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Shinn, adding that it is important to understand different cultures. "If we can help to close some of that gap, then we have made a huge dent."

Shinn said ISA has worked for almost two months to prepare for the event with the help of nearly 100 volunteers.

Thomas Mills, a speaker and the associate vice president of international programs at the Office of International Programs, stressed that international students bring diversity and different perceptions to the University that otherwise would not be there.

"We're very fortunate to have such a wonderful resource," Mills said. "It's a reminder of the contributions the students make to the University, and a reminder of the importance of maintaining peace and positive international relations in the world."

Other events during the week include student group performances, a film screening and a European-style outdoor cafe, as well as International Night on Sunday. All

events, except for International Night, are free.

ISA International Week volunteer coordinator Corinne Erceg said students will have the opportunity to meet people they have classes with but never talked to before.

"It's a very good opportunity to see different cultures," she said. "It's a whole lot of fun, too."

Shinn said the group is going all out to celebrate the 40th anniversary of International Night.

"We're making this as big as possible," she said. "You can experience the world right here."

The evening will feature about 10 performances, including traditional dances from Nepal, Indonesia, Brazil, Japan, Ethiopia and Korea. The dinner will include dishes from 12 countries and regions, including Italy, China, Germany, India, Tanzania and Puerto Rico. There will also be a display in the EMU Fir Room that explains the history of the night.

ISA spokesman Takenori Momiyama said that the overall intent is to show that American and foreign students are part of the same University community.

"We are all international stu-

International Week events

<p>Monday 11:30 a.m.: Parade beginning at East 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street and continuing to the EMU Amphitheater. Participants will wear traditional attire and play musical instruments. A performance at the amphitheater will follow. 5:30 p.m.: Opening ceremony in the Gerlinger Lounge with comments from President Dave Frohnmayer and International Student Association co-directors.</p>	<p>5:30 p.m.: "Kristin Lavransdatter," a Norwegian film by Liv Ullman, will be shown in the EMU International Lounge. The film is about life in medieval Norway. Wednesday Noon-4 p.m.: European-style outdoor cafe in the EMU Amphitheater, hosted by the European Student Association. Live piano music and refreshments will be provided. 7-9 p.m.: Open mic in the EMU International Lounge featuring music and poetry. Thursday 12:30 -1:45 p.m.: Student group performances in the EMU Amphitheater. 7-9 p.m. Art display in the</p>	<p>EMU International Lounge. Students will display traditional clothing, art and crafts from a variety of cultures. Friday Noon-1:45 p.m.: Student group performances in the EMU Amphitheater. 4-6 p.m.: International Coffee Hour in the EMU International Lounge. Sunday 40th Annual International Night in the EMU Ballroom; \$7 students and \$10 for the general public. Dinner times will be at intervals of 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m.</p>
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dents," he said.

ISA co-Director Gabriela Serrano agreed.

"After working for a term and a

half on International Week, and seeing how different cultures and backgrounds have come together in spite of differences, we've ... put

on a show that reflects unity and a sense of community," Serrano said.

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money wisely and the events are helping serve the entire University — those would be the groups I would help give that money to, and that's pretty much it, as long as they're following all the rules and everything.

Q: What are the most important issues facing the students you represent?

Day: I want to try to probably re-

late to my general seat, Seat 9, because I'm working the Athletic Department with student seating. So I would say making sure that students actually use all their tickets for both football and basketball, because if students keep picking them up and not using them, there's a possibility of losing those seats. And then further down the road, make sure if a new McArthur Court is in the works, the students have a voice for that.

Patrick Sullivan is a sophomore

business major originally from San Diego, Calif. He transferred to the University from Purdue University at the beginning of winter term. Sullivan decided to run for senate at the last minute and said he has been mainly focusing on the election process but plans on studying the ASUO rule book soon. He did not know who was responsible for the payment of stipends or what duties were outlined under Section 5.

Q: How will you figure out how

to spend the surplus?

Sullivan: To be honest, I haven't looked at the finances yet, but I would just evaluate them to see how what areas are running efficiently, which ones aren't and just go from there. I haven't looked in detail at the books yet. (My decisions) would depend on what seems in the best interest of the student body. And if there were some areas that are obviously lacking, they'd probably get more funding into that and take it from the

ones that aren't and try to make everything run more efficiently.

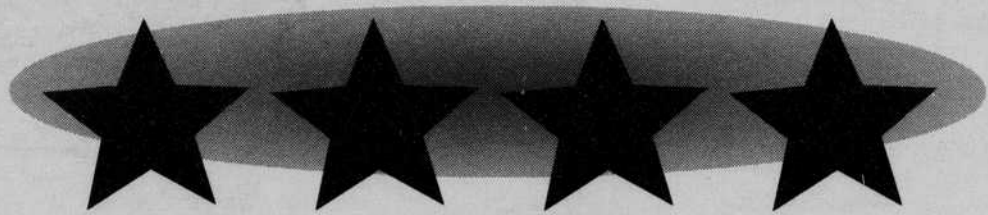
Q: What are the most important issues facing the students you represent?

Sullivan: Making sure the incidental fee gets used efficiently and in their best interest instead of being wasted. And try to make it so they get the most benefit possible out of what they're paying.

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