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Local 4th graders' fund-raising effort to aid Ethiopians

By TAMARA BELL
Staff Writer

Working together, children attending two area grade schools are raising money to aid children in Ethiopia.

The children, who call themselves "Hunger Busters," are working in conjunction with People Feeding People, an Austin-based organization, says Dr. Carolyn Ross, a College Station practitioner.

"We went to the children with facts about the conditions in Ethiopia," Ross says. "It was their idea to help Ethiopia. Children have less hangups than adults. They see people need help and they help them."

A sense of accomplishment is another reason the fourth-graders of Henderson and Sul Ross Elementary Schools sponsor bake sales and car washes to reach the \$50,000 goal, Ross says.

"The kids are heroes to themselves," Ross says. "So far they've collected about \$1,000. They come up with their own projects. All I do is provide 'Hunger Buster' t-shirts and the publicity."

Although the children are enthusiastic about contributing to the fund, some parents are not, says Melinda Box, who teaches fourth grade at Henderson.

"Parents are suspicious because they don't know exactly where this money goes," Box says. "We mail let-

ters home to inform the parents that the money goes toward food, shelter, clothing and medical supplies."

About 95 percent of the money raised by the children goes to Ethiopia as direct relief, Ross says.

"Most organizations like Red Cross keep 15 percent to 30 percent to cover administrative costs," she says. "We promise to keep administrative costs down so almost all of the money can go where it's mostly needed."

While students are raising money for Ethiopia, they also are learning about the country in social studies, Box says.

"Because the students are aware of the problems in Ethiopia, it's an ideal time to dispel myths like all Ethiopians are lazy," Box says. "I even tie in nutrition discussions when we talk of Ethiopia's medical conditions."

Even though the money needs to be raised by the end of May, Ross hopes the "Hunger Busters" club will continue during the summer months.

The students' next project is a car wash May 4 at Red Lobster on Texas Ave.

"Students from Henderson and Sul Ross are combining efforts to raise the money," Ross says. "This project is bringing kids together to feed other kids."



Food For Thought

Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Mark Sena, a freshman business major, attempts to feed some peanut butter on a stick to a squirrel. Most of the squirrels on

campus are used to having people around and can be approached.

MSC presents awards to outstanding individuals

By SUSAN MCDONALD
Reporter

The Memorial Student Center awards banquet was well-organized, very-reflective and well-representative of the past 35 years of the MSC, said Denis Davis, newly-elected MSC Council president.

Pat Wood III, 1984-85 MSC Council president, received the Thomas H. Rountree Award. This

award is given annually to the outstanding leader in the MSC.

"I respect all the people who have gotten it (the award) before," Wood said. He said he feels honored that he "can be in that crowd."

About 250 awards were given at the banquet. More than 7,000 committee members are involved with the student union.

Recipients of the J. Wayne Stark Distinguished Service Award were Davis of marketing and personnel, Kathleen Mitchell of entertainment programs, Timothy Samson of finance, Cory Courtney of administration and Leilani Balaam of programs.

Winning the Harold W. Gaines Service Award were Tracey Howard of cultural programs, Marae Leh-

nert of public relations, John Wright of educational programs, A. Keith Gross of Hospitality, Kevin Brannon of Political Forum, Michael Gardner of Aggie Cinema, Julia Plessala of Town Hall, Matthew Kirst of the Wiley Lecture Series, Tad Pruitt of OPAS and Jill Thrash of student development.

Those students who received the First Year Involvement Outstanding

Service Award were LaRhesa Moon of Hospitality, Nicola Fuentes of Political Forum and public relations,

Carolyn Brown of operations, Michael Brunner of operations, Laura Ferguson of student development, William Stephens of programs, Charles Specht of SCONA, Mary Ellen Cuff of development, Camille Clark of operations and the All Night Fair committee members.

Advisers winning the Charles W. Plum Non-Student Award were William H. Mobley, council faculty adviser; Steven M. Hodge, MSC Council member; Dennis H. Goehring of the MSC Council; Charles P. Giammona of Town Hall; Lee Cargill of OPAS, Patricia Peters of OPAS; William A. McKenzie of the Board of Regents and Enrichment Board; Emil E. Ogden of Chaparral Minerals Inc. and C. J. Allen of Allen Olds.

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