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**Dr. T.E. Koshy (left), Evangelical Chaplain at Syracuse University, greets Maria Rodriguez at the final Friendship Luncheon of the semester Thursday afternoon in the Noble Room at Hendricks Chapel. Rodriguez, from Costa Rica, is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in foreign language. She has faithfully frequented the free weekly luncheons at Hendricks Chapel for the past eight years.**



**Callista Nurimba (left) pauses to listen to the table talk during the luncheon. This is the first lunch Nurimba attended and she said she had a great time. "I came for the food and to socialize," she said. Nurimba is a junior television, radio and film major from Jakarta, Indonesia.**

**T**hey come to eat and to be together with people who share similar interests about their unique cultures. For the past 25 years, SU Evangelical Chaplain Dr. T.E. Koshy has invited international as well as American students and the Syracuse community to free Friendship Luncheons at the Noble Room of Hendricks Chapel.

"The program is designed to break down prejudices and understand relationships among cultural lines," Koshy said.

Weekly, a group of volunteers serves 150-200 students and community members.

"It's important to let them know we care," Koshy said. "We want to provide a loving environment at SU — when you genuinely love it is hard to hate."

Koshy is hosting the 18th annual International Thanksgiving dinner slated for Nov. 23, at the Schine Student Center. Around 700 people are expected to attend.

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