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## THE ART OF



## stretching the dollar

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It's the question that has pondered college students through the years — How do I make my money last longer?

The answer is relatively simple. Whether it is using Aggie Bucks acquired through parents or student loans, sleeping on friends' couches instead of paying rent or simpler ideas like eating the free samples at Sam's Club, making the dollar stretch is an art form just about anyone can master.

Karen Hudson, a junior sociology major, said Aggie Bucks are the best for getting things for free.

"Aggie Bucks are like a credit card, except your parents pay for it," Hudson said. "It's especially nice now that so many places take them. You can get books, go grocery shopping at the Commons and Underground markets and eat at places like Applebee's."

Hudson said she had a slightly unorthodox use for her Aggie Buck stash.

"If you want, you can get your books with Aggie Bucks, take them back for cash and then call your dad and tell him you ran out and need more."

Julia Crenshaw-Smith, a junior agricult

ural engineering major, said it is easy to spend Aggie Bucks too quickly, but they are nice while they last.

"I've spent at least 30 bucks at Freebirds," Crenshaw-Smith said. "But it's always nice to use to get my caffeine right before class."

Crenshaw-Smith said People Books can also be a big money saver for students and that the coupons cover a wide range of products.

"People Books are a lifesaver," she said. "I don't think I've ever paid full price to get film developed or to do my laundry since

I've been at school. I get three or four books a semester and carry them with me everywhere."

Crenshaw-Smith said many students are not aware of many simple things to do to save money and still get things.

"It's great if you have a small car or truck, because you never have to cart your friends around and waste money on gas," she said. "If you have a big car, you can pile it full of stuff so that no one can fit. Then you still don't have to drive."

Filling out applications is another way to cash in on freebies, Crenshaw-Smith

said. Credit card another 2 shirts to all applica out of town

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