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Students

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math-oriented courses.

A good high school background contributes to a student's success in other courses, Ringer said. International students' backgrounds have prepared them for the types of and amount of study they encounter in college, she said.

But international students are attracted to Texas A&M for reasons other than academics.

The University's facilities and the extensive programs and services offered to international students bring many of them here.

Patel said he originally had planned to visit several schools around the county but changed his mind after coming here.

"I found all that I wanted here," he said. "There are facilities at universities in my country, but nothing comparable to this."

And the University offers a number of services designed to make foreign students more comfortable.

The International Programs and Services offices are responsible for welcoming international students and helping them adjust to American college life. The offices work to ensure that foreign students are taken care of even before they leave their home countries.

After international students are accepted by the University, the International Services Office sends instructions to

them explaining the procedures involved in coming to this country and Texas A&M.

Before classes start students go through an extensive orientation program that indoctrinates them into campus and American life. The students learn everything from how to get a Social Security card and a driver's license to how the American banking system works. The offices also help international students with such financial problems as those that arose when Mexico nationalized its banks.

But unique to Texas A&M is the adjustment international students must make to its traditions and social life.

Ramiro Sugranes of Guatemala said: "In my country, it is more formal. You would not say hello to someone you don't know until someone has introduced you formally."

Dalia El Sayed, president of the International Student Association, said the organization was formed to help foreign students adjust to American society and get acquainted with American students.

Many foreign students also must learn to speak English, which requires good study habits because they often must spend twice as many hours reading as an English-speaking student to understand a complex concept, Watkins said.

Students having trouble with English often enroll in the English Language Institute, an ex-

ension of the University designed to help students master English. Students are tested upon admission to the University to determine their English skills and based on those scores they are assigned to appropriate ELL programs. If their scores are high enough, they are admitted immediately into regular classes.

Language problems are inevitable when international students come to this country, Watkins said. Being unfamiliar with common expressions and various American accents, students often find communication difficult at first, she said.

That initial communication gap usually is accepted, but recently has received considerable attention.

Dr. Leo Berner, associate dean of the Graduate College, said the Graduate College, which has 50 percent of their international student enrollment — has noticed problems with the language barrier.

Some of the departments at the college have a large number of international students, Berner said. When international students begin to dominate a department, the teaching function is somewhat disrupted because professors begin to gear classes toward the internationals, Berner said.

The college has taken measures in the past to even out the ratio of domestic students to internationals in graduate classes, he said.

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You are urged to schedule a conference with your advisor and have the Course Request Form approved during the week prior to preregistration (beginning November 8). This will help you avoid long waiting periods. 4718

'Lame ducks' need care and feeding?

United Press International WASHINGTON — A local pundit, who has been around long enough to know better, found significance the other day in the fact that the forthcoming "lame duck" session of Congress would be a post-election assembly.

That analysis was comparable to reporting what color the White House is painted. It suggests a refresher course in the care and feeding of lame ducks might be useful.

Lame ducks are with us every two years no matter what. They are lawmakers who either get knocked off in the congressional elections or else do not choose to run for reelection. Until their successors take office in January, they retain the duties and trappings.

Ordinarily, lame ducks don't do much except mope around, sign contracts to write their memoirs and pack their belongings for shipment back home. Some go abroad for their final fact-finding missions as leaders

of the Western World. A few continue to issue press releases just as though nothing had happened.

Once in a while there is a post-election session. This means that lawmakers teetering on the brink of extinction once again have a chance to answer quorum calls and perhaps even cast a vote or two.

Critics of lame duck sessions argue that issues vital to the preservation of the republic and to

the continuation as civilization as we know it should not be settled in part by congressmen who are no longer beholden to their constituents.

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