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Incorrect address may cause suspension from University

By COLIN CROMBIE
Students can be dropped from Texas A&M University if they do not keep a correct local mailing address on file at the registrar's office, said Clark Diebel, controller of accounts at the Texas A&M Fiscal Department.

For example, suppose a student pays for the next semester with a hot check. This error isn't immediately detected and the student receives a class schedule and fee receipt. Then before the spring semester starts the student moves and fails to notify the registrar's office of a change of address. So one day during the spring semester the univer-

sity threatens to drop the student from school because he can't be contacted for the financial matter to be straightened out.

This is the most serious consequence of not keeping a correct local mailing address on file at the registrar's office, Diebel said.

"We do all we can to contact the student," he said. "Dropping is the last thing in the world we want to do. The students are here to get an education." (A student can also be dropped because of an academic or disciplinary situation.)

Wrong addresses are the cause of other problems. For example, students will not receive their grade reports or notice of a refund for dropping a class.

Robert A. Lacey, Texas A&M registrar, said about 10 percent of mail sent out to students is not delivered and is returned. This means that with 20,000 students pre-

registering, about 2000 will not receive their fee slips.

Some mail is not returned or replied to. And some never leaves the registrar's office. Lacey picked up one student's midterm grade report that lay on his desk. The address below the name was simply "Tx."

The address problem is significant and the registrar's office will campaign this semester to make students aware of it.

Efforts to contact students who may face being dropped from the university start with letters and telephone calls. When these fail, efforts are then made through the dean of the students' department and through faculty.

Some 15 to 20 students are threatened with being dropped every semester, Diebel said.

The students go to the Coke building, where the fiscal department and the registrar's office are

located, correct their mailing address and see what the problem is.

"The main thing is at least come in and talk with us. Don't ignore us," Diebel said. A delay in payment may be allowed, but it depends on the student's situation and a visit must be made to the department, he added.

The other matters concern receiving schedules, refunds or additional fees when a student drops or adds courses, midterm and final grades and other fees for which the department is an intermediary. An example is the physical plant that charges a student for breaking a window.

To try and remedy the wrong address situation the registrar's office sent out postage-paid address labels for this semester's pre-registration. It was the first time that this has been done but Diebel said there has been little improvement in the situation.

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ST. LOUIS—Sinking money into expensive cars is nothing new, but gluing more than \$3,000 in U.S. currency to the body of a truck may be.

"We wanted something that would draw people, and money draws people," said Bob Gray, coordinator of Ray Farner Shows.

Ray is an avid coin collector, and also has been building and showing exotic cars for the last 25 years. So we figured why not combine the two?

The result is the "Mint Machine," a replica of a 1919 truck cab with coins and bills covering its outside surface. Pennies cover nearly the entire truck, with quarters, nickels, half dollars, silver dollars and bills of various denominations used as decorative trim. The rear step has \$203 in bills, including a single \$100 bill.

"It's a piggy bank on wheels," Gray said. "The money could be recovered. It's not defaced, only preserved a bit."

The truck, completed two weeks ago, was built in Raytown, Mo., home of both Farner and Gray. Gray said the creation was built over a four-month period by Farner and two other men.

The money on the truck was taken daily from the same bank account to keep track of the amount used.

The exact face value of the money has not been revealed because a contest will be conducted late in February when the Farner auto, truck and cycle show tours Kansas City. The winner will be asked to guess the face value of the money.

"I'll tell you there's in excess of \$3,000 on that car," Gray said. "The rear step alone has \$500 on it, count-

ing the silver. The wooden platform on which the car sits has \$600 worth of pennies."

Much of the silver is Farner's collection of old silver dollars, Indian head nickels and other rare silver coins.

Gray said the car was made by gluing the money onto plywood, then pouring clear fiberglass resin to seal the money in.

The rear door of the cab features an oval glass window with Abraham Lincoln's figure etched on it. The headlights also have Lincoln's face and Gray said the color of the upholstery and carpeting is "George Washington Green."

Large silver eagles highlight the sides.

The truck is equipped with fuel-injected Corvette engine and comes with the traditional hot rodder's huge slicks.

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