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New students | International students are provided welcome from Hall Hosts

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sions students have a lot of contact on the hall hosts to be a point of contact between the international students. She also relies on the hall hosts to quote about 300 new and returning in-
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“They are there for anything,” Davis said.

“I’ll give it a ride to Wal-Mart or if they’re home sick, the hall hosts are a big – at least initial – piece in getting them acclimated.”

The main goal, Davis said, is to encourage these students into the community. “We want them to feel like they are part of the Truman community.”

“I obviously think that as interna-
tional students bring life to campus,” Davis said.

“They come to us for things, but we really want them to be a part of campus. That’s very important to us.”

Junior Jessica Wehner is an off-campus hall host. Not only does she help serve the international students, but she also believes getting something just as important from them.

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