



RICK TOWNLEY/DN
SHANTA GRIFFIN dances at the International House's Bridging Differences event Sunday night in the Centennial Ballroom at the Union. Griffin and three other students danced to "Papa Plus" by Koffi Olomide.

International House puts on diversity event

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Thirteen groups bridged the difference of diversity Sunday night. The International House put on its first ever Bridging Differences event. The International House originated

from two floors of Cather Hall. It started with four students who saw a need this year to bring back the International House that died off from Piper Hall. The group's recent beginning has not stopped it from playing host to 10 major events in their first year. Bridging Differences is the organization's last and largest event.

All campus groups were invited to participate in this event. Thirteen responded and 10 contributed. "This is the biggest event dealing with this issue," said Yow Lian Tay, program director for Bridging the Gap. Despite the lower than anticipated attendance of campus organizations, enthusiasm for the event was strong. "We expect next year to be very successful," Tay said.

The participation by campus organizations was very diverse. The groups all had the common goal of breaking down stereotypes and building unity across campus while paying attention to diversity. The event began with the groups displaying their material and presentations by representatives prepared to explain the stance of the organization on campus diversity. The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska — one of the participating groups — had a main objective of showing support for the international student body on campus. The group was recruiting students, particularly foreign students, to apply for a position on its International Student Subcommittee.

The greek system also gave representation to the evening's event. Phi Gamma Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha both expressed the need to diminish the stereotypes that greeks have concerning international students and the international students have about the greeks. "There are biases on both sides," said Tom Scott, a junior education major. Pi Kappa Alpha advocated more diverse representation within the greek system. "The whole greek system needs to become more diverse," said Nick Fitch, rush chairman of Pi Kappa Alpha and a sophomore secondary education major. The Residence Hall Association was also in attendance. RHA deals with international society regularly. It decided to bridge the gap by sharing poetry, art, and poems.

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CORRECTIONS

Because of an editing error, the Daily Nebraskan incorrectly stated how much the price of a pack of cigarettes would rise under an amendment proposed by Sen. David Landis. The price would rise by 30 cents a pack.

Because of an editing and a reporting error in Friday's Daily Nebraskan, Ryan Fandrich, a performer of NU mascot Lil' Red, was misidentified.

*I am Victoria
 never victim.
 Victory
 never victim.
 NEVER.*

*I am not like
 him.
 He is hurting.
 I am healing.*

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