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Aggie Bucks Expansion: Spending without consequences

A high-school friend of mine once took his student ID and ran around campus looting all the snack machines he could find with his parentally-purchased Aggie Bucks.



GRAY WHITTEN

At the time, that was about all the damage that could be done by someone on a caffeine-fueled, snack-cake binge.

Today, that same friend has chosen a path of computer games and actual work for money over academics.

If not, he might have had the chance to fill in the holes in his Gloria Gaynor CD collection, assemble enough fast food to send a Richard Simons refugee running for his Deal-A-Meal cards, and finally get that copy of Madonna's SEX he'd been eying.

(Surely Vanilla Ice would be willing to provide an autograph on his visit to College Station.)

All this could be done with that same student ID under the guise of "school supplies" as Mom and Dad happily foot the bill with visions of No. 2 pencils and college-ruled spirals dancing in their heads.

Why the sudden huge acceptance of Aggie Bucks by local merchants? A smart guess would be "the kids like 'em".

New students who are more and more likely to have spent time with credit cards in hand, either their 'parents' or their own, take to the system like Roger Ebert to fresh candy.

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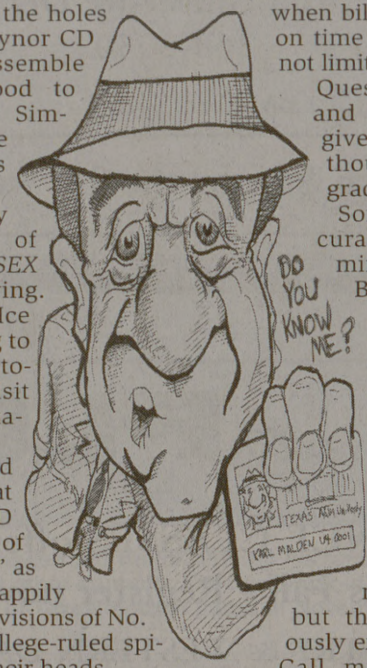
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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Building the Faith '98 kicks off with groundbreaking for two families' homes

Y RILEY LAGRONE

The Battalion that didn't juice you up, you should probably check your pulse," Donniss publisher of the College Station Eagle, said Shiloh Area Youth Choir its performance at the ited Methodist Church in riday night.

all crowd gathered to cel- he launch of Building on 3, sponsored by the Bryan- Station chapter of Habitat narity.

service featured several s such as Reba Ragsdale, nt of the Bryan-College Habitat for Humanity f Directors, and Patricia tact Donna at the B- itat.

ic was provided by the ary of Praise Worship Team e A&M United Methodist s well as the Shiloh Area Choir.

struction of the program's o houses began Saturday g the introduction of the Place subdivision. en more homes will eventu- built on the same street, on ated by the City of Bryan. ill Lynch is underwriting 3,000 infrastructure costs.

This will be Habitat's third church-supported build in the area.

In addition, Habitat is observing an International Day of Prayer and Action during the third week in September.

The Day of Prayer was first held in 1983 to raise community awareness of substandard housing.

The Bryan-College Station Habitat was formed in 1989.

Since that time, the organiza- tion has worked over 6,500 hours building new homes and has collected nearly \$500,000 in cash and land to support its mission.

As a rule, Habitat for Humanity does not accept government money for the construction of its homes or its normal operations. However, it does accept land (as in the case of Building on Faith '98) or other gifts, as long as no provisions are attached that would compromise Habitat's principles or work.

Habitat families are chosen based on their economic need, current housing conditions, willingness to work with the program and ability to pay monthly utility and mortgage payments.

The committee then decides whether or not to recommend the family to Habitat's Board of Directors.

In addition, neither race nor religion are considered factors for selection.

A family selection committee comprised of volunteers screens applicant families, conducts credit checks and makes home visits.

Habitat for Humanity operates by allowing its selected families to purchase their homes at cost through no-interest mortgages.

The principal is then used to purchase materials needed to construct more homes.

Habitat also works to educate the public about the housing situation in their area.

For instance, over 3,000 substandard homes exist in Bryan-College Station.

Habitat points out that although construction of new homes has risen in recent years, most low-income families cannot afford them.

In addition, the families chosen help the volunteers with the construction of their new homes.

The Foley and Martinez families, the 25th and 26th to be selected in the Bryan/College Station area, will be the first to receive Miracle Place homes in October.



GREG McREYNOLDS/THE BATTALION

Sanctuary of Praise Worship Team members, (from left to right) Richard Sema, Marcus Ocon and Timothy Alonso, perform at the Habitat for Humanity Service Saturday.

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CHEM 107	8 - 10 PM	CH 1,2	CH 3,4	CH 5 Practice Exams
PHYS 218	10 PM - MID	CH 1	CH 2	CH 3&4 Practice Exams
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