

# ISA to host dance for fund raising

**■ PARTY:** The \$4 entrance fee for the Saturday event will help fund International Cultural Night this spring

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The International Students Association is throwing a party this weekend, and the entire University is invited.

An international dance party complete with music from around the world, a DJ and dance contests will be held on Saturday night in the EMU Fir Room.

The dance is a non-alcoholic event funded by the ISA and the University party fund. The event was planned to raise money for International Cultural Night, which occurs in the spring. The ISA chose to have a dance party because many University students are not old enough to go to

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“Everyone likes to dance, and this is a great way to experience music from other cultures since so many people can't go out dancing,” Malakar said.

Fast-paced music from all around the world will be playing throughout the night, and there will be a break in the music to hold dance contests and a possi-

ble raffle. Prizes will include University bookstore gift certificates, T-shirts and sweatshirts. Snacks will be provided as well.

One purpose of the event is to bring together people of all different cultures to experience music that they may not have heard before, Malakar said.

“This event is to create international exchange through music, not just people standing around,” said ISA Co-Director Julius Darmali. “It's a chance to interact with others, and, most importantly, to have fun.”

This is the first time the ISA has organized a dance party, and unlike many events in the past, they are charging \$4 per person in order to raise money.

“People are the key factor in this party, so we hope enough people will pay to make it a successful night,” Darmali said.

## Rally today to focus on Zapatista struggle

The Survival Center and the Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People (CIS-CAP), a local organization, are holding a rally at noon today in the EMU Courtyard.

The rally is part of a national effort in the U.S. and Canada to call attention to the political situation in the Chiapas region of Mexico. It is also in support of



the Zapatistas, a rebel group which began in Chiapas. The Zapatistas have been calling for the right to grow food on their land and to change current working conditions.

According to Geoffrey Garner, a CISCAP volunteer, the political

situation has become tense due to the jailing of Zapatista leaders by the Mexican government, which he said is “going back on signed agreements with the Zapatistas.”

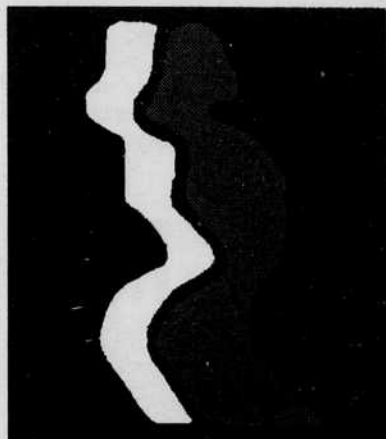
University political science Professor Daniel Goldrich will give an update on the situation, and people who recently returned from Chiapas will give personal accounts of their experience. There will also be musical entertainment.

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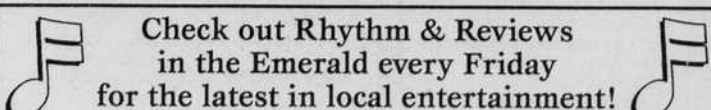
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