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# Helping Hands

Aggies give time, effort toward helping victims of terrorist attacks

By **MARIANNE HUDSON**  
 THE BATTALION

The nation watched as Texas A&M students and fans arrived one week ago to Kyle Field for the game against Oklahoma State University adorned in red, white and blue. Amazement spread across the crowd when it was announced at halftime that more than 70,000 Red, White and Blue Out T-shirts had been sold, and approximately \$150,000 had been raised.

This is one example of Aggies spending time and effort to relieve those affected by the recent tragedies in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Several student organizations such as Alpha Phi Omega, MSC Hospitality and One Army spent countless hours printing, boxing and distributing the T-shirts.

The idea that A&M fans wear red, white and blue at the game first was proposed on the TexAgs.com Website. From this suggestion, Eric Bethea envisioned the entire student body wearing red, white or blue according to the deck they stood on, said Josh Rosinski, a senior petroleum engineering major.

C&C Creations, a local printing company, helped organize a method to put Bethea's idea into affect. They did not ask for money upfront for the T-shirts.

C&C Creations said a method for payment would be decided after the sales were made. C&C Creation's main concern was to con-

tribute to what they believed was a good cause.

Volunteers worked around the clock during the week before the game printing and selling the shirts.

"Students and other volunteers were up at 5:30 a.m. to print, load and box shirts," Rosinski said. "We printed shirts until 9 a.m. on game day. You don't find people like that anywhere but AggieLand."

Some Aggies have felt the desire to offer on-site assistance to those in New York City.

Heath Hobler, a senior renewable resources major, and Kris Long, a sophomore aerospace engineering major, wanted to contribute all they could toward those in need. They decided to pack their bags and drive an entire day to New York City. Hobler and

Long volunteered by sorting water for the emergency crew.

"The really amazing thing was just seeing how the crew came together," Hobler said.

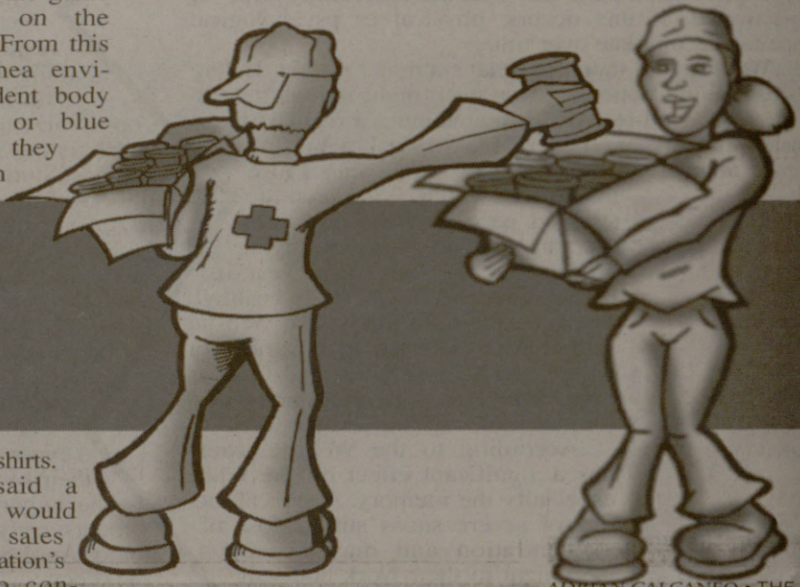
"You couldn't walk anywhere without people telling you 'Thank you.'"

Several other efforts have been made to raise money for New York City and Washington, D.C.

Karl Pfluger, a junior political science major and member of Beta Theta Pi, said he and fellow members of the fraternity proposed a challenge to fraternities and sororities in the Greek system at A&M.

"We decided to add \$100 in our dues as a contribution to the New York City World Trade Center Relief Fund," Pfluger said. "We are challenging every fraternity and sorority to match."

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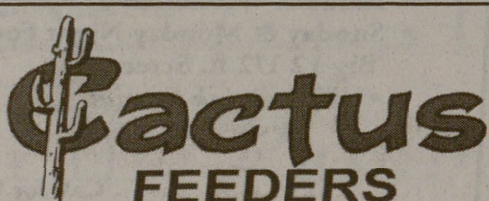
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