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Habitat affiliates clear lot for first home

By SEAN FRERKING
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The Texas A&M chapter of Habitat for Humanity cleared the way for a better life for a Bryan family Saturday.

The student organization lent several dozen hands to the Bryan-College Station affiliate of Habitat for Humanity while the two non-profit organizations cleared their first two lots in Bryan and College Station, Heather Hilton said.

Hilton, the campus chapter's vice-president, said that after the two lots are cleared, the affiliate plans to build its first house at 1902 Palasota Drive in Bryan starting in the middle of April.

Victor and Amelia Gonzalez will be the first people to benefit from Habitat for Humanity in the Bryan and College Station area, Hilton said. The Gonzalez family was one of the few families that applied for better housing, Hilton said.

When the Gonzalez's house is completed, Hilton said she hopes other families will realize Habitat can help them. Hilton said both organizations are working hard to help local residents in need of proper housing.

"The entire purpose for Habitat is to provide simple, decent housing for those who can't afford it," Hilton said.

Hilton said the planning for the building of the chapter's first house has taken almost a year. Since the group's official recognition from Habitat for Humanity International in October, 1989, the students have worked with the local affiliate to start the construction of their first house, Hilton said.

Hilton said the campus chapter officially will not build the house in Bryan but will provide the local affiliate with volunteers and a ton of enthusiasm.

"We're all so excited about being able to help someone and help build the area's first house," Hilton said. "We can finally prove that we're going to help people and not just talk."

Students also hold fundraising events to collect money to purchase the materials needed to build more houses.

However, Hilton said Habitat for Humanity is not a charity. The organization accepts as much volunteer labor and donated material as possible.

Donations from churches and the international office of Habitat in Americus, Ga., help

Hilton said. Local merchants also have donated large building equipment to aid in the project, she said.

Habitat then accepts applications from families in need. The family must be able to pay the mortgage payments on the 1,000 square foot house.

After the application process is completed, Habitat sells the house to the chosen family through a 20-year, no-interest loan. The family also has to contribute a total of 500 hours to the construction of the home, Hilton said.

Hilton said Habitat is based on biblical concepts of helping the needy but doesn't discriminate in the selection of who receives help.

"Habitat is a Christian organization, but it doesn't discriminate because of a person's religious beliefs or race," Hilton said. "Habitat is there simply to help anybody who needs decent housing."

Hilton said any students interested in finding out more about Habitat for Humanity can contact the Bryan-College Station affiliate at 846-7200 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students also can attend the club's meeting on April 9 in 145 at 7 p.m.

Dorm raises money for battered children

By DAVID GODFREY
Special to the Battalion

The underprivileged children at Phoebe's Home for battered women and children in Bryan are going to have a visit from the Easter Bunny this spring in the form of Legett Hall residents.

The residents will be collecting money to buy things to put in Easter baskets for the children, Legett Hall President Stephanie Mock said.

Most of the things in the baskets will be necessities, like socks, toothbrushes and underwear, Mock said, but other things will be included, like small toys and candy.

To give Legett Hall residents some incentive, floors are competing to see which floor can collect the most money, she said. The floor that turns in the most money by Wednesday will have

some kind of party.

Mock said Legett has had past success in raising money for charity. When the hall residents participated in Students Together Opposing Poverty, they had a collection goal of \$60 to adopt an elderly man. The hall actually collected \$200 and was able to adopt a single mother of three as well as the man.

"We don't have any real monetary goal this time, but we are planning for between 20 and 25 children," Mock said.

Residents of Legett Hall plan to take the baskets to Phoebe's Home on the Thursday or Friday before Easter because many of them will be going home for the holiday.

Donations can be made to any Legett Hall resident or, for more information, call Mock at 847-0654.

FBI seeks robbery suspect

Race: White
Age: 30-40
Eyes: Brown
Weight: 110-125 pounds
Sex: Unknown
Height: 5'2"-5'6"
Hair: Brown



The above individual is suspected of robbing the First National Bank in Bryan on March 16, according to a report by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The suspect drove up to the commercial drive-in teller window and placed a small, dark green cloth in the teller drawer, the report said. The teller, upon unzipping the bag, observed what appeared to be three sticks of dynamite and a detonating device. The suspect demanded that the teller put all of his cash in the drawer. The teller did as he was instructed and the suspect escaped with the cash.

The suspect was seen driving a white 1985-1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass

Giera with a Texas license plate. This license plate was reported stolen in Cleveland, Texas, the morning of the robbery.

Anyone who has information on the suspect, who is considered to be armed and dangerous, or the vehicle should contact the Bryan Police Department at 822-0066 or 822-0061, the Bryan FBI at 822-6916 or Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS.

Professor relates feeling of joy to fantasy

By KATHERINE COFFEY
Of The Battalion Staff

The feeling of joy is related to fantasy and when we are joyful, we are more likely to be creative and imaginative, said a psychology professor at a seminar on joy.

Verena Kast, who teaches at the University of Zurich in Germany, spoke at the Inaugural Carolyn and Ernest Fay Lecture Series, which was titled "Joy, Inspiration, Hope and the Individual Process."

The lecture series consisted of four seminars: "Joy," "What Have Become of Our Joys," "Inspiration" and "Hope." These lectures drew an audience from states such as California, New York, numerous people from Houston, faculty from A&M and the Bryan College Station community.

In the lecture called "Joy: the Foolish Myth of the Tenderminded," Kast said that the moment people accept themselves, they will have joy. She said that very little has

been written on the subject of joy but it is still important to discuss.

"Joy promotes trust in oneself and acceptance of ourselves," Kast said. "We are then likely to be delighted and feel accepted from the world."

Kast gave the example of children watching a joyful movie. After the movie, the children were given 50 cents and a donation box was put in the classroom. She said that most of the children donated their money.

She said children who watched a movie that was not joyful were not as likely to donate the 50 cents they had been given. Kast said this proves that people can better connect with others when they are joyful.

"Joy moves us upward and outward and opens us up while inspiring us," she said. "Joy also has a way inward to inspire and express ourselves."

When people open up to others, however, they must watch out for themselves, she said.

"During the time of joy, you're not distrustful but naive and end up

letting down your guard," Kast said. "It gives you a feeling of vitality, not really power but transcendence. This shows that joy is not always good."

Kast also said joy can cover for anxiety. Sometimes people assure themselves that they are having fun just to cover up their anxieties. She said that joy must be justified.

Kast also talked about the importance of knowing and understanding moods and emotions.

"The psychology of emotions is important because when we speak of emotions, we speak of ourselves," she said. "We should get in touch with our emotions. It is important to express joy with each other without becoming friends immediately."

People have an emotional circle, she said, which is an emotion with which they greet others.

She said emotions are very infectious. For example, people who smile as they walk somewhere will be rewarded with the smiles of others. But, if someone is in a bad mood,

other people will sense this and will not want to smile back, she said.

Moods, she said, are related to physical states such as fatigue and pain but also are connected to dreams.

"Moods are like background music," Kast said. "We live in it but sometimes we don't always consciously know of it."

She said weather and colors also can influence moods.

There are two qualities that distinguish feelings from moods, Kast said. Feelings cannot change, but moods can. Feelings show a person's direction, but moods don't.

Kast, who is a training analyst at the C.G. Jung Institute and a psychotherapist, is the author of "A Time to Mourn," a bestseller in Germany.

The Fay Lecture Series was funded by an endowment by Carolyn Grant Fay, who is the founder of the C.G. Jung Educational Center in Houston.

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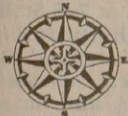


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Everyone Counts!

One out of six of you will receive a detailed census questionnaire on March 23 from the Bureau of the Census. If you do, you will be required to list your income for 1989. Your answers will be held in strictest confidence and will be used only for census purposes. **Here is how Aggies should fill out the income section:**

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32. INCOME IN 1989 --
Fill the "Yes" circle below for each income source received during 1989. Otherwise, fill the "No" circle. If "Yes", enter the total amount received during 1989.

For income received jointly, see instruction guide.
If exact amount is not known, please give best estimate.
If net income was a loss, write "Loss" above the dollar amount.

a. Wages, salary, commissions, bonuses or tips from all jobs -- Report amount before deductions for taxes, bonds, dues or other items.

Yes No

Annual amount -- Dollars

- Question 32a:**
Income from jobs should include:
- Some fellowships.
 - Assistantships.
 - Scholarships.
 - Work study.
 - Student worker positions.

- Question 32h:**
Income from other sources should include regular contributions from persons not living in your household such as:
- State and federal grants.
 - Parental support.
 - Scholarships for which no work is required.

b. Any other sources of income received regularly such as Veterans' (VA) payments, unemployment compensation, child support or alimony -- Do NOT include lump-sum payments such as money from an inheritance or the sale of a home.

Yes No

Annual amount -- Dollars

***Do not include withdrawals from savings of any kind, any type of loan or payment in kind (food, free rent).

It is important that you fill in the other sections of Question 32 and the rest of the questionnaire correctly too. If you need help or have any questions, contact the Census Bureau at 846-2600.

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