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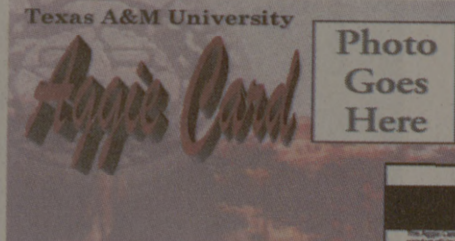
Aggie Card offers new additions to debit system

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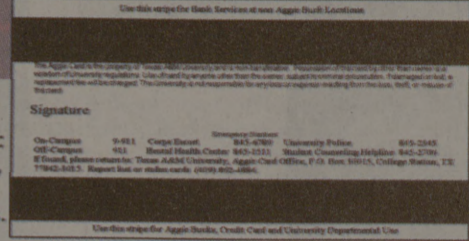
The Aggie Card, the new Texas A&M University I.D. card will be introduced to students in the fall. While still serving as student I.D., this new card will give students options for Aggie Bucks, credit card automatic teller machine preferences. The Aggie Card will primarily be used as student I.D. card which will perform the regular functions of the student I.D. card. Aggie Card Administrator, Steven Pace said the Aggie Card will have two magnetrips on the back of the card allowing the student to access the different options. The bottom strip on the card will allow student to perform the regular functions of the student I.D. card. Students will use the card to get into their dorm, use their meal plan, Aggie Bucks and act as a library card. The bottom strip also has the option of credit transactions," he said.

dent for finance said Aggie Bucks will still be handled by the University while the ATM and credit card options will be handled through other financial institutions. The credit card option is handled by MBNA, Pace said. "Students must apply and be approved for the credit option through MBNA. Incoming freshmen, if approved, will get a small limit to begin credit. Upperclassmen's credit history will be reviewed to determine the limit," he said. He also said students who currently hold a credit card from the Association of Former Students from MBNA can fill out paper work linking the two cards. MBNA will hold credit seminars teaching students how to use credit cards responsibly, Pace said. Students wanting to access the ATM option must establish a bank account with either Aggieand Credit Union or Norwest Bank. Returning students as well as incoming freshmen who have received their student I.D. have the option of getting an Aggie Card.

"The current cards are good as long as the student wants it to be. If they want an Aggie Card they must come to the Pavilion in room 119. There is a service center in 119 that will answer all questions about the Aggie Card. This will also be the place students will come to get appropriate paperwork to establish the different options on the Aggie Card," Pace said. In a Food Services Department report, almost two-thirds of the student body used Aggie Bucks last year. More than 4.5 million transactions were processed by the university's debit card system. Mervin Peters, chairman of Norwest Bank in Bryan-College Station said the use of Aggie Bucks influences where students choose to spend their money. "In the early fall there will be about 75 businesses who will accept the Aggie Card. More entertainment businesses, restaurants, retail goods and bookstores will accept the Aggie Card," Peters said. He said businesses would have to lease equipment to be able to accept the Aggie Card, but that the program is making it af-



Top Strip
ATM only; must have bank account with cooperating banks

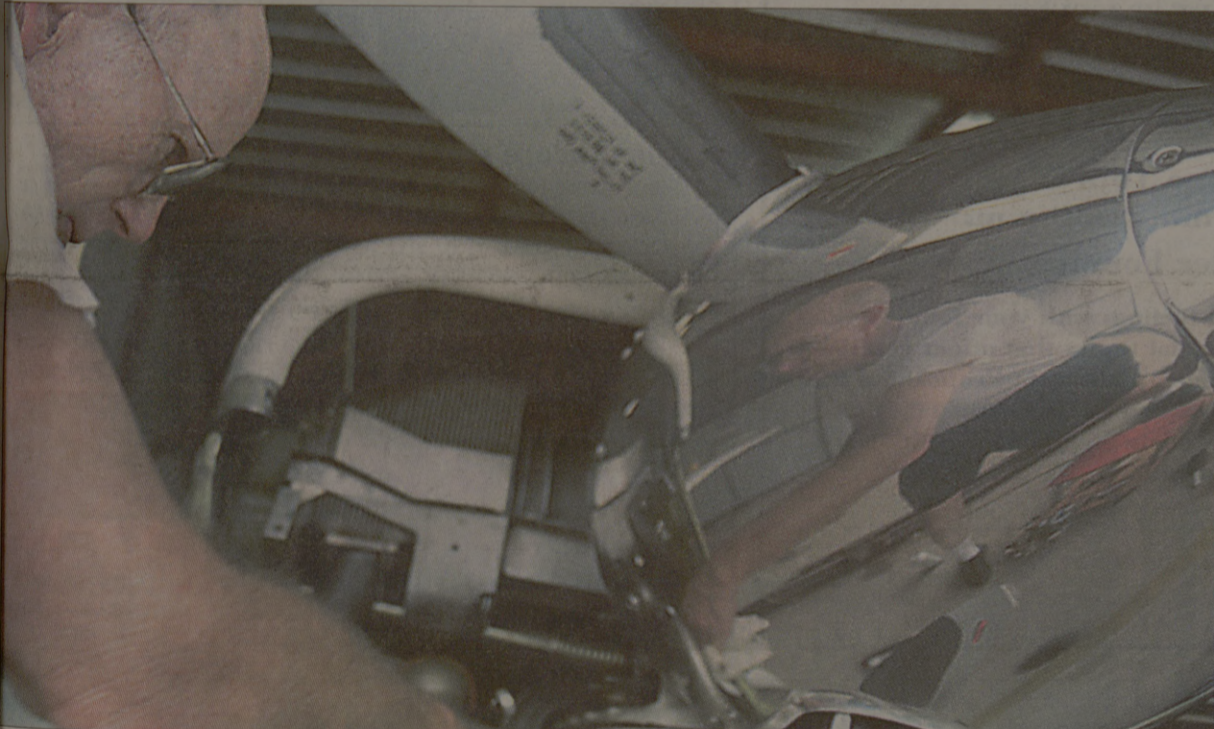


Bottom Strip
Regular functions of student ID: residence hall entry, meal plans, Aggie Bucks, library card. Also has option of credit transactions.

fordable for everyone. "This is our opportunity to do more business with the student body and work closer with A&M," Peters said. Vice President of Aggieand Credit Union, Gregg Baird said students would be able to have more options with the Aggie Card, but he said A&M has put restrictions on the card not allowing students to have the opportunity to buy alcohol. Krumm said alcoholic beverages, whether at a grocery store or a restaurant, can't be purchased using the Aggie Card. "We have been working on this project for two years at the request of both students and local businesses. This Aggie Card program allows for a broader expansion into

the community without increasing costs for the students," Krumm said. He also said a contract was signed a few weeks ago between A&M, the Aggieand Credit Union, Norwest Bank and MBNA America Bank, N.A. Pace said a request for a proposal for this project began in October 1996 where A&M received bids from banks wanting to participate. "After the bids went out and all other details were decided upon, these were the banks that accepted," he said. Tentatively, students will be able to get the Aggie Card August 1, but that the system to receive the Aggie Card will definitely be up and running by August 31, Pace said.

Just plane fun



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Jack Threadgill, Class of '63, performs some routine maintenance on his twin-engine plane Monday afternoon at the College Station airport.

Women's campaign school accepts A&M student

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The Women's Campaign School at Yale University, a program that usually only accepts older women currently running for political office, has accepted Dannah Wheeler, a junior speech communications major, to attend this summer's session.

The program accepts only 40 women from the United States and abroad to attend the four-day school. Wheeler first heard about the program in her Women in Politics class, offered through the political science department.

"My professor, Nikki Van Hightower, showed us a video highlighting the conference. I applied, but I didn't expect to get accepted. I told myself that I wasn't going to get my hopes up, but I got an acceptance letter in May and I was just in awe," she said.

The curriculum trains each student to design a campaign plan, develop effective public speaking techniques, interact with the media and other skills necessary to win a campaign.

"I'm excited to attend the conference and learn from women who are currently involved in politics. The seminars will teach me how to present myself in interviews, develop a campaign slogan and raise money to run a campaign. I am so eager to attend and learn from the experience and expertise from these women so someday I might represent my own constituency," she said.

Laurel Anderson, administrator for the Women's Campaign School, says the school began in 1994.

"That year a huge number of women were voting and made a significant difference in the voting polls. The number of women in and involved in government is miniscule, and that inspired the creation of the school. Women don't run for office because women want training.

At the Women's Campaign School, we try to diversify our class with women from every generation from every kind of background to form networking support groups," she said.

Anderson says only 48 women will attend the school. "We can't accommodate more women at this time. There is a waiting list, but we like to keep the classes small so the women get to know one another and get more personalized attention," she said.

Anderson says the school looks for women who are active in politics in their communities or are interested in running for office or being a

campaign manager.

Wheeler has been active in state politics through working with state representative George "Buddy" West as his administrative and legislative assistant, and she is an admissions assistant for the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

Director of the museum, David Alsbrook said the entire staff of the library and museum is proud of Wheeler.

"We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated, hardworking, conscientious student working with us at the library," Alsbrook said.

Wheeler's long-term goal is to be the governor of Texas.

"That won't happen until later. I plan to start my political career in state legislature and work my way up. I have a sincere desire to be a public servant in the state of Texas. When I am in office I want to meet the people I serve and hear their problems and concerns. I want to see if there is something I can do, once I am elected into office, my purpose will be to serve the people of Texas," she said.

Wheeler says she looks to the Bush family for inspiration.

"I used to dream of meeting the Bushes and going to one of their family barbecues. By working at the George Bush Presidential Library I have had the privilege to meet President Bush and Barbara, Governor Bush and Laura—they are all such down-to-earth people," said Wheeler.

Wheeler says that she hasn't made any decisions to run for student body president, but she would love to see herself in that office.

"I want to be more active in state politics, and practicing what I learn from the campaign school at A&M could benefit me later," she said.

The program has cost Wheeler \$1,500 for airfare, meals, hotel rooms and tuition.

"Jim Reynolds, Director of the MSC helped me raise the money for this program in one month. Dr. Southerland, the Speech Communications department and the Odessa A&M Club donated money to make it possible for me to participate in the Women's Campaign School," she said.

Wheeler said that even though the program was expensive her family encouraged her to participate.

"My mom said that this was not an expense but an investment in my future," she said. "I would encourage other college students who know what they want to start early and take advantage of their college years because this is the prime time to start building toward the job you want."

NEWS BRIEFS

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Enrollment figures for first summer sessions released

Enrollment at Texas A&M University totals 16,368 students for the first summer session and the 10-week summer term, an increase of 46 students over the same time last year. Official university enrollment figures show 11,788 of the more than 16,000 students are undergraduates, 4,316 students are enrolled in graduate courses and 264 are enrolled in professional studies.

In addition to regularly enrolled students, approximately 600 people will attend a variety of programs and camps at Texas A&M during the summer. These activities range from academic programs to fire training schools and sports camps.

First A&M Professorship in Poultry Science named

Willie F. Krueger has been named the first holder of the Elaine Emanuel Glockzin Jr. Professorship in Poultry Science at Texas A&M University. In 1997, the Glockzins' gift endowed a professorship at A&M to recognize a professor who has judged collegiate poultry activities. Krueger coached 11 national championships teams in poultry science.

The professorship holder, Krueger will continue his work with poultry science collegiate judging teams, as well as teach the undergraduate poultry course for students wishing to secure their degree certificates in agricultural sciences. Krueger has taught at A&M since 1953.

A&M graduate invited to meet President Clinton

Donna Bairrington, a Texas A&M graduate who is Rock Prairie Elementary academic coordinator in College Station, will travel to Washington, D.C., next week to meet President

Bill Clinton. Bairrington earned the honor by being named the Texas elementary school recipient of the National Science Foundation's Presidential Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Science.

In addition to meeting Clinton, her itinerary includes meetings with the president of the National Academy of Sciences, the president of the National Science Teachers Association and several members of the National Science Foundation, as well as a congressional breakfast led by Sen. John Jefford of Vermont.

Rock Prairie Elementary also will receive a \$7,500 cash award through the program.

Bairrington is a 1996 recipient of the Professional Educator Award from the Texas A&M College of Education.

She earned her master of education degree from Texas A&M in 1993.

Friday last day to Q-drop first summer session classes

The last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop) for the first summer term is Friday, June 19.

This is also the deadline for first-term students to officially withdraw from the University or to change Kinesiology 199 courses to pass-fail.

Funeral services scheduled for for business affairs VP

Funeral services for Tom D. Cherry, vice president emeritus for business affairs at Texas A&M, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 18 at the A&M United Methodist Church. Visitation will be tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m. at Callaway-Jones Funeral Home in Bryan.

Cherry, 87, died Saturday. He retired in 1976 after serving 14 years as vice president. Cherry was a co-founder of the Texas Association of State Senior College and University Business Officers. He received a master's degree from Texas A&M in 1938.



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Dannah Wheeler, a junior speech communication major, stands in front of the Capitol replica at the George Bush Memorial Library. Wheeler will attend Yale's political program for women this summer.