Malaysian Cultural Night

Last Saturday evening the Malaysian Students Society held a Malaysian Cultural Nite in the SUB Ballroom. The event started with a reception and exhibition of artifacts, travel brochures, posters and clothing from Malaysia. After which the ballroom was filled to capacity as people sat down to a meal of rice in coconut milk, beef in tomato sauce, chicken, acar, and peanut sauce. It was a truly delicious meal and many people went back for second helpings.

Mrs. Kay Nandlall, the International Student Advisor of UNB, was the guest of honour. In her speech she spoke about the importance of cross-cultural understanding and appreciation the world over. She also mentioned that cultural nites such as this were one of the major ways of achieving understanding across the culture lines among the student body at UNR

Then the stage show began, and the Malaysian students dazzled the audience with the Candle Dance where the women danced with graceful and intricate arm movements while holding candles in each hand. Another dance performed by both men and women told a story of shamanistic ritual in which the talisman used his marital

arts and spiritual knowledge to fight the evil spirits that had infested the body of a young man. In addition to the cultural relevance of the story, the dance itself was fascinating and very well performed. There were also two guest dances by the Malaysian Students' Chinese friends

including the colourful and energetic fan dance. The highlight of the evening was the fashion show with an interesting angle on Malaysian fashions. The fashion show covered the various ethnic and colonial influences in Malaysia from Portugese, Arab, to the indigenous native dress. The entire event was filmed by Cable 10 and will be aired in the near future.

The hours of work and preparation that go into the various cultural nites at UNB are well appreciated and hopefully more students will take advantage of these opportunities to taste the food and culture of our fellow students from around the world. Two upcoming culture events that must be seen are the 'Singapore Experience' on Monday, January 28, from 10: a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Blue Lounge, and "Africa Nite" on Saturday, February 2, in the SUB

UJAMAA Delivers Tuff Tight Tunes



By Randy Goodleaf

Friday's show in the SUB ballroom had the energy and intimacy of a house band playing at a local bar, with all your friends back for the week-end. The name of the band is Ujaama, and the game is Tuff, Tight Tunes with lots of JAH thrown in to make it interesting. Flowers would have an easier time growing in the desert than on the walls of the ballroom, with a driving rythym section

beating the crowd into a reggae frenzy.

The venue was perfect for the crowd size, with plenty of room to move, and a clear sound system that didn't blow you away. but then again, the music is only loud if you aren't dancing, and certainly nobody complained!

The stage reflected the crowds enthusiam, with Kwame cutting not only an imposing figure, but also performing some wild acrobatics. The other members

were so hot that their sounds melted into a solid wall of music. Other stage effects were subtle, with timely releases of smoke, and a balanced light show that contributed to both mood and effect.

It always seems that someone says "Man did you ever miss an amazing concert "because they know you weren't there, but I say you missed an excellent show for three reason - Tuff Tight Tunes!

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