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Chain Letters

"Kiss someone you love when you get this letter and make magic." Among my invoices, Senate minutes, and a job fair announcement that I pulled from my box today, I found an ominous-looking plain envelope addressed to Elizabeth Blake. Elizabeth? When I opened it, my fears were confirmed: a chain letter.

It was filled with promises of receiving good luck within four days of sending the letter on to more unsuspecting people, and implied threats such as "Gene Welch lost his wife six days after receiving this letter." (Poor man broke the chain.) The good ones get "a surprise," mostly winning the lottery.

The letter whines, "This is no joke," and "it works," and "please do not ignore this."

Technically, I don't think chain letters are illegal unless they ask for money. (This one implored several times "Please send no money.") However, they clog the already burdened campus mail system, threaten and bore. I've met no one who has any respect for chain mail or the circulators thereof.

Yours sincerely,
Eliza Blake



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Habitat for Humanity: "Built by Love"

by Laura Peters

I have visited a house in Greensboro "built by love."

I am speaking of a house constructed in downtown Greensboro on a plot of land donated by the City to the non-profit Christian organization, Habitat for Humanity. There are two more houses under construction and two more being planned.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro (HHGG) is an industrious group of volunteers in our community who agree with the ethics of Habitat as a worldwide organization. It was originally established in America's South by Millard Fuller, a social activist, who based his ideas on biblical values.

Greensboro's chapter was organized by John Fisher, his wife, and another couple after their ventures in Central America on a Habitat project there. This group of four returned to North Carolina with a desire to put these same ideas into action in their own backyard after working with the housing crisis in another part of the globe. As an intern this semester, I have seen this organization's wonder first-hand. It has amazed me to see a group of individuals each with their own offering come together to create something, a house, with immediate rewards for other human beings.

Habitat for Humanity builds using donations from community merchants and money from a central fund created from fund-raising activities. Money from

this "pot" is used to purchase supplies for a house to be built. Once the house is built, the family living in the Habitat house then pays back the money used for supplies through a monthly no-interest mortgage.

There is no cost for labor, as the house is built by volunteers and the low-income family chosen to be the house owners. Furthermore, the only profit gained is awareness for all involved. Each housing project brings together people from diverse backgrounds to work towards a common goal while learning about one another and building a sense of comradeship.

Habitat for Humanity is unique as a social organization in its immediate results for all donating to its cause -- to build houses for low-income families around the world. The volunteer leaves the worksite with a smile on his/her face and the lucky family moving into the Habitat house is able to begin a new life.

One such family recently commented at a Habitat conference in Atlanta that they were able to sleep in bedclothes for the first time in their lives, with heat, and to learn table manners after their first dinner together in a dining room.

Habitat continues its good work due to the compassion of its volunteers, who are valuable at any age. College students in particular are an excellent resource for raising money and for working at the housing sites.

I've learned that each individual really does make a difference.