

Crisis: UO could lose 500 students

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Blonigen said, "and [if] the currency goes down further and further, it becomes a vicious spiral."

The spiral continued when the Indonesian and Malaysian markets took a fall as well, Blonigen said. By early December, the Filipino peso was down 35 percent while other currencies had depreciated by as much as 60 percent, he said.

This hurts trade for these countries, which is a very important part of their economy, Blonigen said. When the value of their money is low, imports become rather expensive. The price increase of imports also increases the rate of inflation, he said.

Blonigen asked the question that was on the minds of international student: "How will all of this affect their future at the Uni-

versity?" With currencies in their home countries depreciated by as much as 50 percent, it makes it twice as expensive for international students' families to pay for their schooling in the United States.

The economic uncertainty in Asia will create a lot of doubt for these students when they begin thinking about the upcoming year, Blonigen said. The University could see a dramatic decline in international student enrollment, depending on the market.

With nearly 1,500 international students on campus, and a large portion of those being from Asia, Blonigen speculates that number could fall by as much as 500 students.

"I am really scared to see what could happen as far as enrollment for next year," Blonigen said.

With the loss of international student enrollment, the University could suffer a tremendous blow in funding, he said. International students pay out-of-state tuition, and with a loss of as many as 500 students, the University could stand to lose between \$4 and 5 million.

To help these countries out, the International Monetary Fund has given loans in excess of \$100 billion, Blonigen said. The IMF was created with the purpose of making sure that banks can cover their investors' money, keeping the global economy in line.

"The recovery is going to depend a lot on how quickly they get to restoring and restructuring these economies ... making sure the banks are not giving bad loans out to firms and investors," Blonigen said.

Christian: Faith, intellect can co-exist

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While in Toronto, Horner said a common misconception was people thought they had to "commit intellectual suicide to be a Christian."

"I thought that was a mistake," Horner said of the belief. "I wanted to help clear up that misconception."

After receiving his undergraduate degree in mathematics and psychology, Horner spoke part-time

while working toward a master's in philosophy at the University of Toronto. Horner then began doing debates and full-time speaking.

Horner currently lives in Vancouver, Canada, and is an instructor of philosophy and religious studies at Trinity West University near Vancouver.

Horner's lecture will begin tonight at 7 p.m. in Columbia 150.



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