

'Make New Friends'

AND KEEP THE OLD

Aggie Girl Scouts may not sell cookies or wear uniforms, but they are working toward Three C's of Campus, Community and Council

By BRANDI BALLARD
Staff writer

They will not be found wearing brown and orange uniforms to class. Nor will they camp out in front of every grocery store within a 50 mile radius selling cookies. They do however work toward the three C's: campus, community and council.

They are the Texas Aggie Girl Scouts, college-age women still involved in the traditionally grade-school organization.

Texas A&M is the only campus within the Bluebonnet Girl Scout Council to have a Girl Scouts organization.

Most of the Aggie Girl Scouts were scouts throughout their childhood years.

President Laura Ree, a senior genetics major, said she has been a girl scout for 16 years.

"When I got to A&M, there was no campus Girl Scouts and I thought I couldn't do anything about it," Ree said.

Then I got a call from a program director who put me in touch with Kirstin Miklos, and we started to do all the preliminary work to get a campus Girl Scout group to Texas A&M."

The Aggie Girl Scouts have about 25 members, though not all were girl scouts growing up.

Anyone can be an Aggie Girl Scout, male or female.

Vice president Jennifer Jones, a junior special educa-

tion major, said there are some men who attend Girl Scout meetings.

The Girl Scouts are committed to the community and doing service projects to better themselves and those around them.

"Everyone likes Girl Scouts," Jones said. "Girl Scouts have a good

reputation and the community is always supportive."

Jennifer Davis, a senior recreation and parks major, said she likes helping younger girls.

"We are at the age where we are impressionable to kids," Davis said. "We are role models."

The Aggie Girl

Scouts help local Girl Scout troupe leaders. If a troupe leader cannot go camping, then she can call the Aggie Girl Scouts and one of them will take the troupe.

The Aggie Girl Scouts are planning many events to benefit younger girl scouts this spring. "Senior Shadow" and "Mom and Me" are two of the service projects they will be hosting.

"Senior Shadow" is a day we have planned for a girl scout who is a senior in high school," Ree said. "They will spend a day with an Aggie Girl Scout, following us to class and seeing what college is like."

Jones said she hopes the program will encourage younger girls to stay in Girl Scouts. She wants to show them there is quite a bit you can do in

the Scouts at the college level.

The Aggie Girl Scouts are also planning to host "Mom and Me" — an overnight camping trip. They also want to hold a lock-in at the Student Recreation Center for area girls.

Aggie Girl Scouts not only benefits the youth of Bryan-College Station, it is beneficial to the college girls as well.

"I have met a lot of new people with the same interests as me," Jones said. "It can be difficult to find girls that like to hike and backpack. Aggie Girl Scouts helped me find those people."

Jones said the activities of the Aggie Girl Scouts are relevant to her major.

"I get to work one on one with children and teach them how to make new crafts and play game," she said.

The Aggie Girl Scouts are looking for new members. They need the help and support of the students of the University to help the younger girls in the area.

Although the Girl Scouts do not sell cookies at the moment, they are working on it.

"We should be selling cookies," Ree said. "Whether or not the University is going to allow us to do so or not is still undecided."

For now though, the Aggie Girl Scouts will keep brainstorming for new ways to serve its campus, community and council.



Royers' Cafe expands from Round Top to B-CS

By MARIUM MOHIUDDIN
Staff writer

Bussing and waiting tables is a common practice among college students. The money earned goes toward tuition and paying bills. This is the extent of people's involvement in the restaurant business.

However, the story of the Royer family shows that with hard work and perseverance, beginnings in bussing tables can lead to dreams come true.

Royers' Cafe made its debut in Round Top, Texas and is now the new cafe in College Station on the corner of Southwest Parkway and Texas Avenue.

Tara Royer, owner of Royers' Cafe and daughter of founders Bud and Karen Royer, said the business began 10 years ago.

"We lived in Houston, and my dad had been out of work," Royer said. "A lady called (from Round Top), who knew my dad had been out of work and was in the restaurant business and said, 'I will give you this restaurant if you will take it out of my hands.' My dad borrowed money for gas to get there, and it just fell into place."

Royers' Cafe is a small town and is mostly made up of Houstonians who have homes there.

Royers said when the original Round Top cafe was purchased, they changed many things slowly and began to adopt their own unique style and identity.

"We hand letter our menus, and everything is homemade. The food, you cannot get anywhere else," Royer said. "We have a Mind Trap game on the table and eye glasses to read the menu. It costs a nickel more if you don't have ice cream on your pie. We do things to make it more interesting and exciting. It is these little things that make a difference."

Royers said they are known for their pies, which are made from scratch. Their house specialty is the chocolate toll house pie.

Tami Hons, staff assistant at the soil and crop science department, said the family and the service set the restaurant from other such eateries.



DAVE HOUSE/THE BATTALION
Bud and Karen Royer, founders of Royer's Cafe, consider the pies the house specialty.

"I have known the family for about two years," Hons said. "It is their philosophy to make their customers and staff happy and comfortable. The Royers make sure your ice tea is never empty. I have gone to fancy restaurants, and they do not do that. The uniqueness is beyond the food — it is the family. They make the customers and employees feel like a part of the family."

Mindy Davidson, assistant manager of Royers' Cafe in College Station, said she began to work there because she heard the atmosphere was great.

"They have positive reinforcement," Davidson said. "They don't use rules but guidelines. It is great because you get to work alongside the owners, and you get your orders directly from the horse's mouth."

Davidson said the working atmosphere is different from chain restaurants. "They have monthly meetings with the staff in each department," Davidson said. "They want the staff's input about what to do and what to change. They also have parties for the staff. They try to develop a family."

PLEASE SEE ROYERS' ON PAGE 4.

Homestead Built Its Reputation on Excellent Financial Products.

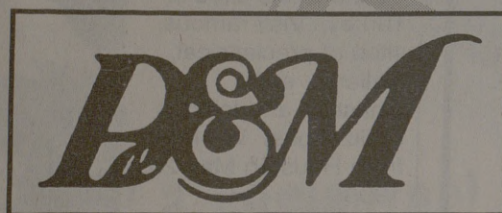
So When Their New Banking Partner Says They Are Adding to the Mix, Expect Some Things You Can Write Home About.

Homestead Savings has joined forces with P&M State Bank of Hearne. That means more financial muscle for local customers and a continuation of personal, hometown service from people you know and trust.

In banking, like most other businesses, size and strength can provide premium services to customers. For example, commercial customers will like P&M's larger loan limit and savvy lending practices. Savings customers will be well pleased with P&M's aggressively priced savings interest schedule. Checking customers will value the reduced fees and extra services of touch tone balance, transfer and tracking services. And everyone will appreciate the facilities expansion set to begin in the not too distant future which will include more drive-in lanes and automated teller machines.

And of course, some things won't change: same hours, same friendly faces to help you with your financial needs. When you come by, be sure to meet Jim Scamardo, executive vice president of P&M and manager of the B-CS branches, among other duties. Jim is a Brazos Valley native, a former Homestead consultant, a former College Station banker and a past president of the B-CS Chamber of Commerce and the Arts Council of Brazos Valley.

If you like personal banking with a local flavor, P&M will be the place to Homestead.



Hearne • 122 W. Fourth Street • 279-3438
College Station • 2553 Texas Avenue • 693-1063
Bryan • 3601 E. 29th Street • 779-3601

MEMBER FDIC/Equal Housing Lender



OPEN THANKSGIVING FOR BONFIRE ALL 3 LOCATIONS

3PM - 3AM IN COLLEGE STATION

BRYAN	3414 E. 29th St. 268-7272	HARVEY RD.	1100 D. Harvey Rd. 764-7272	NORTH-GATE	601 University Dr. 846-3600
-------	---------------------------	------------	-----------------------------	------------	-----------------------------

POT LUCK DINNER

WEAR YOUR BONFIRE POT AND GET

1/2 OFF ANY CARRY-OUT ORDER ALL THANKSGIVING DAY NORTHGATE ONLY

