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"We found an Aggie's keyring and wal-let in the middle of this New Mexico camp-it to the local authorities, who made sure that it got back to its owner," Simp-

"I probably would have done that no is not a more honest place than matter whose it was, but the fact that it was anywhere else, but you can disa fellow Aggie's just made me want to go cuss certain aspects of A&M that through the extra effort. It was an obligation because an Aggie will help an Aggie no matter what.'

> one of the most honest campuses in the country. For many Aggie students, the well-rehearsed code of honor "Aggies do not lie, cheat or steal" is more than rhetoric spouted by professors warning their students against scholastic dishonesty. For those Aggies, honesty among students is a stan-

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front desk at the Com-"Generally, we've got a good bunch of mons. They didn't Aggies here, but students need to remember even leave a name for a that they don't move into a Utopia when they reward or anything, and move to College Station," she said. "There nothing was taken out of it. still are those who aren't Aggies that wait to That isn't something that would prey upon college students. have happened at t.u. I know - I

dents' safety.

LeMay said students often get lulled into a false sense of security when they first move to A&M.

Howard Kaplan, a distin-

'I'm not saying that A&M is or

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such," he said. "Honesty is most

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A&M students hold the same

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Kaplan said that, since most

moral values.

"It's really nice to think that you are safe, but you need to remember all the safety precautions that you would take if you were in a big city," she said. "Because, A&M is really a big city, regardless of what it may feel like.'

Blindly trusting those one meets face to face may also be a mistake, LeMay said.

There are predators out there that look a lot like A&M students. Some even attend class," she said. "But there are people out come from small-town Texas, there that literally work the campus to get and that is what they try to re-cre- money out of students.

"It's kind of tough when you have a little sociate director of clinical services at Beutel."

"I was buying food at the Underground Market my freshman year, and I dropped \$15 on the ground. I didn't realize it until I got to the cashier and I didn't have any money. Luckily, somebody had already picked it up and had given it to the cashier. Anne Hensler, senior geology major

'A waitress at Red Lobster had taken some guy's credit card and dropped it while she was carrying i back from the register. An Aggie picked it up and gave it back to her when he could have just as easily taken it and bought himself something nice

- Scott Swetnam, outdoor education graduate student

'A friend of mine left her wallet on the table at The (Dixie) Chicken and couldn't find it when she went back to look for it. Someone picked it up and gave it to the bartender.

- Sarah Rebecca, senior sociology major

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girl crying in your office asking, 'How could another Aggie do this to me?' All you can tell them is that it wasn't another Aggie.

Regardless, students like Bowie Hogg, a senior marketing major, still feel safe leaving their doors unlocked at night.

"I walk away and don't even think twice about it unless I am leaving for a long time," he said. "Generally, everybody trusts and looks after everybody else.

No one is perfect. Even Aggies have been known to bend the truth now and again.

Danny Shaha, coordinator of Student Judicial Services, said that, while no one has been expelled from the University for the past year for scholastic dishonesty, where students have been disciplined for poor conduct.

"The first ones that pop to my mind are the ones who forged documents from Beutel to get out of tests or quizzes," he said.

Not everyone forges the Beutel documents. Some try to earn it the old-fasioned way.

"I'm not going to comment on any specific cases, but there have been instances around test times where illnesses were greatly exaggerated. .. Let's leave it at that," said Dr. Ann Reed, as-

This is just one example of why Texas A&M is lauded as dard expected when one steps onto A&M soil. used to go there.' Sarah Rebecca, a senior sociology major, said she has always considered A&M an honest and safe environment because of the campus's atmosphere. "I lose things all the time and have them returned to me, and I feel safe leaving my backpack while I work out at the Rec Center," she said. "I think it is because A&M has a small, wholesome, home-town atmosphere. A lot of the students

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