

# International Night celebrates diversity

■ **CULTURE:** The closing event of this year's International Week will feature food, dance and entertainment from around the world

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The International Student Association is kicking off festivities this week in a celebration of International "Perspectives" as part of the University's International Week. The celebration will close on Sunday with the 34th annual International Night, which will feature an elaborate dinner, entertainment, songs and a variety of other international and cultural activities.

Julius Darmali, director of the ISA, said participation in International Night is "a great odyssey."

This year's festivities will include traditional dances, songs, skits, a fashion show and a surprise animation/light show, according to ISA office manager Karen Susilo.

"We hope to create understanding and appreciation of different cultures through interaction of international students with the University and the Eugene-Springfield community," Darmali said.

International Night performances will begin at 7 p.m. on Sunday. Four dinners will be served every half hour beginning at 4:30 p.m. and will feature food from around the world. This format is planned in order to accommodate the estimated 600 guests.

"Over 60 people will be working on and cooking the food for International Night," Susilo said.

According to the International Night menu, 12 main courses will be served, including Rendang from Indonesia, Dal from Nepal and Tonjiru from Japan. Susilo said a lot of the food is imported and will give students a taste of food from around the world. International Night will feature food and drinks from Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Spain, China, Malaysia, Italy, Nepal, Russia, Greece, Thailand, Morea and the U.S.

Over 75 performers will entertain the audience with live dances, songs, skits and a fashion show. Susilo said the fashion show will feature fashions from 14 to 15 different countries, including Tanzania, Russia and Denmark.

The ISA has planned all year long for International Night and has spent the past three months coordinating the event.

"The ASUO has been very helpful, and the faculty and all of the other groups who have helped us—including APASU and NASU—have been very helpful. We're very grateful for all of their help," Darmali said.

The event is expected to draw more than 600 people, and well over a thousand may attend International Week programs, although Darmali said, "We don't really count how many people attend Interna-



WENDY FULLER/Emerald  
Sergio Silva of the Uniones Latinas Dance Club dips senior Gretchen Poynter during a dance workshop Tuesday in the EMU Courtyard.

tional Week."

International Week began on Monday with Africa Day. Tuesday was America Day, which featured a workshop on Native American Art, a Salsa workshop and Latin music in the EMU Courtyard.

Today is Asia Day and will feature a martial arts display in the EMU Courtyard, a reception in the Museum of Art and art displays in the Cedar and Gumwood rooms.

Thursday is Europe Day and will highlight Balkan folk and Norwegian dances in the EMU Courtyard and a display in the EMU lobby.

Friday is World Forum Day and will entail discussions about politics in former Yugoslavia from 1 to 2 p.m. in the EMU Ben Linder Room and a discussion about "Women around the World" from 1 to 4 p.m. All of the International Week festivities are free.

International Night tickets are being sold in the EMU lobby at \$10 for students and \$12 for community members. Ticket prices include a three course dinner, drinks and entertainment. According to Darmali, students and community members will receive more than just dinner and entertainment for the price of the ticket.

"This is a very cultural and entertaining experience, and it is also very educational," Darmali said.

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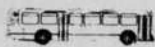
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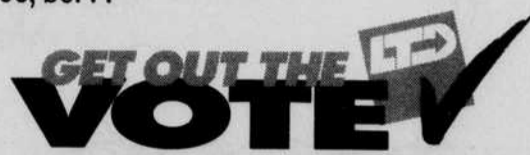
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