

International Week comes to YSU

■ *The festival will take place Wednesday and Thursday in the Phelps Building.*

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The first International Week festivities are coming to YSU Wednesday and Thursday with food, music, dancing and various events.

The State Department of Education declared the week of Nov. 13 to Nov. 17 a celebration of international culture. The Center for International Studies is sponsoring International Week during a two-day festival in the Phelps Building.

Dr. Rochelle Ruffer, associate professor, economics, is one of the

advisers helping to organize the event.

"We want to celebrate the different cultures on campus and raise awareness that these cultures exist on campus," said Ruffer.

"There is no fee for the event, and it is open to all students, faculty and staff members," she added.

There will be a series of exhibits from many different countries with pictures, artifacts and souvenirs, according to Ruffer.

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There will also be tables set up by the different countries, where guests can see their name written in a different language and learn phrases in different languages.

Countries participating in these events include Poland, Nigeria, Turkey, China, Japan, Zimbabwe, Palestine and many more.

Ruffer said, "This should be a fun and interesting way to get YSU together to celebrate diverse cultures."

Nihal Ulus, graduate student,

economics, is the president of the International Students Association.

"There will be speakers present to talk about their personal culture shocks and experiences," said Ulus.

The panel of speakers will be in the Phelps Building from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

The speakers will not necessarily be of different cultures but may be Americans who have experienced travelling to different countries, according to Ulus.

"This is good awareness for everyone on campus, and we hope to have a good turnout," said Ulus.

Besides all the food and exhibition tables, the festivities will include a Japanese guitarist and an origami table, according to Ulus.

The International Students Association and the Center for International Studies hope to continue this tradition in coming years.

The festivities will take place both Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.