently wide approval, however, some still voiced concerns about her ability to represent all students. Some members of the Student Senate felt that her past campus involvements were one-sided.

Some of her past offices include stints as president and vice president of the Black Student Union. She has also been involved with the Asian/Pacific-American Student Union and the Native American Student Union, as well as the Office of the Dean of Students and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Those who voiced their concerns about Warren's confirmation feared that she would push a multicultural agenda, neglecting the needs of all students.



Leslie Warren

Another Senate member stated that Warren's involvements in those unions demonstrated her strong convictions toward student issues on this campus, and indicated that she isn't afraid to take a stand for what she believes in.

"As ASUO vice president, I'm working for all the students. It's not my personal agenda. It depends on what the students want," Warren said.

Although Warren was confirmed last night, she doesn't officially begin work until Monday, January 22.

In the meantime, Warren will be getting acquainted with the office. She will be working with ASUO president Eric Bowen and former ASUO vice president Diana Collins Puente, who resigned last week. Most of her transition, however, will be spent with the other ASUO officers.