

Students make the Land of Enchantment home away from home



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Six Australians have made New Mexico Junior College their home away from home for their college experience.

Members of the six pack said they have felt welcome on campus, but have found that they are a bit misunderstood at times.

The group, which contains a set of identical twin brothers, are quick to point out how hospitable people have been to them since they arrived.

"In my accounting class (March 18) we are having this breakfast thing," said Alexander Mortland, an NMJC golfer from Brisbane, Australia. "That's unheard of back home. This one lady is making all these burritos and stuff."

For Brett Cant, whose major is undecided, and his brother Craig Cant, who was not available for the interview, the personality of the area was one of the key factors for them relocating from a junior college in New York.

"The weather sucked up there and the people were harder to live with," said Brett, 21, from Tennyson Point, Australia. "The weather is better here and they tolerate our humor a lot better."

While the Cant brothers moved to NMJC for baseball, Mortland transferred from a college in Midland to play golf.

The athletes, which include computer-drafting major Ryan Stewart, a baseball player and Rebecca Miles, who plays basketball, all contend that they did not come to the United States just for an education.

"We wanted to play more organized sports," Cant said. "In our country if you want to play at university it is in clubs."

But Auzzie Marcus Neeld, a physical education major, is not into the sports scene at the college. Neeld focuses on cracking the books.

"I wanted a degree and a degree from here looks better," said Neeld, 27, from Sydney, Australia.

Although none of the group, other than the brothers, knew each other before they came,



For these students it wasn't just the chance of getting a solid education that brought them to the United States, but also the chance to play more organized college sports. Australian students Marcus Neeld, left, Brett Cant, Rebecca Miles, center, Ryan Stewart and Alexander Mortland play foosball in the NMJC recreation room.

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Terms of confusion

Auzzie
tomato sauce
mate
serviette
shiela
bloke
pearla
heaps
fresh
bonk
camp
thongs
chewy
sauce
tinny
biscuits
chips
scones
mobile

American
ketchup
friend
napkin
girl/female
boy/male
pretty good
a lot
cold
make love
gay
flip-flops
gum
booze
can of beer
cookies
fries
biscuits
cell

they are sharing common experiences.

"When I asked someone to pass a serviette and the tomato sauce, they looked at me as if I was speaking another language," said Miles, 19, from Gold Coast, Australia.

Many of the Auzzie crew have been asked "the dumbest questions." Some of the questions include: "What language do you speak in Australia?" "Do you know the Crocodile Hunter?" "Do you have crocodile in the out-

back?" "Do you have Outback Steakhouse in Australia?" "Do you have a pet kangaroo?"

Even as the crew laugh about the questions, Neeld pointed out that those are some of the images portrayed through advertising for Fosters Beer and other Australian products.

Although the group laughs at the lack of knowledge Americans have about their country, they quickly admit that Auzzies enjoy a good laugh at themselves as well.



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