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November to show colorful diversity of Asian culture

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On any day of the week, those who walk across campus can find diversity at every corner.

And it seems like every other week, or month, Student Senate is funding a group to celebrate its culture.

For the first time at UF, Asian students have claimed their own month.

Today is the first day of Asian Kaleidoscope: An array of Cultures, which lasts until Nov. 22.

The name for the month was created out of a desire to be unique, said Farhan Shamim, co-director for the month and a volunteer for Volunteer for International Student Affairs.

"We just wanted to do something different," Shamim said. "There are so many different colors of people in Asia, so we felt kaleidoscope would be a good name. The only problem with it is that so many people keep asking me to explain it."

In the tradition of other minority groups, Asian students want to educate themselves and non-Asians through the use of comedians, speakers, rap groups and other events.

Glenn Fajardo, chairman for the Asian Student Union, said the past Asian awareness weeks only allotted enough

time to celebrate cultural aspects and not social issues.

"We're starting over this year to provide a complete statement of what it means to be Asian," Fajardo said. "This month, we'll be able to get into social issues and entertainment. It'll be a chance to show that we're not just a museum piece."

But with past Asian events attracting few non-Asians, Fajardo said, this month will be different.

"This time we tried to create a diversity of events to attract all types of people," he said.

Comedian Christy Medrano, who performed on the television comedy "In Living Color," will be at the Orange & Brew on Nov. 14 at 8:30 p.m.

Rap group Yellow Peril is will perform at the Orange & Brew Nov. 18 at 9:30 p.m.

These two events were scheduled to show the diversity of the Asian culture, Fajardo said.

But to kick off the month, Stephen Sumida, University of Michigan English department

chairman, will speak at 7 tonight in the Reitz Union Auditorium

For more information about Asian Kaleidoscope call Farhan Shamim at 392-1665 ext. 322 or call Patrick Baterna at 372-1478.

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Free concert to Deee-Lite students

Those looking for a far-out way to kick off the 1994 Homecoming week can break out the bell-bottoms and platform shoes for a free concert tonight at the UF Bandshell by Deee-Lite.

Best-known for their 1989 dance hit "Groove is in the Heart" from the album *World Clique*, the group just released a new album titled *Dewdrops in the Rain* and is planning a multimedia world tour. The group recently performed at Wood-

stock '94.

Opening for Deee-Lite is the Gainesville band What It Is.

The evening also will feature DJ Sean Ferguson, who will start playing music at 5:30.

UF coach Steve Spurrier will speak, and the UF cheerleaders and Dazzlers will perform.

A fireworks display set to the music of DJ Sean Ferguson will begin at 9:45.

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tions Chairman Sam Silver said he is expecting at least 5,000 people for the free show, which will feature a 6-foot mirror ball in the middle of the field.

Economics professor Mark Rush will emcee the show dressed in "something funkadelic," Silver said.

"It's going to be an insane time," Silver said. "They (Deee-Lite) were very excited about the show."

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Fatal car crash

Two Ohio residents died when their car crashed into a tree Monday morning 12 miles north of Gainesville on Interstate 75.

Joseph Schmitt, 77, and Lucille Schmitt, 75, hit the guard rail in the passing lane after they passed a tractor-trailer and lost control of their car, said Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Paul Shinholster.

The car swerved through the right lane and drove into a tree — destroying most of the car's front end and pushing the engine into the front seat.

"There was no sign of evasive action," Shinholster said of the car, which was traveling at an estimated speed of 75 miles per hour. "There were no brake or skid marks."

Police said the two people died on impact, even though both were wearing seat belts.

Murder warrant issued

Police have obtained an arrest warrant on a Reddeck man for the murder of Richard Boyd, Jr., who was killed Oct. 23 at the McPherson Recreation Center, said Gainesville police spokesman Sgt. Joe Stein.

Antonio Anthony Tuggerson, 21, was seen leaving the center in an older model green Chevrolet Caprice.

He is a black male with a medium build, 6 feet tall and weighs about 160 pounds. He has short black hair, brown eyes, a dark complexion and a goatee.

Murder update

The Gainesville man who was charged with first-degree murder Sunday was released from Alachua General Hospital on Monday, said Alachua County Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Emery Gainey.

Alton Matheny Johnson was attacked by friends of a Marion County man he allegedly shot and killed early Sunday morning.

David Jenkins, 16, allegedly took the gun from Johnson and shot him in the back, police reports show.

Akeem Ford, 20, allegedly beat Johnson with a grocery cart and a metal garbage can after the shooting.

Jenkins was arrested for attempted first-degree murder and Ford was arrested for aggravated battery.

Stabbing investigated

Police arrested a Gainesville man and charged him with aggravated battery early Saturday morning, said Gainesville police spokesman Sgt. Joe Stein.

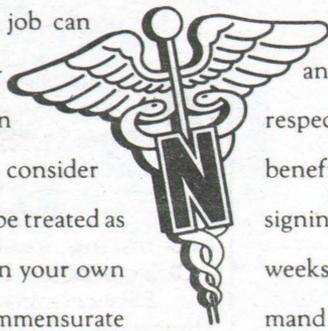
Bruce David Davis, 22, allegedly stabbed a Gainesville man in the chest during a fight at a 20 NE 22nd St. address.

During the fight that involved at least eight people, another Gainesville man had his left eye severed, while a third man was cut across the cheek.

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