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## A&M attracts outsiders

By MARTHA HOLLIDA

Some come for a particular degree, others because family members are Aggies, and still others because they have heard about Texas A&M's traditions. Whatever the reason, about 1,650 students here are from outside Texas.

Melinda Hebert, a junior marine biology major from Omaha, said her parents had lived in Texas and her father had always wanted her to be an Aggie. She also said that her major had a lot to do with her choice of Texas A&M.

Brad Adams, originally from Davis Junction, Ill. chose to come here because of the quality of the Wildlife and Fisheries department. He paid the non-resident tuition for two years and has since married a Texas resident.

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Almost every state in the United States is represented here, said a spokesman for the Texas A&M registrar's office. Tuition is \$40 per academic hour for non-residents.

"I'm here because my uncle was an old Ag," said Pat Young, a freshman accounting major from Pleasanton, Calif. "He said that I should check the school out, so I came to visit some relatives in Texas and stopped by College Station. I was really impressed with the campus."

She added that Texas A&M is not much more expensive than the school she would have gone to in California, and housing costs are considerably lower here.

Tom Patterson, a junior agricultural economics major from New Mexico, became interested in attending Texas A&M through a professor and a former Texas A&M student.

"I was interested in ag law and I read a book written by Dr. Levi, who at the time was a professor here," Patterson said. "I wrote him a letter and he wrote back encouraging me to enroll here. I also knew a man in my home town who was an Ag from the Class of 1941 and everything he said about A&M was good."

Students can have out-of-state tuition fees waived by joining the Texas State Guard, receiving \$200 in scholarships per academic year, working 20 hours in their major or

marrying a Texas resident. Brad Adams, originally from Davis Junction, Ill. chose to come here because of the quality of the Wildlife and Fisheries department. He paid the non-resident tuition for two years and has since married a Texas resident.

Julie Smiley, a transfer student from Washington, had her out-of-state tuition waived through scholarships.

She was a national Future Farmers of America (FFA) officer and heard about Texas A&M through the Texas FFA members.

"I decided to come here because A&M is the best school for agriculture and because I can take specialized courses during my two years," said Gwen Gates, a freshman from Oklahoma.

She paid the out-of-state tuition during her first semester, but working in the animal science department this semester and part of the resident fee.

Out-of-state students find Texas A&M different in many ways. "I always wanted to go to a school in the South," said Pep Dowd, a sophomore ranch management major from Holden, Mass.

During his summer before his senior year, high school I visited four southern schools, but I was really impressed with A&M. I was influenced by the spirit, friendliness, and the program in range science."

She said that her friends at other schools find it hard to believe that a school like Texas A&M exists. "People are very friendly and much more considerate than I've seen elsewhere," Smiley said. "In Washington, just don't pull out chairs and doors for you."

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With a limited number of terminals, more student programs come possible. Slightly more than 50 percent of 68,541 jobs run DPC last month were for student use.

He also said that with the additions planned within the two weeks by DPC and in the Henry Engineering Center, there will be about 130 terminals on campus, including departmental equipment, available to students.


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