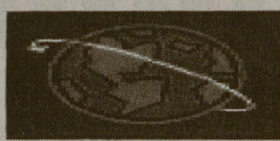


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It's a small world after all

International students maintain their native culture at A&M

By MELISSA SOROLA-BILANO
The Battalion

It's hard enough being away from home for the first time. But being thrown in among students who do not look like you and do not have the same beliefs can sometimes be even harder.

For some students from different cultural backgrounds, the adjustment to Texas A&M is a difficult one. Preserving their culture helps make the transition easier.

Johnny Ballesteros, a freshman aerospace engineering major, said he thinks it is important for him to celebrate his Jewish heritage.

"[My culture] keeps me in touch with my morals, and, most important, it keeps me in touch with my history," Ballesteros said.

Ballesteros, a member of the Hillel Foundation, a Jewish student organization, said the group acts as a support system while he is away from home.

"I know if I'm in trouble, the rabbi will help me out," Ballesteros said. Ballesteros also attends synagogue every Friday.

Hafiz Memon, a native of Pakistan and a senior journalism major, came to the United States in 1991. He said coming to A&M was not too big a culture shock.

"For many students from other countries, it is not a big shock because the culture of the United States is known worldwide," Memon said.

On the other hand, Memon said he thinks his peers at A&M know very little about his culture and religion.

"There is a general tendency [at A&M] to avoid interaction with people from other cultures and religions," Memon said.

Although he is far from Pakistan, Memon tries to keep in touch with his culture.

"I maintain a close relationship with Pakistanis, which enables me to preserve some of the positive aspects of my culture," Memon said.

He said celebrating culture is valuable for students of different races.

"I think it is important to maintain a culture because it gives us a sense of belonging and provides us a level of comfort and ease, which helps us to grow as a society," Memon said.

A&M is doing its part to support students from every background.

Felicia Scott, director of the Department of Multicultural Services, said the department was designed to help retain ethnic minority students and promote diversity on campus.

There are 12 student organizations under the department and around 50 culture-based student organizations that are University recognized.

Scott said some students feel they have a hard time preserving their culture at A&M.

"For some people, when they come to college, this is their first experience with diversity," Scott said.

As an example, Scott said black students may be interacting with white students for the first time or white students may be interacting with black students for the first time.

Scott said some students become more aware of their culture when they come to A&M.

"This is the first time they have had to think of themselves in terms of their racial identity," she said.

She said the department tries to retain ethnic minorities with EXCEL (Excellence uniting Culture, Education and Leadership), which

helps to familiarize minority freshmen to A&M.

"The program talks about being in a predominately white environment and how to maintain your culture," Scott said.

The department's Website contains Fall 1999 enrollment records, which show 77 percent of students were white, but only 9 percent were Hispanic, 7 percent were international students and 3 percent were African-American and Asian-American students. The last 1 percent is groups that do not fall into these categories.

The University celebrates all the cultures on campus with programs such as Whoopstock.

Beatriz Arnillas, assistant coordinator of diversity education, said every group is invited to participate in Whoopstock, which will be held April 28.

Arnillas said Whoopstock gives different groups the chance to appreciate other heritages and traditions.

"Hopefully, [Whoopstock] brings awareness that, because we are a diverse campus, we are all the better for it," Arnillas said.

Another program sponsored by Multicultural Services is U-ACT

(University Awareness for Cultural Togetheress).

Carolyn Sandoval, advisor of U-ACT and coordinator for diversity education, said the group is a student organization working to promote cultural awareness, understanding of diversity and acceptance of different cultures.

Student U-ACT facilitates a take a semester-long class called "Cultural Justice Issues in Higher Education," and they can then give presentations to other student groups. Some program themes are Understanding Cultural Identity, Prejudice Awareness and Reduction and Cross-Cultural Communication.

Sandoval said students from all backgrounds join U-ACT.

"I think it attracts them because they can come in as who they are, be respected, acknowledged and valued for it," Sandoval said.

Alpa Chheda, a U-ACT advisor and a senior industrial engineering major, said she values what she learned through U-ACT.

"I've learned the importance of sharing your culture as well as embracing others," Chheda said. "It's extremely important to always be aware of your culture and the role it plays in your life."



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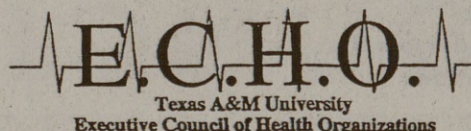
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