

Dear Readers:

Hola, bon jour, guten Tag, aloha, buongiorno, god dag, and hello! In case you haven't caught on yet, this week is International Week at A&M.

We focus this week on a unique and growing group of students — those studying here who are from foreign lands. International students at A&M come from all parts of the world, and they bring with them parts of their culture — their food, clothing, language and customs. If we take the time to learn about these students and their rich cultures, we can acquire valuable knowledge that can't be gained from text books.

To that end, we've included in this issue of At Ease an article on international students, and a profile that takes a closer look at the life of one student in particular. We hope through these stories you will be able to get to know a unique part of our student body a little better.

You can also read about Study Abroad programs at A&M, in case you'd like to explore foreign lands yourself, and export a little American culture. We've even included a list of what programs you can participate in next summer.

OK, folks, now we don't mean to gripe, but we've been a little bit lacking lately in attention!! page material. We know there are aspiring writers and photographers out there just waiting for a chance to be published. Well, now's your chance. Just send us anything you want to share with our readers, and chances are you will see your name in print on page 2 of At Ease. What more could you ask for?

That's it for now. Enjoy the rest of International Week and take it easy.

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There's almost as many international students at A&M as there are members of the Corps of Cadets. And like the cadets, the foreign students are a highly visible bunch. Their foreign languages, clothes and ideologies make them stand out from the crowd. But just because international students are easily recognized doesn't mean their always understood. This week we take a look at these students and their lifestyles.

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