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Aggie Bucks extend to off-campus bookstores

To comply with a new Texas law, A&M expanded the use of Aggie Bucks to off-campus bookstores.

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Off-campus bookstores are now accepting Aggie Bucks, and in the rush to buy books for fall classes, students are utilizing the expanded debit card system.

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Texas House Bill 3122, which states that students may purchase merchandise and services similar to those sold by the University with Aggie Bucks at local businesses, was

signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush at the end of the 74th legislative session in May.

All state schools must comply with the legislation by Aug. 15, 1996.

Off-campus bookstore owners and managers said they are excited about the Aggie Bucks expansion and noticed many students using their student identification cards last week to buy books and other supplies.

John Raney, owner of Texas Aggie Bookstore, led local businesses in an effort to have the legislation passed. Students have Aggie Bucks in his store, he said, but it's hard to determine how often the students will use the debit card system.

"It will probably take some time, but when students realize they can use Aggie Bucks here, we will be able to see the reaction better," he said.

Although he does not foresee any problems with the system, Raney has instructed his employees to be careful when accepting student I.D. cards and verify that the photo is of the person using the I.D.

"We are going to take responsibility, and if there are any mistakes made we will do our best to remedy the situation," he said.

Peck Phillips, manager of the Loupot's Bookstore on Northgate, said students will probably continue to use their Aggie Bucks even after the book-buying frenzy.

"A lot of people are making small charges as well as large book charges," Phillips said, "so it looks as though the card use will continue."

Shri Parhure, textbook manager at Loupot's on Northgate, said the Aggie Bucks expansion is a great opportunity for bookstores. He said



Louis Craig, THE BATTALION

Loupot's bookstores are now accepting Aggie Bucks, as well as other off-campus textbook suppliers.

other businesses should be able to receive Aggie Bucks.

"I think the fast food chains should get in on this because stu-

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Students welcome new use for A&M debit card system

The response to using Aggie Bucks off campus is positive from students and parents.

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Students said using Aggie Bucks is more convenient for buying books at off-campus bookstores.

Heather Johnson, an incoming freshman, said using Aggie Bucks off campus is better because it gives students access to more locations.

"It is like a credit card," Johnson said. "You don't

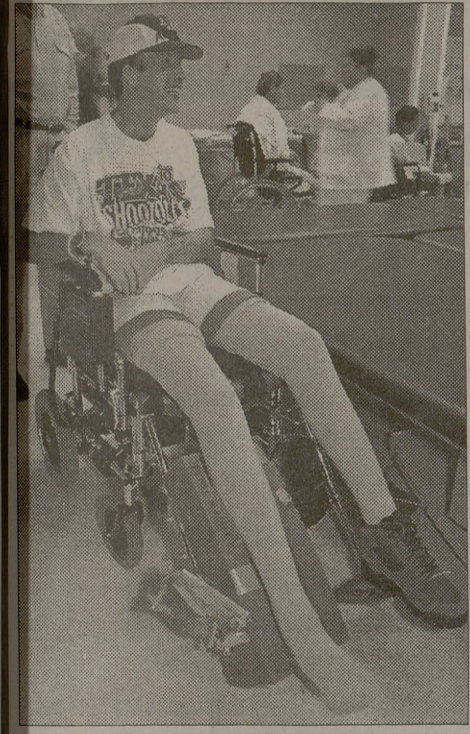
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Shockley ready to resume studies

The senior A&M student is on his way to recovery.

By Wes Swift
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Trevor Shockley sat back, a wide grin on his face and a maroon-and-white Texas A&M cap atop his forehead. The 26-year-old animal science major from Mont-



Courtesy of University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center

Trevor Shockley is undergoing treatment at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research.

gomery talked excitedly about completing his degree and going to veterinary school.

Usually, this kind of talk is commonplace for college students. For Trevor, though, talk of returning to college could be considered extraordinary.

In March, Trevor emerged from a 10-week long coma in Brazos Valley Medical Center after a near-fatal bicycle accident in February.

He suffered severe injuries to his head, arms and legs when his bicycle was swept under the wheels of an A&M bus and the double rear tires rolled over him on West Campus.

The accident left him unable to speak, eat food by mouth, or use his arms and legs.

In May, Trevor began treatment at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIIR) in Houston for 30 days funded by TIIR. The Texas Rehabilitation Commission (TRC) funded a second 30 days at TIIR.

These funds will cover \$100,000 of Trevor's medical expenses. Without financial aid from outside sources, TIIR would be too expensive for the Shockley family.

Trevor is still undergoing treatment at TIIR, and the medical expenses are piling up. Joe Shockley estimated his son's medical costs at \$600,000.

Dr. Carol Ivanhoe, the physician supervising Trevor's treatment, said she was concerned about finding money to cover future medical costs.

"Ideally, Trevor would need about two more years of treatment," Ivanhoe said. "Realistically, I see only a few months [because of the lack of funds]."

Seven months after the accident, Trevor is slowly working his way back to a normal life. His speech is slurred, but understandable, and he gets around by a motorized wheelchair.

He stood up during physical therapy

sessions, and he will begin outpatient treatment soon.

Constantly smiling and telling jokes, Trevor is anxious to walk again and is willing to endure the painful physical therapy.

Joe Shockley said his son's positive attitude is the most remarkable part of the rehabilitation.

"His attitude is the thing I'm most proud of," he said. "Attitude plays such an important part of the rehabilitation. If someone doesn't have a good frame of mind, it can really drag the treatment down."

Trevor understands the physical therapy is necessary, the elder Shockley said.

"He can be screaming and going through something very painful one second, then the next second he's joking around with everyone," Joe Shockley said.

Trevor agreed with his father's words and explained that even though the therapy becomes tiresome, he realizes the treatment is essential to getting back to the life he had before the accident.

"[The therapy] gets frustrating sometimes," he said. "But I know that it's going to get me better. It already has gotten me better. I'd rather be here than be dead."

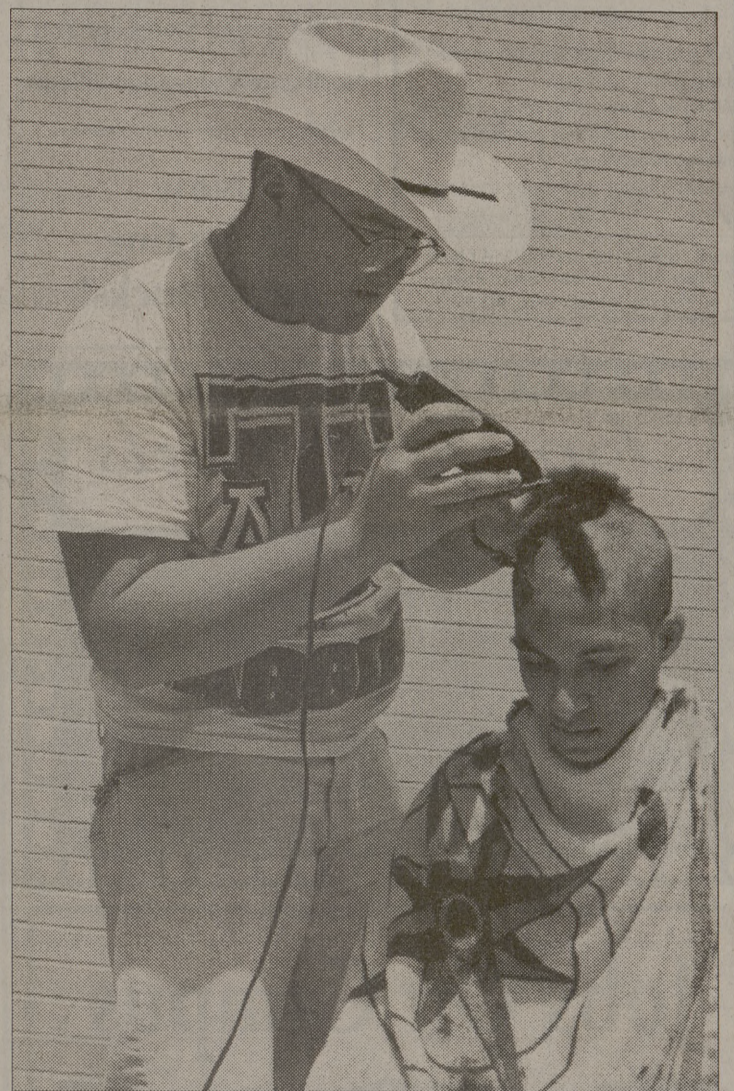
His attitude and personality made an impression at TIIR, where the staff has grown quite close to him over the past three months.

"He's a great patient," Ivanhoe said. "He's been through some rough times, and there's a lot more tough times to come. We all love him."

Trevor has won over more than just the TIIR staff. The bulletin board in his room is plastered with letters from numerous well-wishers.

Letters have come from some notable people including Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, State Senators Jim Turner, D-Crockett and Judith Zaffrini, D-Laredo, chair-

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BUZZIN' FOR BONFIRE

Bart Taylor, an agricultural engineering major, shaves Nagesh Thukral's hair so he can become a letterhead for Aston Hall.

Batt expands web page

The student newspaper is expanding its Internet access to include selected stories each day.

By Courtney Walker
THE BATTALION

Imagination and creativity play an important part in the fast-approaching world of the electronic workplace, and The Battalion is keeping pace.

Along with being able to read a printed copy of the paper, anyone in the world can access The Battalion Web Page through the Internet and read selected stories.

Rob Clark, editor in chief of The Battalion and a senior journalism major, said the Web page is being improved for the fall.

"We started the Web page this summer with just headlines and photos," Clark said, "so we wanted to expand and include selected, full-length stories and try to package them so they look like you are reading a newspaper."

Former students who want to know what is going on at Texas A&M will now be able to use the Internet to read the top sto-

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ries the day they are printed in the paper.

Sterling Hayman, managing editor of The Battalion and a senior political science major, said former students sent e-mail to let The Battalion know they used the Web page this summer, but desired more information.

"This new format will help people who do not receive The Battalion keep in touch with Texas A&M news," Hayman said.

To directly link up with The Battalion Web Page, type <http://128.194.30.84>.

"The Battalion wants to keep up with other colleges' technological advancements on the Internet and stay ahead by being just a little more creative from pictures to graphics," Clark said.

"There is an unlimited potential and we're just starting to realize the whole realm of things possible."

A&M overassigns on-campus residents

Deposits will be returned in full to overassigned students who no longer want to live on campus.

By Javier Martinez
THE BATTALION

Approximately 700 on-campus residents are overassigned for the fall semester with as many as four to six students having to reside in a study carrel or television lounge.

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The Department of Residence Life and Housing is attributing the situation to the record number of applications for admission to A&M and the number of requests for on-campus housing.

This is further complicated by a large number of students returning to the halls. The majority of the 11,000 spaces will be occupied by returning residents.

Most overassigned residents will remain three to a room for the dura-

tion of the semester.

Andy Stinson, a junior transfer student and resident in Aston Hall, said he was told he would probably be overassigned for the rest of the semester.

"I'd like to be in a regular room," Stinson said, "but they said it would be virtually impossible."

Stinson sent his housing application in April, the day after he received his admissions acceptance.

"I heard stories about people who got into A&M but went to [Texas] Tech because they couldn't get housing," he said.

The number of assignments is based on trends, such as last year's 300 cancellations, and the multitude of new off-campus living facilities.

Ron Sasse, director of the Department of Residence Life and Housing, said it is hard to determine capacity accurately.

"It's not a science," Sasse said. "It's hard to predict what students will do. Texas A&M's method of deciding how many spaces are available for assignment parallels that used at most other large universities."

"This year we had more acceptances of on-campus housing offers and fewer cancellations because

residence hall life is so attractive to students."

The University is attempting to accommodate students by offering programs and counseling on living strategies and roommate relationships.

The programs will be held Monday through Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. in 224 Memorial Student Center.

Full deposits will be returned to students who do not want to live on-campus because they were overassigned.

Lore Guilmartin, residence director for Mosher Hall, said not everyone is disappointed with the situation.

"We expected more trouble," Guilmartin explained. "We've already had several three-to-a-room overassignments ask if they can stay in that situation because they like their roommates."

Telephone registration system not available for scheduling

Texas A&M's telephone registration system will not be available for fall scheduling beginning this week.

Students who wish to drop classes with no record must do so at the Pavilion by Thursday. Classes for the fall schedule can be added until Friday, also at the Pavilion.