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UO to attend international conference

■ **SEMINAR:** University students can apply to visit Europe for a symposium on international conflict resolution

By Regina Brown
Higher Education Reporter

The University has been selected to participate in an elite international conflict resolution seminar in Europe this July featuring top leaders and diplomats from all over the globe.

The University is one of 10 U.S. universities invited to take part in "The International Student Symposium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution" in The Hague, The Netherlands, where the International Court of Justice is located.

Stanford is the only other West Coast school participating in the program, said Cody Shearer of The Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution, which is sponsoring the seminar.

Sixty American students and 40 overseas students from selected public and private universities may participate in the program. The application deadline is April 15.

Shearer chose the University because he said he has been impressed by the students during his numerous visits here.

"I found the students to be very inquisitive and totally independent and free-spirited," he said.

The four-week symposium is designed for students interested in international relations, business and law, Shearer said. It will focus on the environment, the globalization of financial markets, nuclear weapons treaties, international security covenants and the impact of ethnicity and migration on world affairs.

The symposium will be divided into seminars, with the first two focusing on international law, international organizations and dispute settlement techniques used by the United Nations.

The first series of lectures will focus on the concept and formation of international law, types of treaties, international agreements, humanitarian law and the enforcement of international judicial decisions, Shearer said. The second set of talks will investigate special trading and environment blocs and dispute settlement techniques used by the United Nations, he said.

The symposium will end with a three-day case study on international dispute focusing on Bosnia that will include a presentation by the negotiation team that drafted the Dayton Accord.

Participants will also be exposed to working sessions for dispute resolutions and treaty negotiations, Shearer said. In addition, each student will follow a particular case in human rights law to become familiar with international mediation techniques, he said.

This program will provide students with a once in a lifetime, completely unique experience, Shearer said.

"The bottom line is that this is going to radically change the life of anyone who participates in this program," he said.

Faculty from the Institute of Higher European Studies will conduct the classes, which will include speeches from high-powered politicians from all over the world whose names will not be released until spring, Shearer said.

Participants will take two trips — one to Brussels, Belgium, for meetings with officials from NATO and the European Union and one to Maas-

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During Malaysian Night Sunday, Zaidi Awang (left), Yoong Ho, San Wirakusuma and Aini Naroh perform a traditional wedding celebration in the EMU Ballroom. Despite icy roads, about 200 people attended the event.

Malaysians spotlight tradition, culture

■ **CELEBRATION:** Performers delighted crowd with drama, song, dance and food

By Ashley Bach
Student Activities Reporter

Malaysia, a multi-racial, tropical country in Southeast Asia, was on display Sunday night as the members of the Malaysian Student Organization (MSO) performed traditional dance, song and drama from their native land.

About 200 people attended "Malaysia Night 1996: Fascinating Malaysia" in

the EMU Ballroom. Danny Lee, MSO president, said he hoped that by coming to such an event students would become more aware of what Malaysia really is.

"We just want everybody to know more about Malaysia — the culture, the people. It's fascinating," he said.

The evening began with a video of a traditional Malaysian wedding ceremony. From the bride and groom's families first discussing the possibility of marriage to the recitation of the wedding "contract" to the groom, the tape tracked the intricate process step

by step.

As the tape wound down, drums could be heard as an authentic wedding procession marched up the middle aisle. Students, dressed in real Malaysian attire, played the new husband and wife as others played their attendants.

After sitting down in mock thrones on stage, an intricate martial arts routine was performed for the new "couple." Lee Yen Beh, one of the hosts for the evening, said the new bride and

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Whiteaker sponsors benefit for homeless

■ **EVENT:** Tonight's 'Blanket Raiser' will feature music and will collect survival necessities to be distributed at Whiteaker's Valentine Dinner Feb. 17

By Melissa Lebahn
Community Reporter

The Whiteaker Community is sponsoring a "Blanket Raiser" to help the homeless and needy tonight at 5:30 at the Eugene WOW Hall.

Admission is one blanket, tarp, tent, roll of plastic or sleeping bag for the homeless.

Featured performers will be Mamelovdus, a funky rock-n-roll explosion; Walker T. Ryan, the sound of Delta driven blues; T.R. Kelly, the acoustic heretic; and Katie Henry.

The event will also honor all past and present volunteers who have worked hard and given so much to a worthwhile cause, said Venus Tobin, head organizer.

The blankets, tarps and tents raised at the event will be

dispersed at a Valentine Dinner, also sponsored by the Whiteaker Community.

The Valentine Dinner is scheduled for Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will provide those in need with food, warm clothing and survival necessities during this cold season.

At a previous dinner, the community bought 700 blankets and about 300 more were donated, Tobin said. By the end of the dinner not one blanket was left.

Tobin said the Whiteaker Community began as a group of neighbors who decided to get together to help other neighbors. The group has sponsored these fund-raisers and dinners for the last 16 years.

"[The fund-raisers and dinners] have a miracle life of their own," Tobin said. "This is one day that we let everyone know that someone cares."

Any funds or supplies that are left over will be donated to the children in need at Whiteaker School to buy them new shoes, some clothes or a jacket, she said.