



Habitat For Humanity becomes 4th Campus Chap-

Will Harris
Charger Staff

The Cookeville High Chapter of Habitat for Humanity was accepted as a national campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity International on Dec. 28. The purpose for a campus chapter is to educate people about Habitat for Humanity and raise funds.

"The campus chapter program is perhaps the most important program in Habitat for Humanity. I say that because the



ACCEPTING THE AWARD -- From left to right is Wayne Shanks, Gayle Haggard, Will Harris, Megan James, Jordan Wilhite, Dusty Baker, Betty Suiter and Randal Petrie. photo by Pam Ealey

future of this movement lies with the young people," said Millard Fuller, HFHI founder and president. Betty

Suiter, the club sponsor, said, "This is really exciting because this has been a club for four years and they finally recognized us a national club."

With thirty three people on the club roster, Megan James as president, Will Harris as vice-president, Jordan Wilhite as secretary and Dusty Baker as treasurer, the club has accomplished a great deal so far.

They helped with Cooking On the Square and raised funds selling with Home Interior candles.

Two students go to the Habitat ReStore almost every Saturday

and the Kids Korner at the Home Show.

Special guests such as Gayle Haggard, Pam Ealey and Katie Ory from Putnam County Habitat For Humanity and Randal Petrie president of PCHFH board of directors have spoken at Habitat meetings.

President Megan James said, "I feel good that I started this, and I hope to have cords for students at graduation next year. I hope other people continue this after I am out of high school. I would like to see more and more people join the club."

Ms. Suiter invites those who want information about Habitat for Humanity and its acceptance to a national campus chapter to stop by her room before or after school.

SAT and ACT Chang-

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Tired of boring college entrance exams? Then the makers of the ACT and SAT have some wonderful news. No, they are not going to cancel the tests, but they are changing the format of both tests starting in January of this year.

The SAT is taking on the bulk of the changes. It adds an hour long writing test that involves multiple choice questions and a written essay. This will eliminate the writing section in the SAT II subject tests. The verbal section of the SAT has also been renamed critical reading, adding short reading passages in addition to the existing long reading passages. The analogies have also

been eliminated from this section as well.

The math section has been expanded to include topics taught in third-year preparatory math. The cost of the SAT will remain the same.

The ACT will be adding on an optional writing test this year. The test will be thirty minutes long and will compliment the English test, giving colleges and universities a better of understanding of students' knowledge. To take this section of the test, which will be required by many colleges, will increase the cost of the ACT from \$28 to \$48.

Due to these testing changes, colleges will be adjusting their testing requirements this year. These changes will not affect this year's senior class.

Outstanding students of Cookeville High School

Grant Beatty
Charger Staff

Character Counts is a wonderful way to reward Cookeville High School's students for good behavior and study habits. The winners of the Character Counts award in December were Samantha Souder and Jessica Wylie, the runners up were Beth Gentry, Chase Sliger, Ayla Whittaker and Amanda Adams.

Mr. Gold nominated Samantha Souder. He said that Samantha exemplified the Character Counts



CHARACTER COUNTS WINNERS -- Jessica Wylie and Samantha Souder photo by Joy Hamby

attributes with her strong work and her good attitude.

He also said, "[Character Counts is a] great program, [and Samantha] does a lot for others. Mrs. Brum-

mitt nominated Jessica Wylie for taking responsibility for her actions in participating in the sit-in. Mrs. Brummitt said, "Jessica knew she could not make up the test and her grade would be affected, but to show respect for me and my class, she apologized to me for making a poor decision."

The winners of the Character Counts received a certificate, movie passes and a T-shirt. The runners-up received citizenship pens. Character Counts is awarded every month to students.

Hollywood is coming to Prom

Allison Coffey
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It is now 2005, and seniors are buzzing around the school with happiness about the upcoming prom festivities. The countdown has now begun, as has the search for the perfect dress and date.

The theme this year is 1930's Hollywood, which was "suggested last year by student congress," said Mitchell White. The song, voted on by the senior class, will be "Tiny Dancer" by Elton John.

Teaming up again with White is Bruce Anderson's technical theater class in the construction and building of the set. "Mr. Anderson and I will be working closely with the students during the planning process," said White. "We plan on playing around slightly with the placement of the decorations, but the entrance and some of the big pieces will be the same."

One of the big concerns for seniors of past proms was whether a live band would be performing. This year, not only will a live band

be performing, but a DJ will also be present. "We are having both," said White, "to help appeal to the different musical tastes of the students."

Anyone may participate in the preparations of the prom. Setting up begins the Friday before prom right after school. Decorating will go into the night and also take place during the day on Saturday.

The closer the days get to April 30, the more developed the prom will become. Be sure to check with *The Charger* to stay up-to-date on all of the prom related news.



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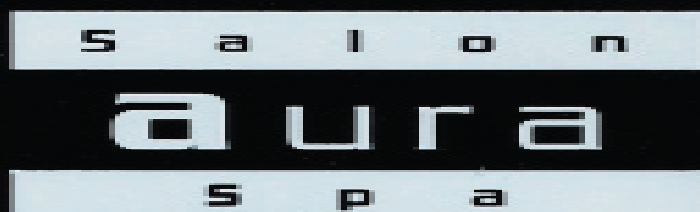
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