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Unclaimed items auctioned today

A lost and found auction sponsored by Texas A&M's MSC Council is on tap today in the MSC main lounge.

Items being auctioned are lost and found items which have remained in the MSC and have not been claimed. The auction is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and will continue throughout the afternoon.

Items up for auction include

calculators, books, clothes, hats, caps, jewelry, key chains, records, blankets, headphones, film and cameras.

Also glass cases, engineering kits, notebooks, sporting goods, shoes, three new pairs of boots, umbrellas, coats, jackets and shirts will be sold.

Cash is all council members will accept for items bought; no checks will be accepted.

Records help with student tracking

Council discusses personnel files

By NANCY FLOECK
Battalion Staff

Creating personnel files on students involved in MSC Council and Directorate activities was the main topic of discussion at Monday night's council meeting.

Greg Hawkins, assistant for student development, said the files, which would contain students' names, addresses, ID numbers and career goals, would assist the council in recording growth

and distributing information to members. The files would also provide input from students, he said.

These files would be revised when students graduate, Hawkins said, and would assist the council when seeking donations and assistance from former MSC Council and committee members.

All information in the files would be optional and records on students would not be compiled

without permission, he said.

Several council members expressed concern on the accessibility and confidentiality of such files, since ID numbers, marital status and other personal information would be included if the files are compiled as presented.

MSC Council President Doug Dedeker asked that these opinions and questions be put in writing in order to ensure consideration.

In other business, the council approved changing the Basement's name to Rumours. The Basement, which reopened last week after having undergone renovation for more than a year, now has a snack bar and video screen and is open during the day. Anne Windhager, coordinator of programs, said the facility needed a new name to go with its new role.

The council also approved transferring \$945 from the direc-

torate reserve fund in order to help Texas A&M delegates pay registration fees to the 1981-82 National Association of College Directors International Conference which will be held on campus Nov. 6 through 8. Thirty-five delegates from the MSC Council and Directorate will attend the conference. Fees are \$42 per delegate each will pay \$27 and the remainder will come from the fund.

Dorms getting trees, shrubs

by MARTY BLAISE
Battalion Reporter

After standing on bare, treeless ground for over a year, two Texas A&M University dormitories are soon to be landscaped.

Trees, shrubs and an irrigation system will be added to the grounds around Hobby and Neeley halls. Gene Ray, director of grounds maintenance, said the irrigation system is being constructed to allow water run-off.

He explained that a certain amount of money called "site" money is used when a dormitory is in need of landscaping. This site money also is to be used to build irrigation channels under side-

walks, he said.

Irrigation channels at Hobby and Neeley are a preliminary step before grounds maintenance can pour concrete mow strips, concrete bands used in planting areas that can make sidewalk edging an easier process.

"I think we've probably got about 50 percent of the mow strips completed over there," Ray said. "It costs a little more per foot, but in two or three years it pays for itself in labor savings."

Several ground cover plants, medium-size shrubs and a few trees will be planted in the Hobby-Neeley area.

The dorm landscaping project

will be complete once a water sprinkling system is added and grass is planted. Ray expects the project to be complete this winter.

Grounds maintenance has separate departments to handle different landscaping.

"We have what we call a landscape construction irrigation division in the department, and they handle the irrigation and preliminary work," Ray said.

"We also have a landscape maintenance section that takes care of things after that construction is completed," he said.

Before 1974, some of the grounds maintenance work was completed by outside contractors,

he said, but now everything is done 'in house' by Texas A&M grounds maintenance department.

Current grounds maintenance projects include landscaping the parking lot by the post office on Houston Street, irrigation work

on the outside of Underwood and Clements halls and irrigation work outside of the Academic and Agency Building.

Ray said he hopes to see the projects finished by winter, but completion will depend on weather conditions and available manpower.

Rover may be a homebody

Pet names often express an expectation by the owner which is sometimes naive or unrealistic, an expert on animal behavior says.

Dogs and cats that substitute as children or other human forms of

companionship usually receive a human name, while elegant names are given to pets which satisfy a status-conscious ego trip for their owners, Dr. Bonnie Beaver, a Texas A&M veterinary

anatomist, said.

Just as often, she said, troublesome pets receive derogatory names like Stinky and dogs purchased for protection are given tough names such as Sarge or Killer.

Pets sometimes don't live up to their names, and Beaver said it is important to study such relationships because the attitudes of owners often show up in veterinary clinics as problem cases.

According to surveys of pet owners, only 17 percent of people with dogs classify themselves as "enthusiastic," meaning they act responsibly and have a strong affection for Fido, she said.

Fully a fifth of all dog owners said they were "dissatisfied" while a fourth explained they had

obtained a dog merely for protection.

Of cat owners, six in 10 said they maintained a "low involvement" in the day-to-day care and psychological needs of their pets, Beaver said.

Part of the problem in studying owner attitudes and pet problems is that no profile of a typical owner exists, Beaver said. A common bond appears to be children, however, and children's attitudes toward their pets can change as the young owners themselves grow up.

More than half the homes in America have a pet, and more than a fourth of all dogs and 10 percent of all cats come as gifts, she said.

Sixty percent of all companion animal owners have a strong psychological tie of some sort to their pet.

She said former pet owners who were interviewed often said their animal had either been given away — indicating a naive attitude about owning a pet — or had run away or had been killed in an accident, perhaps pointing to owner attitudes regarding responsible pet care.

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