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Frohnmayr thanks ISA at reception

■ **INTERNATIONAL:** UO President Dave Frohnmayr welcomes foreign students

By Doug Irving

Student Activities Reporter

University President Dave Frohnmayr spoke to the people of 86 countries Wednesday night during the International Student Association's winter reception.

Frohnmayr told the international students they added an important dimension to the University and the community.

"What we find that you bring is a joy and an enthusiasm," he said. "That gives us a remarkable character."

Frohnmayr spoke of his experiences as a foreign student and described how those experiences changed his life.

"It taught me that I was an individual," he said. "I wasn't just part of my own nation anymore."

Some of the earliest photographs of the University include a Japanese student, Frohnmayr told the audience. Ten percent of the University student population has been international for over a decade.

"It is a very rich heritage," he said.

Subir Dutta, Assistant Director of the ISA, described it as an "umbrella association" for inter-



University President Dave Frohnmayr talks to Lisa Khan, the Public Relations Officer of the International Students Association.

national students.

"We work as a social and cultural group," he said. "We also promote all the different cultures."

According to Dutta, the ISA represents over 1,700 University students from 86 countries. The association sponsors international coffee hours every Friday, and co-sponsors cultural nights.

The winter reception was a chance for the association to introduce itself publicly to the University. According to Jubily Boy, ISA Office Manager, the association would like to see more students.

"We would like to serve more, so that international students

can make use of the facilities," Boy said.

The ISA helps international students find host families and join cultural groups, according to Boy. It also provides legal services for immigration and other potential problems.

Frohnmayr ended his speech by thanking international students for their input to the University, and by welcoming them.

"You are a vibrant international community within, I hope, a caring community here at the University of Oregon," he said. "May you always regard the University of Oregon, in some special way, as home."

Four student programs receive funding

■ **SENATE:** Requests granted to student groups

By Jennifer Carter

Student Activities Editor

The Student Senate approved special requests for funding from the ASUO Women's Center, Holistic Options for Planet Earth Sustainability (H.O.P.E.S.), the Coalition Against Environmental Racism and the Student Senate.

The ASUO Women's Center received \$728 to correct an error in wage calculation for its office coordinator, Bonnie Kanter. Kanter is an Oregon Public Employees' Union member, and her salary is mandated by the union. Last year, her salary was calculated without taking an OPEU salary increase into effect, and the Senate granted the special request to rectify this error.

"This is a mandated expense, so I move that we approve it,"

said Sen. Susan Anderson.

The Student Senate also allocated money to H.O.P.E.S., an organization created by architecture and allied arts students to put on conferences that explore issues concerning sustainability.

H.O.P.E.S. received \$2,628 to use for the group's spring conference on ecology and the process of making place. The allocation will go to cover conference expenses including travel.

The Senate debated about whether to fund the special request because of its size and because the group received special request money last year.

"I'm concerned of establishing a precedent that allows programs to come in and see more money each time and at the same time do less fundraising," Senate president Martin Fisher said.

H.O.P.E.S. also received a

loan of \$4,275 from the Senate to cover speaker fees. Because the group received a loan, they must now work with the ASUO finance coordinator to establish a loan agreement.

The Coalition Against Environmental Racism also made its special request to help fund a conference. The group's request to help pay conference speakers was fully funded at \$2,000.

The group is currently part of the Multicultural Center. Joey Lyons, the MCC's co-director, said that despite the \$2,000 in additional funding, its upcoming environmental racism conference will be short of funds. The MCC has currently fundraised more than \$4,000 for the annual conference.

The Student Senate also granted a special request made by Senate vice president James Boyd to pay for office supplies. The request was for \$250.

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