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Jan. 22 at the River Club Milaap, The Association of Indian Students, celebrated Diwali again this year. For those that do not know, Diwali is the celebration on Lord Rama's return after 14 years in exile. It is the biggest festival in India and is also known as the Festival of Lights. This celebration is said to be the Indian equivalent to Christmas.

The festivities were held at the River Club this year where there was Bollywood dancing, henna tattoos and DJ Jaz all the way from Atlanta. In between the performances of traditional and contemporary Bollywood dancing the guest were free to bust their own moves. Dohli Simba played and kept beat, on the dhol drum, along with DJ Jaz throughout the evening.



The first floor of the River Club was decorated with lights, beautiful fabric and sitting pillows.



The President and Vice President of Milaap said a few words about Diwali before the celebrating began.





Ananthi Rangarajan a MFA industrial design candidate from Chennai, India, Jordan Mathis a second year sequential art major from Detroit, Mich. and Chaitrishi Rao an MFA candidate from Bangalore, India were magnificent as they started of the evening with a traditional dance.



DJ Jaz worked on the music while everyone enjoyed themselves dancing the night away.



Caitlin O'toole, a first year graphic design major from Cary, NC. got a henna Ttttoo by Nahom Haile, a third year architecture major from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.





The performers danced a combination of traditional and modern moves to impress the crowd.