

Leadership offers community help

By **Samantha Gillis**
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Single mothers will get help Saturday in Mossman Hall. Leadership has partnered with Eagle Nest, Inc. to host a free Exploration Workshop focused on giving women a boost in the working field.

Kaydee Johnson, business freshman, said, "This is a great opportunity for women struggling in the work force, but students can be involved too. We need volunteers."

Johnson has been working with Andrew Topham,

chemistry freshman. This is the first year Leadership has teamed up with Eagle Nest, Inc. so the two had to start from scratch.

Sarah Hodgkinson, 2006 alumni, has been supporting the two with their project. Hodgkinson said, "Kaydee and Andrew came up with the idea and have really ran with it."

Johnson said, "We were lacking an event that supported this town, which would make it stronger."

Eagle Nest, Inc. originally started to help women get into the work force and better the community.

It offers parenting classes during the day. Eagle Nest also sells used clothing. Sarah Ketcham, class coordinator for Eagle Nest, Inc., said, "Hopefully this workshop will bring in more people who need our assistance from the community."

The team is still looking for volunteers, mainly business or nursing students to help with the resume and nutrient workshops, but any student can help.

Johnson said, "This community does so much for this school and we need to

give back."

Many businesses offered aid for the workshop, including the parole offices, CornerBank, Arnold and Co. and some local gas stations. Hutto's Printing made 35 free color flyers.

The Exploration Workshop will include a parenting class.

A resume building class will help participants write a resume. Johnson said, "Many of these women have no computer skills. Some are even farmer's wives who have been forced back into the work force because crop prices

have plummeted."

Johnson has been affected on a personal level by employment struggles, which is why she is so passionate about her project. Johnson said, "When I was in the fifth grade, my mother was laid off from the Rubbermaid factory after 20 years of working there. I remember it was extremely hard for her to get a job, especially because she didn't have a resume. The only jobs that would hire people without a resume are the low end jobs. So I remember how me and my older brother

had to help her type up a resume after school everyday. It was very difficult time for our family. That's why I believe it is so important for us to help these women."

Around 50 women were sent invitations but Johnson is hoping by word of mouth more will come. Johnson said, "If only one shows up it's worth it, because one person is worth all this work."

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Monthly gathering answers questions

By **Aaron Duell**
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The word can make people cringe. For many, philosophy is a difficult subject and hard to apply to everyday life. That's why the philosophy and religion department hosts a monthly colloquium.

Professors and students from the department gather once a month to discuss issues outside of the classroom.

Mike Harper, professor of philosophy, organized the colloquia. He said, "We usually try to go eat together then talk about the subject we have."

There have been two colloquia so far, each being on the first Tuesday of the month. The next colloquium will be Dec. 4.

After gathering to eat in the cafeteria around 5:30, the group moves to the Welcome Center. There hasn't been a huge crowd.

Four people participated at the first meeting. There were eight including faculty in the second colloquium. Harper said, "The first time we went to the sunroom in the Admissions building. After that, we got the experience of sitting on the couches in the admissions room. That was cool."

The colloquium topic varies. Participants aren't expected to read anything ahead of time, so there is

no homework. Ashlee Alley, director of campus ministry, said, "This gives students the ability to ask questions that go beyond what happens in the normal classrooms."

Philosophy and religion majors aren't the only people who may attend. "It's open to anyone who would like to come," said Alley.

John Badley, philosophy and religion freshman, said, "I go because I'm a religion and philosophy

major. That's what's discussed, so it interests me. We deal with harder issues and it's a chance for us to talk to our professors about these issues in a more casual way."

Philosophers constantly disagree with one another. The colloquia are no exception. Harper said, "Last time was probably more arguing, good, healthy, rigorous discussion. The first one was more incorporating the whole group

and getting thoughts about the article we just read."

Badley appreciates watching his professors discuss and debate with each other. "I enjoy listening to the professors hash out things and asking them questions," he said. "It's really fun. Everyone should come."

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Work-study positions available on campus

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Many students find jobs off campus. However, for those who are unable to get off campus, the college offers work-study and campus employment for students.

There are openings for jobs ranging from working at the circulation desk in the library to tutoring a particular academic subject. The nursing department, admissions, plant operations, and student center are all looking for assistants.

More students are needed for the phone-a-thon to help with fund raising for the college.

Melanie Robins, elementary education junior, is a financial aid peer adviser. She said, "The library is always a good place for work study. There are lots of different hours to work. It is a good opportunity for interaction with others."

Colby Seagraves, physical education junior, works in the mail room. He said, "I like this job. It's easy. We have flexible hours here which I really like since I tend to sleep in sometimes."

Marsha Branch, mail center clerk, supervises mail room work study students. She said "The guys that work here are always enthusiastic and are a great bunch. Being a mother myself, coming to work at the mail room is like a family away from home."

There are steps to take in order to have a job. Work-study is for those who,

after receiving financial aid, still need help paying for their school bill. They become eligible through their FAFSA. The government helps the school pay for those who are eligible for work-study.

Campus employment is for those who don't qualify for work-study. They are paid directly by the school.

These tasks can be taken care of in the financial aid and college service offices.

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Library undergoes changes

By **Leslie Ash**
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Memorial Library has received a face lift. Over the summer, new windows were installed.

Robert Perret, circulation reference librarian, said, "The new windows are really nice. There are no drafts and they open while the old ones didn't."

There are now bathrooms on the main level. An interior decorator planned for the bathroom updates.

Veronica McAsey, library director, said, "The interior decorator did a wonderful job on picking out colors for the bathrooms."

A new roof is being finished. Last spring, the roof leaked in several spots and buckets were placed around the library to catch the water.

The rain also caused minor flooding in the basement. Some science medical journals were damaged in the flooding but they were already in other records.

As the roof is being replaced, the noise is causing problems for some stu-

dents.

Evans Amoako, business administration graduate student, said, "I am in a master's program and every time we have class on the top floor we hear the banging and it disturbs our class."

The entryway to the library has two sets of doors. A planning group is considering changes to make the entry handicap accessible. There is also the possibility of replac-

ing the old furniture in the main lobby and sprucing up the paint to make it feel homier.

McAsey said, "We will probably get the same interior decorator who did the bathrooms to come and choose the color for the library. We want students to be able to feel as comfortable as they can."

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