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## German students learns marketing and the American lifestyle

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eled half way across the world to live
as an exchange student with a Farmington Hills family, he ended up working with a company that brings people
around the world closer together.
In fact, Muller creates web sites for
the Internet in his job as a graphic
assistant with Marketing Communications Coursel Inc. in downtown Farminston.

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He attended Oakland Community
College last fall and is finishing a sixmonth work internabip as part of the
criteria set forth by the work-study
exchange program between the United
States and Germany,
Just being in the United States lets
him fulfill a goal he set for himself
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"I have dreamed of coming to the United States since I was 12," said Muller, 21.
While working with Marketing Communications, Muller designed a web

munications, mulier designed a web site,
www.angiesbooketc.com offering a variety of pages that include showing products available at the Akron, Ohio, store and a column callod, Writer's Corner inviting students to post their work and have it exposed to a potentially broad Internet audience.
"I have put a report on about my time here in the United States so far," and Muller, who is living with Jeanette Coury in Farmington Hills.
For two years back in his omeland Muller worked four days a week and attended school the fifth day. Studying business and computer sciences, Muller

attended school the fifth day. Studying business and computer sciences, Muller plans to continue his studies when he returns to Germany. Coming full cir-cle, Muller also hopes to one day return to the United States to take additional classes.

Living in the United States is a lesson in itself, because it allows him to become immersed in a different culture and by leaving family, friends and his comfort zone in Germany. "Sometimes it's not so easy," he



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added. "I lived for 21 years in Germany most striking differences are that in the and it was time to go out from my fami- United States you can shop 24 hours a ly. Now I'm with my friends here. I day and "everything is a little larger think it's a nice country."

Muller sees good and bad in both countries. The

here."
On the other hand, the houses are much more sound proof in Germany and public transportation far surpasses what Michigan has. And when it comes to protecting the environment Americans can have a lazy attitude, Muller observed.

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"Yesterday I was in McDonald's and they had six or seven cars waiting in the drive-through and inside there were three or four people." he said, adding that if they went in their cars wouldn't have been wasting gasoline and they would have gotten quicker service.

"The best part about being an exchange student is that you have a chance to live with a family and you learn about the culture here and have a chance to meet people." Muller said, adding that he folt fortunate to have recently met U.S. Congressman Joe Knollenberg.

While explaining that he thinks the United States is a "nice country," he added that there are subtle differences that you have to constantly keep in mind, like the 21-year-old legal drinking age in the United States compared to 16 in Germany.

"Also, the people in this country have to the indermany."

Muller said.

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> Jochen Muller -German exchange studens

he believes that in the United States people are more open to new ideas and technology, like the Internet.

Another difference, he added, is that the people in the United States are very friendly.

"They always say: 'Hello' if you'rd walking down the streets."

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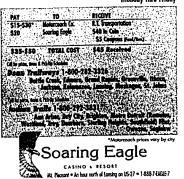
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