Students shouldnt expect an average cultural event when Del Alma performs at 7 p.m. Saturday in the SUB Down Under.

Del Alma is a Latin band that formed in Columbia, Mo., and plays the type of music that may make listeners want to get up and dance.

Lucy Lee, professor of Spanish and faculty advisor of Sigma Delta Pi, said the band represents Hispanic culture.

“This time around, Hardee and Lee said students could provide the band with edge and respect for Hispanic traditions and culture,” Wilson said. “It’s just one thing that we thought would bring a little culture to campus.”

Wilson said she’d like students to “feel the Latin vibe” that Del Alma brings to the University.

“Even though she is not a Spanish professor, she feels that even though she is not a student, she should always have a lot of fun,” Wilson said at Del Alma show. “In the Latin dancing there are steps you can follow, so you can just go out and be goofy with your friends,” Wilson said. “It’s going to be fun either way.”

Del Alma performed at Truman in 2002, and Hardee said Sigma Delta Pi had a really positive response.

Wilson also said he thinks students should be there because it’s a really positive night.

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