

NAB exposes students to different cultures



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The World Fair is a time to students to expose themselves to all the different cultures of the world. This year the World Fair is hope to surpass the attendance numbers from last year.

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It is a whole new world, at NSU's World Fair. For a brief

two hours NSU students can explore many different cultures on campus. Each year NAB puts on a world culture fair for students to broaden their horizons. From

Japan to the Bahamas it is all in Tablequah.

"World fair is an event held to showcase different parts of the world's culture, food, life styles,

and anything else involve human beings," said Christian Thompson, Broken Arrow Senior.

Many people including students have not traveled outside of Oklahoma much less to another country. The World Fair event has the ability to show students different parts of the world without the plane layovers and without the cost.

The World Fair is to make students aware of the different possibilities and possible intriguing them to travel one day.

"This can help students by broadening their horizons, and possibly giving the desire to visit and/or help different areas of the world," said Thompson.

Whether or not students decide to travel for fun or to help out a nation in need the World Fair is an eye-opening experience for all students that attend. NSU optometry is accustomed to a world outreach with returning from Honduras in early August the group of young leaders saw nearly 1,000 patients while visiting the foreign country. As optometry students go visit other countries NSU's campus receives visits from foreign cultures too.

According to a previous press release members of an Afghanistan delegated committee paid NSU a visit last summer. The special visit was a part of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program.

With 14 journalism educators from Kabul University, three interpreters and a handful of Northeastern faculty and students participated in the "Journalism Education in America" program arranged by Academy for Educational Development. It is events like these that help the NSU community become more diverse and open to different cultures. This is also what the NAB World Fair is

focusing on accomplishing this year.

"The event is open to all students and faculty that would like to attend," said Kim Meadows, Muskogee senior. "We want students to know more about other cultures and venture out of the comfort zone of their own culture."

This year's World Fair will be NAB's second annual event and with more than 100 individuals participated in last year's there is an expectation for a large turnout.

"This will be the second year we have held the event," said Meadows. "Last year we have around 100 students and faculties attend and are hoping to surpass that number."

NAB has worked hard to spread the word about the cultural event. Through posters, fliers, email and word of mouth NAB believes they will have an excellent turnout this year.

"We are really excited it is always fun to watch a new event grow as more students get involved," said Meadows.

With the growing publicity more students are considering the event. "I did not attend the event last year mainly because I was not real sure what it was," said Rikki Hall, Panama junior. "But it sounds like something I would like to go to, my family and I visit Mexico a lot and love the culture difference that we get to experience there. It would be nice though to get to experience some others cultures too this event may help me decide on a new country to visit."

To get involved in the World Fair and NAB, students need to go to the NAB office in the basement of the UC across from Chic-Fil-A to sign up.

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