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Students perform a Chinese traditional fan dance Saturday night in the Nebraska Union at the annual Malaysian Night. From left are Tan Chyau-Chyau, a junior finance major; Grace Mock Syih-Ning, a junior finance major; and Mey-Mey Bong, a senior management major.

Malaysian culture, traditions explored

The president of the organization that sponsored Saturday's Malaysian Night said he hoped the sold-out event made Malaysian students feel at home and closer to other students.

Teck-Kong Hiew, president of the Nebraska University Malaysian Student Association, said he hoped people learned about Malaysia's people, culture and traditions Saturday night in

the Nebraska Union. Diana Rosenc and Clarice Martin, who attended the event and both work in food service at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, knew women who performed in the Chinese drama.

"It's all amazing because they do such wonderful jobs," Rosenc said. "Much effort was put into this performance on top of their schoolwork."

Mark Wright, a sophomore business administration major, said his favorite highlight was the food.

"The food was really great," he said. "Plus the whole event was well organized by the students."

Hiew said some of the money raised by ticket sales will help pay for future events and newsletters by NUMSA.

— Joy Ludwig

Women's conference promotes confidence

By Joy Ludwig
Staff Reporter

For Delores Simpson-Kirkland, life has not always moved in a straight line.

Simpson-Kirkland, the keynote speaker at the Women's Leadership Conference on Saturday, said she had gone through much with her life and family to get where she was today.

A counselor at Park Middle School, Simpson-Kirkland told 70 women at the conference to take risks, keep a high level of motivation and stick to their beliefs.

She also discussed the importance of leadership and said that being a leader was not a popularity contest.

Students have to know where their values are and where to draw the line, but not give up what is important to them, she said.

"Don't lose your fight," she said. "Don't try to be something you're not. Don't live with regrets."

After her speech, participants split into small groups to discuss issues.

In one group, students discussed how they were more independent in college than in high school, and how there were more leadership opportunities offered at college.

Three workshops covered issues involving male and female differences in leadership, communication styles, small-group discussion, resolution of conflicts and analysis of dreams to access inner wisdom.

Four panelists then discussed the challenges women face and gave advice on how to be leaders.

Kathleen Allan, education coordinator at the Women's Clinic of Lincoln, said women had to accept themselves before becoming leaders and not try to fit into society's mold.

"We are all unique and have our own gifts," Allan said.

Several students said they enjoyed what other women had to say about leadership.

Molly Klinedinst, a freshman English major, said many people could have gained insight from what was said.

"I think learning as much as you can about women's issues is beneficial," she said. "And any time you can learn from someone, take it."

Julee Duncacke, a freshman computer engineering major, said she attended the conference because she knew other women interested in leadership would be there.

She said hearing women's stories about achieving leadership made her more confident.



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