

Speaker relays experiences, opinion of Bosnia-Serb conflict

INTERNATIONAL: Yasui said Western policy has been to allow the division of Bosnia

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

Shin Yasui spent five months in Bosnia. On Tuesday, he discussed his experiences and his opinions on current Western solutions to the war.

Yasui said through the conflict's history, Western policy has been to allow the

division of Bosnia. He noted this has been through legal means.

"The West had no will to protect Bosnia," he said. "The Western assumption is that Bosnia is lost."

The current peace talks in Dayton, Ohio are only continuing this attitude, said Yasui. Although diplomats are creating a constitution for Bosnia, they want to preserve it as one country with two separate entities: Serbs and Bosnian Muslims.

"It's purely economic and political," he said.

If these policies are accepted, Yasui predicts a far more dangerous world. If the United Nations fails to protect smaller countries, such as Bosnia, they will feel a need to protect themselves, he said.

"There will be more arms trading, more polarization," he said. "It will be a more dangerous and more unstable world."

Yasui offered two solutions to this problem. The first is to base negotiations on a true attempt to maintain Bosnia as a unified country. The second is to recognize the legitimacy of the Bosnian government.

"It's not too late," he said. "They're still making the draft of the constitution."

According to Yasui, there has also been some debate over whether the Serbs were participating in genocide. He said there is no doubt that Serbs are committing genocide.

"This is genocide," he said. "It is murder with intention."

Yasui lived in Bosnia from May to November last year. He passed through three towns in Central Bosnia but was never allowed into Sarajevo, the capital.

Health center offers its own small library

RESOURCE: The Health Education Room holds over 100 books on health-related topics for students

By Mara Stine
Higher Education Reporter

A wealth of medical information is available to students from medical journals, books and newsletters stored in a health education room in the Student Health Center.

"This would be a great place to start to get information on any health issue," said Gerald Fleischli, director of the health center.

The Health Education Room, which is on the first floor of the health center near the pharmacy, has over 100 books on topics ranging from nutrition to how to quit smoking. Medical journals such as the Harvard Medical School Newsletter and the Berkeley Wellness Newsletter are also on the shelves.

In addition, students have access to a file cabinet filled with articles, handouts, brochures and pamphlets on health-related issues.

The materials can be checked out for two weeks, and the room is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Joanne Frank, health education director, said many of the materials in the room are available at the Knight Library or the Science Library, but said it may be easier to get them from the health center than to search the



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Contraception, Relationships and intimacy are a few of the topics covered by the library in the Student Health Center

larger campus libraries.

If copies of books and newsletters in campus libraries are checked out, a student may be able to find what he or she is looking for in the Health Education Room, Frank said.

"It's more than just a library," Frank said. "It's a resource room."

Peer health educators are scheduled to be in the room and are trained to answer questions

and council students.

"We try not to give advice," said Ken Cline, Peer Health advisor. "We mainly give information."

The peer health educators also give one-on-one counseling on quitting smoking, fitness and stress and weight management, among other subjects.

"Everything we counsel on, we have detailed information about," Cline said.

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