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Coordinators helping international students

A helping hand was offered international students at A&M this summer by college students who expect in return only a heightened sensitivity and aware-

ness to people. Providing a variety of experi-ences, friendship and concern are Penny Edmonds, a senior elementary major at Baylor, and Elton

Back to School Special Purchase Keds Knockaround Shoes reg. 17.95 now 10.90 Bost, English senior at North Texas State.

They are "international coordinators" through the Division of Student Work of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"We are sharing God's love and meeting the needs of interna-tional students while they are away from home," explained Bost (as in Boston).

"They need people to under-stand them," he emphasized, not-ing that help and understanding are paramount and no attempts are made at conversion.

Bost and Miss Edmonds stressed greater interest in having activities for international students continued after they leave rather than their contributions made known.

"These fine young people have something going all the time," commented Charles F. Hornstein, TAMU foreign student advisor for the dean of men. He lists 292 international students at TAMU this summer. In a regular semester, it averages 650.

The Baylor and North Texas students from Tyler and Houston have arranged Saturday evening World Scope programs, covereddish dinners, music night, a panel on international dating customs

A&M international students went to Houston in early July for a tour of KPRC-TV and Astroworld. They stayed in family homes, arranged by Bost through his church, First Baptist Church, Heights.

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A recent San Marcos trip was for an international studen ference attended by A&M, University of Houston and University of Texas, Austin, students. TAMU students, Bost and Edmonds also attended a Dallas conference. On another weekend, a Lake Somer-

ville outing was arranged. "The international students have been away from their families so long, they are hungry for that type of interest being shown in them," Bost remarked.

A World Scope program featured a student-prepared Chinese dinner for 50 and a talk on recent Chinese history by Dr. Jing Chao of the Thermodynamics Research Center.

Shortly after their arrival in early June, the Baptist Student Center - headquartered students helped three new TAMU students from Switzerland locate living quarters and get settled.

"We contacted close to 280 international students, with help from the Housing Office, and

personally met over 100," Miss Edmonds esaid.

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Expenses of workers like Penny and Elton are administered through the Baptist convention, but acquired through cooperation of Baptist Student Unions of Texas colleges and universities. Miss Edmonds said 85 individuals such as themselves are in a variety of programs, in inner cities, with children and overseas. Applicants are interviewed at the institution and again at the state level for such work. There were 135 applications for the 85 posi-

Penny and Elton will say their "goodbyes" Saturday after a covered-dish supper and film at the BSU center. They are particu-larly concerned that programs such as world scope be continued.

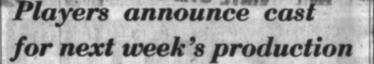
They are certain the summer's experience will have marked effect on their lives.

"I've become more aware of people around me and their differences," Miss Edmonds said. "I think I've learned to accept their ideas and opinions." "It has helped me realize there

are beautiful people of other na-tionalities," Bost added. "If we can open our lives to them and remain open to exchange, we can fulfill many of our own needs.



Elton Bost, left, and Penny Edmonds compare notes on their calendar. The North Texas State and Baylor students are required to keep careful track of time in arranging extensive activities, programs and trips for A&M international students,



A 10-member cast has been phen and Jackie Freund. announced for the Premiere Players production of "Dirty Work at the Crossroads."

and bad guys are plainly evident will be staged Aug. 17, 18 and 19 at the College Hills Elementary School, according to C. K.

Directing "Dirty Work" is Robert Wenck of the English Department section.

The play in which good guys the production are script assistant Mandy Tindall, stage manager Leslie Denton and Brown Cooper and Maggie McGraw on Esten. He directs A&M's theater lights. General crew members arts section through which the are Tom McGraw, Becky Barker, Very highly qualified FAA

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