

Malaysian Night brings culture to campus

By Elizabeth Zielinski

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UNL students got a chance to experience Malaysian culture Saturday night in the Nebraska Union.

Malaysian Night was held by the University of Nebraska Malaysian Students Association in the union's Centennial Ballroom.

The event included Malaysian food, entertainment and information.

President of the Malaysian Students Association and coordinator of Malaysian Night, Cherh-Kuan Wong, said Malaysian Night was intended to fit into the association's mission to introduce Malaysian Culture to Lincoln.

Wong, who is a senior food science and technology major, said planning the formal event, which included dinner, ornate decorations and information kiosks exploring aspects of Malaysian Culture, took three to four months. Nearly 310 people bought tickets.

"It was wonderful," said Marion Chu, a senior psychology major, who attended Malaysian Night. "I learned about Malaysian history, especially from the Power Point slide presentation."

Wong said that the slide presentation was designed to show

recent Malaysian development and history.

Chris Ng, a member of the Malaysian Students Association, coordinated the evening's entertainment, which included both traditional and modern Malaysian dances, Martial Arts demonstrations and a sketch illustrating 400 years of Malaysian history and culture.

Entertainers for the event came both from within the Malaysian Students Association and from the community. Students from Lincoln High School attended the event to perform a Lion Dance.

"We've been practicing our individual performances for quite some time," said Daniel Chee, a senior computer science major.

Indian and Chinese dishes were served at Malaysian Night. The Indian dishes included Vegetable Palcora, Sabze Curry and Chicken Tikka Kurma, and Chinese dishes included Honey Garlic Chicken and Combination Fried Rice.

The Malaysian Students Association also plans smaller events throughout the year.

"We organize activities for our members, like Chinese New Year and Indian New Year," Wong said. "We try to have celebrations like back home."



Richard Jacobson slashes down with his spear against Ray Petersen who defends himself with a sword during a Chinese martial arts performance that took place at Malaysian night in the Student Union auditorium Saturday. The performance was one of many that represented the history and culture of Malaysia.

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2 out of 3 mothers agree: the A-TEAM needs your vote in Wednesday's runoff election



Mrs. Schafer

"This election is simple: If you think all is well with the ASUN, vote for Empower. If you think we need an end to business as usual, vote for my boy Joel and the A-Team."

---Mrs. Schafer



Joel Schafer (for president)



Mrs. Peterson

"All I know is what I read in the paper, and this is what the D.N. editorial board said about the A-Team's opposition: (Empower) presidential candidate Heath Mello says his goals will be met whether or not he's elected. Well, then we don't see the point in electing him."

---Mrs. Peterson



Riley Peterson (for vice-president)



Mrs. Hansen

"For some reason, my boy is a moron. I wouldn't put him in charge of a corndog wagon at the State Fair, much less the ASUN. I said it before and I'll say it again: Hal is an idiot and his party will bring plagues of chaos upon this University. And I think chaos is bad."

---Mrs. Hansen



Hal Hansen (campaign manager)

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Berkeley professor discusses multicultural education

By Iara Luchiari

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A respected scholar discussed the importance of having a multicultural education in the Nebraska Union on Sunday.

Dr. Ronald Takaki, an ethnic studies professor at the University of California at Berkeley, gave a speech entitled "The Coming of Multicultural Millennium - Bringing it Home to the UNL Community."

He has also authored seven books, including "A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America," which chronicles American diversity from 1607 to the 1990s.

He talked about the importance of students learning to understand the diversity of American society through multicultural education.

During his lecture, Takaki presented an overall view of immigration in the United States during the early 1900s and its importance in shaping American society.

Takaki said the expansion of the

American Territory was based on immigration.

He said that by understanding the diversity of races in the United States, the American society will become more inclusive.

Jenny Carlson, a junior communication studies major, said she was expecting to learn about the ethnic diversity of the American society. She went to the speech because it was required for one of her classes.

Kassi Johnson, a junior news-editorial major, said he learned about important historical facts about American diversity.

Johnson said the speech made him reflect on the importance of understanding the diversity of races in the formation of the American society and what he needed to do to contribute to America's inclusiveness.

Johnson said he went to the speech because he was interested about this issue.

Takaki said by 2050, whites will be the minority, and in his home state, California, whites are already close to being a minority.



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