

FRIENDSHIP

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Grandma and Grandpa.

Kingsbury, the chairman of the Friendship Foundation, and his wife have hosted international students for six years. They have shown students from Japan, Germany, Holland, Singapore, Indonesia and Brazil around the Eugene area. Kingsbury, who lived in Brazil for six years, said, "I had an idea of what it was like to live in another country and how helpful it can be to know someone."

Besides inviting them over for holiday dinners, to movies, or on hikes, the Kingsburys organize events students normally wouldn't experience in their home countries, like pumpkin carving. Every Tuesday night Marcal had dinner with the Kingsburys, either at his house or theirs, and they try to speak only Portuguese.

"It is sort of like breaking down the barriers," Kingsbury said. "The world is getting smaller so we need to do that. It's neat because you bring the world together in your house."

"I really enjoy working with international students," said Donna Hill, another Friendship Foundation volunteer. "I travel a lot myself and I think it's interesting to meet people from other countries."

During the past six years Hill has hosted five foreign students: two from Nepal, two from Japan and one from Taiwan. She is single and lives alone and believes her living situation gives international

students a different perspective on life in the United States.

There are other people in the community not affiliated with an international hosting program but seeking out international house-mates. Irma Berry lives with her 15-year-old son and wants an international house-mate so her son can be exposed to different cultures.

Kevin Chang, a 26-year-old graduate student at the University, is from Taiwan and was looking for an international roommate because he believed a foreign student from Asia would be easy to get along with.

Jim Walsh, an attorney who lives alone, has had 11 house-mates from other countries. He tends to think that international students make better house mates because their conduct is often more courteous.

"Overall, I think that international students offer a lot to improve the whole community," Walsh said.

Eugene and its citizens have a lot to extend to students who chose to come here from other countries. In return, foreign students can give the community new perspectives on the world.

A quote from Ghandi that appears in the Friendship Foundation's pamphlet may summarize the attitudes of all the community members who are eager to interact with international students: "I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows stuffed. I want the culture of all lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible."

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MEETINGS

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group will meet on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 3 p.m. at the Emerald People's Utility District Building, 33733 Seavay Loop Road. Patients, family, friends and health professionals are all welcome. For more information, call 686-0310.

Pacifica Forum will meet today from noon to 1:15 p.m. at 1236 Kincaid St. A video of the 75-year history of the Fellowship of Reconciliation will be shown. For more information, call 344-0483 or 346-4694.

RELIGION

Hillel will sponsor a Tu B'Shevat service today at 5:30, followed by a vegetarian potluck, both at 2475 McMillan St. For more information, call 343-8920.

Newman Center will sponsor the AIDS Benefit Concert & Silent Auction on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 1 p.m. at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St. For more information, call 343-7021.

MISCELLANEOUS

Career Planning and Placement Service will sign up successful bidders for interviews with PIRG, PetsMart, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and The Limited Express today through Monday in Room 244 Hendricks.

Oregon Fair Share will have a table in the EMU today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

University Housing will offer "The Power of One," a leadership workshop for residence hall leaders on Saturday, Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the EWEB Conference Center. For more information, call 346-5393.

CORRECTION

The Emerald apologizes for misspelling English professor Dick Steinhilber's name yesterday. It was also erroneously reported that the three-term, 3-credit sequence Introduction to Literature would be condensed into two 4-credit classes. Please excuse any inconvenience.

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