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Girl Scout cookies are being sold at the Memorial Student Center until March 6. Sonny Boyd and Dayle Collins help the scouts raise money, which goes to scouting camps and equipment, by selling the seven different cookies, such as chocolate sandwich cookies and chocolate-peanut butter patties.

Photo by Wang Borchwen

MSC Council elects chairmen, officers

After hearing the Nominating Committee's report, the MSC Council elected four more council members and 10 directorate chairmen Monday night.

The positions of director of publication and advertising and two coordinators of projects still need to be filled.

The new officers include:

- Carlayne Mertens, director of development finance
- Alan Parsons, director of procedures
- Hoby Reed, director of promotions
- Cindy Heep, vice president of public relations
- Joan Panuska, coordinator of programs

The new directorate chairmen include:

- Tom Ryan, Travel Committee
- Wayne Bailey, Political Forum
- Christine Fesperman, Aggie Cinema
- William Bauer, Amateur Radio
- Gary Mercier, Camera Committee
- Rick Thomas, Great Issues
- Holly Day, Hospitality
- Damon Crenshaw, OPAS
- Ken Mays, Video
- David Peterson, Free U
- Sara Morse, vice president of programs, said applicants for the other chairman positions are still being screened. Interviews will be held on March 28-29 to fill the remaining positions.

Applicants will not be considered by the Nominating Committee unless an overall grade point ratio of 2.4 has been established.

Girls Scouts' annual cookie drive brings in more than 5,700 orders

By NANCY FLOECK
Battalion Reporter

They're everywhere — on doorsteps, at shopping centers and banks, in dormitory lounges, in the Memorial Student Center.

It's the annual invasion of the Girl Scouts, set loose to tempt residents of Bryan-College Station with seven types of cookies: gooey-sweet coconut samosas, thin cool mints, creamy chocolate, vanilla and peanut butter sandwich cookies, chocolate-peanut butter patties and shortbread and granola cookies.

And response has been good. The girls in District 1, made up of 89 troops from Bryan-College Station, have already sold more than 5,700 cases of cookies in their 24th annual sale.

Besides the monetary gain from this sale — 10 cents from each \$1.50 box goes to the troop, the rest to the district's council and the cookie company — the girls profit emotionally, Bonnie Tull, troop leader and mother of an 8-year-old-scout, said.

As a parent, she said she wasn't enthusiastic about her child selling cookies door to door.

"But after seeing some of the enthusiasm of the little girls, I can see the motive," she said. "It does develop a sense of achievement and accomplishment ... that's what the Girl Scouts are striving toward — a sense of accomplishment and involvement in the community."

The girls' opinion on selling cookies varies. Katie Tull, an 8-year-old Brownie Scout, said she enjoys selling cookies because "I like to talk to the people."

But 14-year-old Kim Hann said she finds it embarrassing. "Wouldn't you think it was embarrassing, selling Girl Scout cookies?"

Another Girl Scout said she feels the same way as Kim, but thinks the results from the sale make up for some of the humiliation.

"The camp-outs are so fun," Molly Britton said. "I wish we had them more, because they're a lot of fun."

Profits from the cookie sale help

provide and maintain the scouts' camping facilities and equipment.

Embarrassed or not, the 934 scouts in Bryan-College Station are peddling their cookies differently from the past. They took orders from Jan. 16 to Jan. 25, instead of approaching homes cookies in hand, ready to sell. They will deliver orders and sell extras until Wednesday.

Pam Pivonka, district cookie chairman, said this new method of selling cookies hasn't hurt sales, although the girls prefer the old way of selling cookies.

"They didn't like it as much this year," she said. "They like to have their cookies when they knock on doors."

Thirteen-year-old Molly agrees. "It's better when you go and have the cookies already there, because most of the people, when you go, say 'Well, we want our cookies now. We're hungry.'"

The girls have run into some other problems because of pre-ordering.

Kim and Molly said they can't always find the right apartments and that some people who pre-order aren't home or refuse to pay when the cookies are delivered.

"Sometimes they're rude and then they close the door on us," Kim said. "But usually they're pretty nice."

Molly said, "They say 'Well, we didn't think it's going to take so long' and 'We don't have enough money' and they make up all these excuses, so we have tons of cookies sitting at home."

Sometimes "tons of cookies sitting at home" is too much to resist. "We steal them. Well, we don't steal them, we just take them," Molly said.

Kim added, "And then my mom pays for them after we eat them."

Before 1933, mothers of Girl Scouts probably didn't have this problem. Today's tradition of selling cookies began that year when the president of a cookie company was asked to bake and package

cookies for the Girl Scouts. For several years before that, the girls baked the cookies themselves.

Now, each troop in District 1 is expected to sell at least two cases, 24 boxes, of cookies. There are prizes for selling extra cases — t-shirts, patches and coupons good

for credit on Girl Scout equipment, dues and camp fees.

Last year, one girl sold enough cookies, over 100 cases, to pay her way to camp.

That must be what the leaders mean when they say "accomplishment."

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