

# Aggie Ring Delivery



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### APRIL 3RD RING DELIVERY

Tickets distributed throughout the day, beginning at 7:15 a.m.

You must have a numbered ticket to get your Ring.

FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 2 P.M.

RING DISTRIBUTION STARTS AT 3 P.M. AND ENDS AT 6 P.M.

We encourage you to take the Bonfire or Replant bus routes that stop in front of the building.

Texas Aggie Artist, Benjamin Knox '90, personalizing the "Historic Aggie Ring"

You must bring your pink receipt and driver's license to pick up your Ring. If you do not have your pink receipt, please bring your student ID and driver's license.

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## Shack-A-Thon



Stephanie Swift, a sophomore environmental design major, decorates the side of her shack with stories of Habitat homeowners

from around the world to promote poverty awareness during Habitat for Humanity's shack-a-thon held at Rudder Tower, Tuesday.

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## American to lay off 2,500 pilots

By Angela K. Brown  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — American Airlines will lay off 2,500 pilots, or 19 percent of the total, over the next year as it tries to avoid bankruptcy, union officials said Tuesday.

The move is part of the pilot union's \$660 million in concessions to save the world's largest airline, said John Darrah, president of the 13,000-member Allied Pilots Association.

As part of an agreement reached with the airline Monday, pilot salaries will also be slashed 23 percent beginning May 1 and 17 percent each sub-

sequent year of the six-year pact, Darrah said.

"I don't think anybody's thrilled with the significant pay cuts and furloughs ... but the alternative clearly would be even worse," union spokesman Gregg Overman said.

Pilots have 14 days to ratify the new contract.

The concessions were part of \$1.8 billion in total cuts secured by the airline from key labor leaders Monday. Union members are expected to vote on the accords over the next two weeks.

The industry is still battling its worst downturn ever, precipitated by fears of terrorism, an ailing economy and now the

war in Iraq.

Other major airlines also pushing employees to a wage and benefit cuts as industry racks up huge losses and analysts said the moment at United and American spread. The lesson learned, several analysts said, is that restructuring can be done outside bankruptcy court.

After the war in Iraq begins (24-16), carriers laid off thousands of employees, cut certain routes from their schedules and reduced the frequency of flights. Analysts say that major airlines still need to make further cuts to sustain their capacity, a move that likely help them raise prices.

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