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# MSC Council to pay more for its awards

By GAIL WEATHERLY  
Campus Reporter  
An extra \$500 will be spent this year on awards to be presented at the Memorial Student Center Awards Banquet.  
About \$2,500 was spent to purchase plaques, certificates and tie tacs for recipients, said Vice President of Programs Teresa Beshara, in a memo to the council. This was an increase from the \$1,700 spent last year.  
The MSC Council will have to absorb the cost into other parts of its budget this year, but members voted at their meeting Monday to seek outside funding to cover the additional costs in the future.  
Beshara said the amount allocated in the present budget for awards

comes from student service fees. This is not enough to allow extra awards to be given to students who donate much of their time to the MSC projects.  
Also neglected, Beshara said, are faculty members who work with the council just on specific projects, rather than on a continuing basis.  
"Our present system recognizes only those faculty who serve for a long period of time, and does not recognize those faculty members who may contribute much time and energy on a single project," she said in a memo to the council.  
In order to give more awards in the future to deserving people, the council voted to submit a request to the MSC Enrichment Board of

Directors at its meeting April 12 that the board fund these supplemental awards that are beyond the budget allowance of the MSC Award fund.  
The council set a minimum of \$1,000 funding per year from the Enrichment Fund for next three years.  
The council also voted to authorize the MSC Enrichment Fund to raise money to provide for an endowed lecture series.  
Beshara said, "Details of how it will operate will be decided later by the students and the MSC Council."  
In other business, the council voted to have a MSC calendar of events printed on-campus and made available to students next fall at \$2.15 per calendar.  
Cole said the calendar is not a fund raising activity but a service to consolidate all student programs activities into one calendar booklet.  
"We're just trying to break even on it," he said, "but if there is any money left over it will be applied to the next year's calendar."  
Monday's meeting was the last one for the 30th MSC Council.

# Offshore plants could ease crunch

The federal government is studying two locations in the Gulf of Mexico as potential sites for offshore power plants that produce energy by mixing massive quantities of sea water, one of the scientists involved said at Texas A&M University.

The Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion program (OTEC) is also considering two sites in the Hawaiian chain and one off Puerto Rico as test sites for the generating stations that are largely still on the drawing board, said Dr. Pat Wilde of the University of California Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory.

He told a Sea Grant-sponsored marine fellows lecture that tremendous engineering and ecological problems still lie in the path of development of OTEC, but that future world energy situations may push the idea forward.

"OTEC depends on OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)," Wilde said. "If you didn't have OPEC, you wouldn't need OTEC."

For now, researchers can't even estimate the cost of building a single OTEC unit — although it will be in the tens of millions of dollars — and have no idea of how much time would be required before a unit

would pay for itself, he told Texas A&M scientists.  
He said the drawback to the Gulf sites — near Louisiana and off the west coast of Florida — was the high incidence of tropical storms and hurricanes.



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# Candidate's qualifications

Two names were left off of Monday's listing of candidates for the Class of '82 President. They are:  
**JOE RICHARDS**  
Major: Pre-Med  
Age: 20  
Hometown: Cleveland  
Qualifications: Pre-Med Society member, Wesley Foundation, also a Distinguished Student.  
Platform: Richards would like to increase participation in class activities through better communication between students and the school. He said this might be done through a regular council report, would like to preserve Texas University traditions, possibly having a Howdy Week drive.  
**BRY ROSE**  
Major: Animal Science  
Age: 20  
Hometown: San Antonio

Qualifications: two-year class council member, participant in Pre-Vet Society and Student Y, freshman member of Ag Council.  
Platform: Rose would like to organize the class better and get input from classmates on various matters, especially the class gift. He would like to use a type of survey to get ideas from members of the class and to find out why meetings aren't attended. Collecting cans and having car washes are some fund-raising ideas Rose has.

The information of Kathleen Miller, a candidate for vice president for academic affairs in student government, was incorrect in Monday's paper. She was a member of the Ag Council last year but is not currently a member.

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