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MEXICAN FASHIONS - The new textiles museum is currently displaying clothing from Mexico.

Display of Mexican textile arts on exhibit at gallery

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The Textile and Costume Gallery, LSU's newest museum, recently opened with an exhibit of textiles from Mexico.

The exhibition, called "Costumes of Mexico" will run through November. The show is a coordinated project between Jenna Kuttruff, assistant professor and museum curator, and Monica Santaella, past president of the Mexi-

can Student Association.

Kuttruff and Santaella were introduced in the spring of 1992 by a graduate student. Santaella was interested in setting up an exhibit of Mexican costumes and Kuttruff was interested in helping.

The exhibit contains clothing from six Mexican states and 10 different Indian cultures in Mexico. The clothing are from the personal collections of Kuttruff and Santaella.

Kuttruff's and Santaella's col-

lections compliment each other. Kuttruff has hand woven pieces worn by the Indians while Santaella has more embroidered pieces.

"I collect hand woven pieces," Kuttruff said. "I wanted items the Indians made for themselves not for the tourists."

The new gallery was funded through a grant to the Historic Textile and Costume Collection. It is located in Room 140 of the Human Ecology Building.



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