

Cultural displays in MSC

International Week begins

By BETTY SCHULTZ
Reporter

Observance of International Week '84 at Texas A&M begins with an opening ceremony Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the main hall of the Memorial Student Center. The ceremony marks the start of five days, April 2-6, of cultural awareness. During the week, the international students of Texas A&M want to show others the cultures of their countries.

There are nearly 2,500 students from 100 foreign countries attending Texas A&M this year.

"International students were brought to Texas A&M to enhance the education of the American students," said Tina Watkins, adviser of the International Students Association. The purpose of International Week, she said, is to bring international and American students closer by helping the Americans understand different cultures.

This year's International Week begins with cultural displays in the MSC main floor on Monday and Tuesday. An international film festival will also be featured in the MSC lounge showing how people live in

other countries. International Cuisine Night will be Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the MSC. Tickets are \$6.00 per person.

An International Talent Show and Traditional Dress Parade featuring students from 20 different countries will be held Thursday in Rudder Auditorium. Students will give performances that illustrate lifestyles in their respective countries.

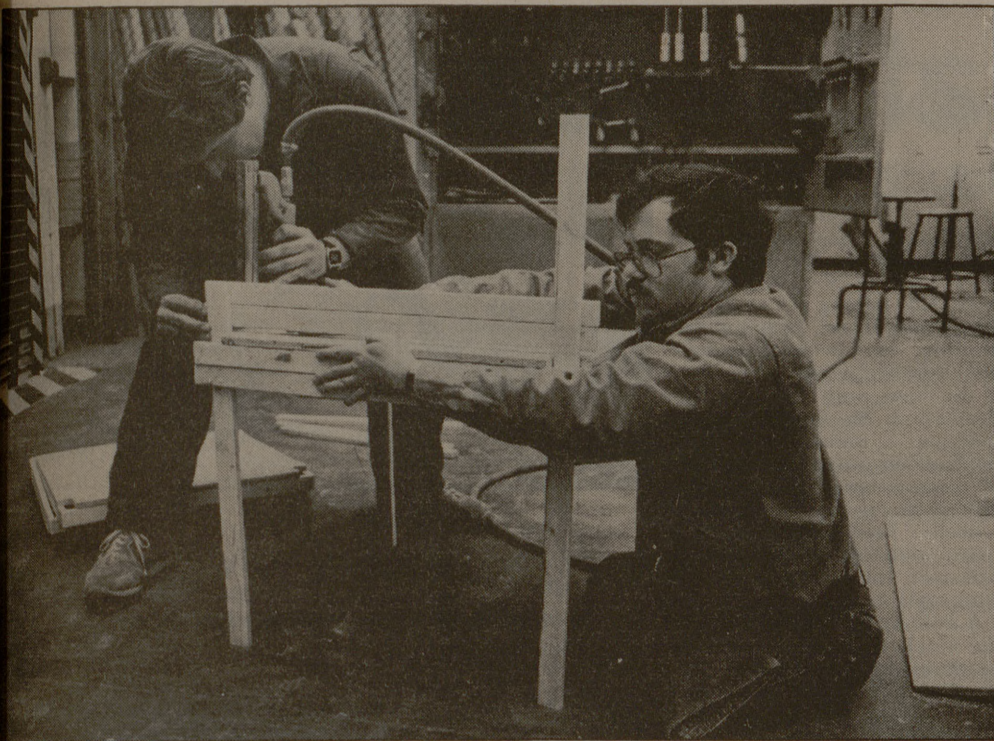
"Every act is completely different. That's what's so interesting about it," said Amer Ben-Ali, member of ISA. "This is the first year that we will have the U.S.A. participating in the talent show. And more people have become involved this year than the three years before."

Tickets for the talent show and fashion show are \$2.00 per person. Tickets for all activities

are available at Rudder Box Office.

The week will end with an awards night on Saturday. The outstanding talent acts and winners of the food fair will be honored.

There will be a preview of International Week '84 today at 12:00 in the MSC lounge. A belly dancer and singers from Spain and Bangladesh will perform.



Mobility Awareness Day

Photo by BILL HUGHES

Dan Derby, a senior environmental design major from Fort Worth, and Ron Menard, a senior building construction major from College Station, put together the "Mobility Awareness

Day" exhibit that will be featured in the lobby of the architecture building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. The exhibit is sponsored by Students Concerned for the Handicapped.

The Big Event scheduled for Saturday afternoon

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The Big Event, a group community service project, begins Saturday at 1 p.m. but it's still not too late to sign up for the program.

Anyone who needs work done or want to participate in the Big Event, call the Student Government office for information.

Participants from different groups will do various projects for the community. For example, the Kappa Alpha fraternity will collect money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Members of Corps of Cadets Company B-2 will take some

children roller skating and out for pizza.

Members of the Engineering Technology Society will clean up a Girl Scout camp, Camp Howdy, by mowing and trimming underbrush.

Mars candy bar is challenging Jaycees nationwide to gather 100,000 signatures. If they do this, then Mars candy bar will give \$250,000 to the Summer Olympics. The local Jaycees will attempt to obtain 3,000 signatures to add to the national total.

Businesses also are making their contribution to the Big Event this year. Swiki Anderson and Associates Inc., has raised \$250 to help with advertising for the Big Event. In return for

the donation, Big Event helps will clean up trash in ditches in the Industrial Park where the company is located.

Chairman Joe Nussbaum, said the Big Event this year is a great improvement over last year. About 5,200 people are involved, which is 1,000 more than last year.

"The community has so many needs," Nussbaum said. "We proved ourselves last year and now people really know we are here to work."

The Big Event starts with a rally at the Grove. The speaker, Don Murray, the national public relations chairman for the Christian Children's Fund, will speak on volunteerism.

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