**International freshman adjust to campus life**

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After less than 24 hours in the United States, Melany Macomber felt suddenly overwhelmed by culture shock. Following her arrival, she was directed to the Truman campus, and in a few short days, Macomber was enjoying the culture of the United States.

"I knew that there would be some degree of culture shock here," Macomber said. "But still, there would be some subjectivity involved." Macomber said she quickly learned to adapt to the new environment she found herself in as a foreign student.

Macomber, who is a Chinese national, said she was initially nervous about the language barrier she might face, but she found that her classmates and professors were very helpful in assisting her with her academic work.

Macomber also said she was initially overwhelmed by the number of students on campus, but she found that the faculty and staff were very supportive and helpful in making her feel at home.

"I was surprised by the size of the campus," Macomber said. "But the faculty and staff have been very helpful in making me feel at home." Macomber said she was also impressed by the facilities on campus, particularly the dormitories and the student center.

Macomber said she was also impressed by the quality of the academic programs offered at Truman. "The courses I have taken so far have been challenging but rewarding," Macomber said.

Macomber said she was also impressed by the diversity of the student body. "I have made friends from all over the world," Macomber said. "I think that the diversity of the student body is one of the strongest points of the university." Macomber said she was also impressed by the opportunities for extracurricular activities, particularly the sports teams.

"I have been able to participate in a variety of sports," Macomber said. "I think that this has been a great opportunity for me to make new friends and to participate in a healthy lifestyle." Macomber said she was also impressed by the opportunities for community service, particularly the service learning programs offered by the university.

"I have been able to participate in a variety of community service projects," Macomber said. "I think that this has been a great opportunity for me to make a difference in the community and to learn more about the issues facing our society." Macomber said she was also impressed by the opportunities for international study, particularly the study abroad programs offered by the university.

"I have been able to participate in a variety of study abroad programs," Macomber said. "I think that this has been a great opportunity for me to learn more about other cultures and to gain a global perspective on the world." Macomber said she was also impressed by the opportunities for research, particularly the research assistantships offered by the university.

"I have been able to participate in a variety of research projects," Macomber said. "I think that this has been a great opportunity for me to learn more about my field of study and to contribute to the knowledge base of my discipline." Macomber said she was also impressed by the opportunities for professional development, particularly the career development programs offered by the university.

"I have been able to participate in a variety of career development programs," Macomber said. "I think that this has been a great opportunity for me to learn more about my career goals and to gain practical experience in my field of study." Macomber said she was also impressed by the opportunities for professional networking, particularly the professional networking events offered by the university.

"I have been able to participate in a variety of professional networking events," Macomber said. "I think that this has been a great opportunity for me to meet other professionals in my field and to learn more about the latest developments in my field." Macomber said she was also impressed by the opportunities for professional growth, particularly the professional development programs offered by the university.

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