

Funded by recovered-bike auction

Bike fix-up shop to open

By LARRY PARKER
Bicycle thefts at Texas A&M University are indirectly aiding "tired" bikes.
Texas A&M will soon have a new bicycle repair shop which will be equipped with most of the tools needed for any bicycle repair. The project will be financed from the sale of recovered-stolen bicycles. University regulations say recovered-stolen bicycles must be kept for six months. Bikes that have not been claimed in the required time will be sold in a public auction. There are roughly 60 bicycles that will be sold," said Tom Parsons, director of security and traffic at Texas A&M. He said that almost 50 percent of the original number of bicycles (109) in storage as of May 1977 have been returned to their owners.

"All money from the auction goes into a bicycle repair fund," said Donnie Albrecht, assistant director of student activities. "People associated with A&M (students, faculty and employees) will be able to use the bicycle repair facility currently being set up through the craft shop."
The money from past bicycle auctions went into a campus chest used for emergency loans. But last summer a fund was established to aid the bicyclist and bicycle oriented future uses.
Traffic Panel subcommittee is currently looking into the future use and problems of bicycles on campus, Albrecht said.
Karen Zantow, director of the craft shop, said all the equipment for bicycle repair is ordered and most of it has been received. True-

ing stands, free wheel tools, chain tools and an air compressor are some of the items that will be available for use.
"Students will check out tools from the craft shop," Zantow said, "and use them in the mechanical room located adjacent to the Memorial Student Center (MSC) Coffeehouse." She said the repair shop wouldn't be open until January 16th but some tools could possibly be checked out prior to opening day.
The Texas A&M Wheelmen (the A&M bicycle club) advised the craft shop on which tools and equipment to get. They also offered free instructions in various phases of bicycle repair. The Free University also offers a course in bicycle repair.
"The tentative date for the bicycle auction will be the weekend after Thanksgiving," said Kim Strickland, president of the Wheelmen.

Dave Champlin, a Wheelman member, said he was available (free of charge) as a consultant on bike repairs. He said that he did not stock parts, but could get most parts within four days.

The Lost and Found-Special Account (bicycle fund) made \$1,097 in the last auction and this money is being used to equip the repair shop. Elliot Lowe, president of the Alpha Phi Omega said 25 bicycles and one tricycle were sold at the summer auction.

"Some of the bikes were expensive models such as Gitanes," Lowe said. None of the bikes sold were registered so they couldn't be traced back to the owners, he said.

"Approximately 75 percent of all bicycles on campus are unregistered," said O.L. Luther, University chief of police, "and records show that bicycles are being stolen at the rate of one per day."

Some students may not get a ticket for not having their bikes registered, he said, but they may lose their transportation.

Campus activities

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| <p>Tuesday
Robbins Aero Squadron, 7:15 p.m., 137A MSC
Uvalde Area Hometown Club, 7:30 p.m., 139 MSC
Class of '78 Class Council, 7:30 p.m., 402 Rudder
Delta Y, 8 p.m., 301 Rudder
Student Y, country western and square dance, 8 p.m., 201 MSC Ballroom
English Society, Dr. Sylvia Grider on Folktales, Fantasy & Star Wars, 105 RECC
Aggie Cinema, "Macbeth", 8 p.m., Rudder Theater
American Society for Metals, "Nondestructive Testing," 7 p.m., 128B Zachry</p> <p>Wednesday
CAMAC, 7:30 p.m., 137 MSC
Great Issues-Black Awareness Debate, Dr. William Shockley-Dr. Richard Goldsby, 8 p.m., Rudder Auditorium
Aggie Cinema, "Adam's Rib", 8 p.m., Rudder Theater
Bridge Committee, ACU-1 qualifying game, 7:15 p.m., MSC</p> <p>Thursday
Growth Management in International Perspective, 601 Rudder</p> | <p>Sigma Delta Chi, 6 p.m., 003 Reed McDonald
Aggie Players, "Waiting for Godot", 8 p.m., Rudder Forum
Cepheid Variable, "Carrie", 8 p.m., Rudder Theater</p> <p>Friday
Student Book Collectors Awards Program, Jay Bellotti, 2 p.m., 226 Library
Aggie Players, "Waiting for Godot", 8 p.m., Rudder Forum
Town Hall, 8 p.m., G.R. White Coliseum</p> <p>Saturday
College of Architecture and Environmental, open house, 9:30 a.m., gallery area of Ernest Langford Architecture Center
Aggie Players, "Waiting for Godot", 8 p.m., Rudder Forum
Aggie Cinema, "Network", 8 p.m. and "Monty Python meets Beyond the Fringe", 12 midnight, Rudder Auditorium
Pre Veterinary Society, party, 8 to 12 p.m., 601 Maryem
Marshall-Harrison County Hometown Club, 8 p.m. to 12 p.m., Tanglewood Apartment party room
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