

University unveils Walk of Champions

Weekend ceremony opens Rec Center's new landscaped pathway recognizing Aggie virtues

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Laurie Nickel, student body president, and Dr. J. Malon Southernland, vice president of Student Affairs, were among those to unveil the first 127 bricks of the "Walk of Champions" at the opening ceremony in front of the Student Recreation Center Friday.

The design for the Walk of Champions was created by a group of five students from the American Society of Landscape Architects in the fall of 1997.

Bricks were sold at \$250 for a regular brick and \$400 for a large brick. The proceeds from the brick sales will go towards creating an endowment for the Rec Center.

Judy Cook, marketing director

for the Department of Recreational Sports, said there are a total of

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5,000 bricks available for purchase. People can still gain information

about purchasing bricks though the Rec Center's Web site.

Dennis A. Corrington, director for the Department of Recreational Sports, said the walk has become more than a design or landscape.

"The Walk of Champions is a perfect place to recognize all Aggies," he said. "The Walk of Champions is dedicated to those who share the ideals of honesty, integrity and fair play."

Southernland said Corrington originally expected 2,400 students to patron the Rec Center, however 4,000 students use the facility daily.

"The Walk of Champions gives people a way to say, 'I would like to remember someone, I would like to be remembered, and I would like to thank someone,'" he said.

Nickel said she is looking to the

future of the Rec Center.

"The Walk of Champions is important to all present and future Aggies because the Student Rec Center has become a second home to many students," she said.

Corrington said the bricks represents a diverse group of people.

"You can see the diversity just by reading the inscriptions on the bricks," Corrington said. Corrington said inscriptions ranged from a couple putting their names and future wedding date to a championship intramural team.

William B. Krumm, vice president for finance and controller, said the ceremony signifies the start of a new tradition.

"We look to the future of the Rec Center by increasing the walk one brick at a time," he said.

Former student honored by Marines at Kyle Field

BY MEGAN WRIGHT
The Battalion

U.S. Marine Corps Second Lieutenant Shane Floyd, Class of '97, received the Marine Corps Commandants Trophy before the Texas A&M-Missouri football game Saturday.

The trophy was presented on behalf of the Marine Corps by Maj. General M.T. "Ted" Hopgood, commandant of the Corps of Cadets.

Floyd obtained a commission through a program known as Platoon Leaders Class in Quantico, Va. PLC consists of two six-week training sessions at Officer Candidate School.

U.S. Marine Corps Captain Jeff Daniels, Class of '93, of the Officer Selection Office, is in charge of selecting individuals from Texas A&M and Sam Houston State University to participate in the PLC program.

"Basically it is a Marine Corps officer commissioning program which allows full-time college students to earn a commission by going to Officer Candidate School, and that is what Shane Floyd did," Daniels said. "He went to OCS after his sophomore year and again after his junior year and that is the course that he won the Commandant's trophy. He graduated this past August and obtained his commission."

The Commandant's Trophy is awarded

to the officer candidate who finishes first during OCS in their company.

Scoring is based on an equation of 25 percent physical training, 25 percent academic and 50 percent leadership abilities.

"I didn't go to OCS with the trophy on my mind," Floyd said. "If I had, I would have lost focus at the task at hand, which was obtaining my commission. People sometimes get wrapped up in trying to do well and earn recognition and lose sight of the original purpose."

Daniels said Floyd not only had the highest grade in his company, but the entire battalion as well.

"This is a very prestigious award in the fact that there were probably close to 250 people that he was competing against," Daniels said. "He not only finished number one in his company, but he had the highest average out of the battalion which is close to 700 individuals from around the country."

Hopgood said receiving the award is an honor.

"This is a national competition for demonstrated excellence during officer training in Quantico," Hopgood said. "To have an Aggie win, it says a lot about the character of the individual and a great deal about Texas A&M. It is not unusual for Aggies to win this award, but it is very significant."



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U.S. Marine Corps Second Lieutenant Shane Floyd, Class of '97, was awarded the Marine Corps Commandants Trophy before the Texas A&M-University of Missouri football game at Kyle Field Saturday.

B-CS project marks Texas Recycles Day

BY BETH MILLER
The Battalion

Outdated phone books continue to stack up in the community as part of an effort to observe the fifth annual Texas Recycles Day.

Ted Hazen, Texas Recycles Day coordinator, said Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, in conjunction with other organizations, began Texas Recycles Day, and the idea rapidly gained popularity throughout the state. Hazen said for the first year there were 20 events throughout the state; last year there were 400. This year there are more than 450 events.

Hazen said the purpose of the day is to highlight the economic and environmental benefits of recycling. He said the commonly-recognized recycling symbol consists of three arrows, and most people only practice the first of the three parts. He said the arrows represent collecting recyclable materials, manufacturing new products from the recycled materials and purchasing the

new products. He said people do not realize the importance of buying the products.

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Hazen said more people are aware of the environmental benefits than of the economic impact of recycling.

"I think one of the things people miss is the economic impact on Texas," he said. "The processing and manufacturing of those recyclables

is responsible for 20,000 jobs, and it adds 28 million [dollars] to the state economy."

Katie Fritz, recycling coordinator for the city of College Station, said the phone book recycling campaign is the primary event of the community. Fritz said TNRC has collected more phone books from the community than it had at the same time last year, and her goal is to see 40 tons of phone books recycled this year.

Fritz said there are drop-off places located throughout the community, including elementary schools, Super Wal-Mart in Bryan, Bryan and College Station City Hall buildings and the Texas A&M campus.

She said the campaign encourages people to recycle throughout the entire year, not only on designated days.

Fritz said people do not realize how much of an impact each person who recycles makes.

"Just doing one thing all year-round helps," she said. "If everyone just did their part, it all adds up."

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