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Korean students host first Culture Cafe

2:55 p.m., Jan. 23, 2006--Dozens of students gathered around a kiosk in the Trabant University Center Friday afternoon, Jan. 20, to check out an array of posters, brightly clothed dolls and miniature drums assembled by Korean students eager to share their culture with others at the English Language Institute's first-ever Culture Café.

From 1:30-2:30 p.m., Korean students gave passersby an opportunity to learn about the cuisine, lifestyle and entertainment in their home country. With Korean art and artifacts covering the kiosk table, the students explained the significance of traditional musical instruments and the types of clothing, shoes and masks traditionally worn at weddings and holiday ceremonies. They also talked about major Korean manufacturers of consumer goods popular in America, such as LG, Samsung and Hyundai.

Mary Beth WorriLOW, an instructor at UD's English Language Institute, initiated the Culture Café to help American students learn more about other cultures.

"With this event, we want to provide University students with a window to the world and a chance for mutual introduction between our students and American students," WorriLOW said.

The Culture Café will be held once a month and each event will focus on a different culture. The next Culture Café is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 3.

Students interested in representing their culture at a Culture Café event are invited to e-mail WorriLOW at [worriLOW@udel.edu] or call her at (302) 831-1472.

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ELI students Heewon Ham (left) and Mi-Kyung Seo (right) point out dolls wearing traditional Korean wedding costumes to Perla Delgado (center).

