

Event showcases Korean culture with food, drums

The event in the EMU Ballroom was attended by hundreds of UO students

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Mia Kang, owner of Hana's Restaurant, has cooked for the Korean Student Association's annual Korea Night for four years. She helps prepare the recipes, gather the ingredients, cook the food and serve it, and each year she swears it's her last.

But each year she comes back to serve the hundreds of University students and community members who show up for dinner before entertainment because she believes that "all those kids are my kids." Besides, she believes she's been blessed by God and should give to others, she said.

"My heart tells me that I should help them," Kang said. "My body is tired. In two days I couldn't do anything with my family, but it's worth it."

Sunday night, Kang and volunteers with the KSA served 450 meals for the approximately 350 people who attended the annual celebration in the EMU Ballroom.

Before a show that included music and performances mixing modern and traditional culture, students and community members ate Korean seaweed salad with a sesame and garlic sauce, lettuce-wrapped rice with Korean beef, Kim Chi, bean sprout salad and a tea made of roasted barley and corn. All of it was made from scratch, Kang said. This year, extra time and expense were taken to package the foods separate-



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Members of the Yoga Gallery perform at the annual Korea Night hosted by the Korean Student Association. Along with yoga, other presentations included Tae Kwon Do, Fan Dancing and musical performances of Korean harp, bamboo flute, and Samul Nori, traditional Korean drumming.

ly so diners could taste the flavor of each individual dish, Kang said.

The entertainment segment of the evening included Korean harp, yoga, short bamboo flute, skits and tae kwon do performances, among others. The theme of this year's Korea Night was "Master Ahn's Birthday Party." The skits were about Master Ahn, the richest person in a small city called Ulsan during the 17th-century Chosun era.

Between 30 and 40 volunteers showed up to help out at the event, which KSA members had been planning since the fall, KSA Co-Director Yoo Suk Doh said.

"This is our biggest event," he said. "So we've been working on this all year, and we have about 15 members working on it."

Doh said members were

concerned before the event that people weren't going to show up for the event, but they were relieved when people started lining up in the EMU.

"I didn't expect this many people," he said as people left the dining room and worked their way up the hall to the EMU Ballroom for the show. "Our main purpose is to spread Korean culture, and if a lot of people don't come here, there's less chance of showing our culture. So we were stressed, seriously."

University freshman Sungmin Cho — who is studying business and Japanese and played the part of Dol-Sae, a servant, in the play segment of the show — said he was thankful that so many people showed up, despite the bad weather.

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ASUO Executive President Elect Adam Walsh talks to ASUO senator Nick Hudson right after the election results were released outside of the ASUO student government office Friday around 5:30 p.m.

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only about 9.9 percent of students cast ballots in the general election.

After learning he won, Walsh immediately called Coy, who did not answer her cell phone.

"Kyla, it's Adam," he said in a voice mail message for Coy. "I just wanted to know how it feels to be the vice president of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon."

ASUO Student Senator Nick Hudson, who began supporting Walsh after losing in the primary, said student government will be "100 percent better than it was this year."

"My reaction was that I had won because I have really put a lot of my support, as well as (former candidate Jacob Daniels) had, into bringing down the status quo of the ASUO and in a sense formulating an organization to

help Adam and Kyla," he said.

Other races tight

Other races in the election were closely contested. Senate Seat 11 candidate Tyrel Love won with 78 votes compared to Justin Wheeler's 60 votes.

Associated Students Presidential Advisory Council candidate Tyler Bushnell won with 625 votes, passing Jonathan Grace by just 2 votes.

Student Recreation and Fitness Advisory Board candidates Kelly Donovan, Yumi Nada and Richard Pryor received the most votes for that position.

Senate Seat 17 candidate Rob Craig, who ran unopposed in the election, received 171 votes.

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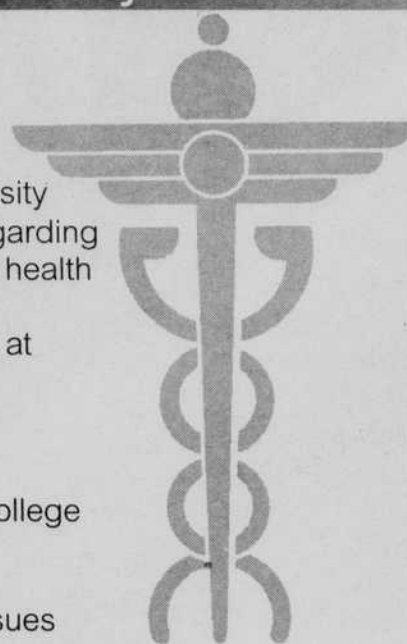
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