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### Aggielife Tuesday • August 3

# I-CAMP: New students find supple students

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ISA, said I-Camp was started last year to help international students become acquainted with student life and traditions at A&M.

Since the students have to be at A&M two weeks before classes in order to register, Hinojosa said I-Camp gives them something to look forward to.

They're here for two weeks without doing anything, so we did this so they can make friends and be more comfortable," Hinojosa said.

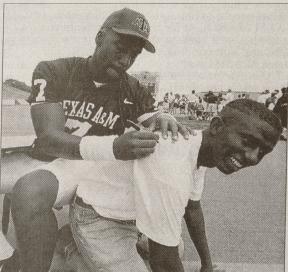
Students at I-Camp were put into discussion groups, and Hinojosa said the camp was successful with the help of 40 volunteer group leaders.

"They've been tops," she said. "They've helped me with everything. Without their help, it wouldn't have been a success.

Karl Schwerdt, a graduate electrical engineering student from Germany and a group leader, said the leaders' main goal was to make the new students feel comfortable

"The group leaders help them to communicate with each other," Schwerdt said. "They give them an idea of what it means to be an Aggie. It's their first real encounter with the traditions.

Schwerdt said A&M is unique because its students offer comfort to foreign students through I-



Wide receiver Chris Sanders gives international student Yves Marekani his autograph.

"I don't think there's any other place theade

students can see this," he said. imple In addition to meeting other internati dents in discussion groups, the campers By Mich

cial visitors through the day, including & THE BAT and the yell leaders. Gerhard Linse, an industrial engineer change student from Germany, said a high the day was visiting Kyle Field, where the thing the ceiving the day was visiting Kyle Field, where the ceiving the ceivi

dents learned about American football and football players. "I've never been in a football stadium search Linse said. "In Germany, we know nothing General General

American football."

After being at A&M for a week, Linses Conflict was still intimidated by the University's size for implementary and I'm or "We state the conflict for implementary and I'm or "We state the co

about all of the different buildings," Linses always need a map to find something. Well to call a university in Germany like this."

I-Camp helped Linse to adjust to A&M

tions and culture, he said.

"I'm learning a lot of positive traditions."

A&M," Linse said. "It's very interesting to dents like me. You meet a lot of students for

ferent countries

Surya Shandy, a freshman aerospace en ng major from Indonesia, said his favorite I-Camp was meeting other international stu

"It's important for me to know more pa Shandy said. "I-Camp is quite interesting are a lot of activities that are helping us km traditions.

Shandy came to A&M because there is all By Jane university in Indonesia that offers aerospace A.P. BEI neering courses

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"When I was 13, I had a dream to become entist, and I think coming here is a way to my dreams," he said.

Hinojosa said ISA will continue to support ternational students on campus through the by sponsoring a mini Olympics in October, national Week in March and a Muster on for international Aggies who die each year.

"What we try to do is represent them appears," she said. "We also try to work with: government to facilitate the needs of interest students that students from the United State neighboring countries don't have.

Leading ISA events has taught Hinojonia about different cultures, she said.

"I have met so many people from all or world," Hinojosa said. "We build an interest Aggie network."

### FISH CAMP: Class of '99 arrives

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with his discussion group, or "DG," was his favorite part of

Fish Camp. part of Fish Camp," Ilschner said. "I met a lot of good friends that I'll have to lean on when school starts, and our counselors answered all our questions about things we've been

worried about Aggie Challenge, an activity in which counselors create a simulation of a typical freshman year, is a chance for freshmen to

actually act out their first year.

Amber Cavaness, a freshman electrical engineering major, said the Aggie Challenge opened her eyes to things she would encounter in life at A&M.

Aggie Challenge was a good way to get acquainted with people, but it also helped me see how many things A&M has to offer," Cavaness said.
"I had no idea how much

there is to do

Campers also attended nightly mixers and were encouraged to participate in intramurals

Although the atmosphere at Fish Camp is purely fun and games, Winn said counselors have a serious purpose in mind.

"Without Fish Camp, the tra-ditions at A&M would die away," Winn said.
"Not all freshmen can at-

tend, but enough are able to go every year that we are able to rekindle the spirit in them and keep the traditions alive for everyone.

Ilschner said that not only has he learned a lot about A&M, he has also learned a lot about the transition he faces in life.

"Last night after the mixer, my counselors took my DG out to the lake and gave us each three rocks," Ilschner said. "Each rock was supposed to represent something we wanted to change about ourselves from high school.

After we thought about it, we threw the rocks into the water. It really made me think about moving on and starting my new life as a college student."

Ajene Hill, a freshman bio-

medical science major and member of Camp Funkhouser, said he hopes to be a counselor so he can return the favor to next year's freshman class.

"Everyone should go to Fish Camp," Hill said. "I learned so much about A&M that I never knew and would probably have never learned without Fish Camp.'

#### T-CAMP: DG gain friends

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Discussion groups, or late groups of two or three man and 10 to 12 campas that throughout the day, hunt group discussions, transfers dents can ask questions & A&M and get to know each of Kendal Laskowski, a page 1

history major who transfe A&M from the Univer Texas, said he liked meet er campers at mixers.

"The country dancing favorite part of camp," "The Aggie Wranglers of and gave free lessons. that night, there was a where we were able to pa what we learned."

Laskowski said hedi want to go to camp but the thankful he went because comfortable starting at school with friends he hop

keep for life.

"When I started out as a man at UT, we did not have thing like this," Laskows It was like they just the into a meat grinder and a us to fend for ourselves. showed me that A&M real about the students. I got about starting a new scho set to rest all of my anxieties

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