

# Items for auction should be in now

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Texas A&M departments have until Sept. 26 to pick up or deliver items to the Purchasing and Storage Building before the surplus property will be auctioned to the public.

Auctioneer Art King will auction about \$349,000 of merchandise Oct. 1. The sale will start at 9 a.m. at the storage building on Agronomy Road and will include everything from calculators to trucks. There will be no minimum bids and all items will be sold to the highest bidder.

Isidore Bienski, assistant manager of the surplus department, says he is not really interested in making money, he just needs to dispose of the property.

"A lot of the equipment we have is just excess that the school doesn't need," Bienski says. "Some of the items are

beyond repair and some would cost too much to have repaired. We need to get rid of all of it."

University departments send merchandise they no longer need to the surplus department. Departments also can acquire merchandise from surplus.

Bienski says the University started using auctions to dispose of excess property about five years ago. Sealed bids were used then, but now they're used only for expensive items.

"The University has a lot more equipment than it did five years ago because it has grown," Bienski says. "The more property you have to dispose of, the more difficult sealed bids get."

King says Texas A&M uses auctions primarily for economic reasons. He says auctions put bidders in a competi-

tive situation, which usually makes them pay more for items.

"The University doesn't have to tie up personnel," King says. "The auctioneer does most of the paperwork and the checks are cleared by the auctioneering company. The University doesn't even have to worry about hot checks."

King says the auction will be smaller than others at Texas A&M. There will be 300 to 350 items auctioned. Among those are several typewriters, desks, chairs, tables and vehicles.

"It's really hard to say what will be for sale because University departments have until Sept. 26 to bring in or pick up items," Bienski says. "Whatever the University wants, comes first."

# Fired officer to receive pay

United Press International

HOUSTON — A judge has ordered reinstatement with back pay for a police lieutenant fired five years ago as part of a conspiracy involving a police cover-up of a shooting of a Louisiana teenager.

Paul Dillon, fired in 1978 by then-Police Chief Harry Caldwell, a year later was cleared of any wrong doing in the shooting death of Randall Alan Webster, 17, of Shreveport.

Webster was shot by police in February 1977 following a high speed chase in a stolen van. Dillon was the first supervisor to arrive at the scene of the shooting.

Dillon and four other officers were fired; a sixth policeman resigned. Only two of the officers were convicted in the "throw-down gun" case and were given five-year probated sentences.

The term "throw-down gun" refers to a weapon placed on a suspect by police to conceal an unjustified police shooting.

Former U.S. District Judge Finis Cowan testified in a hearing two months ago that there was not a "shred of evidence" to connect Dillon with the shooting. Dillon's lawyer Edward Williamson said his client was "rail-

roaded" and now wishes to return to his job as inconspicuously as possible.

The settlement is worth \$165,000 and Dillon is expected to return to work by Oct. 1. Dillon's new police assignment was not disclosed.

# United Way campaign starts Monday in Brazos County

by Michelle Powe  
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The 1983 Brazos County United Way campaign kicks off Monday and will last through Nov. 18.

The United Way provides funding for 17 agencies in Brazos County, such as the Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, the Brazos County Senior Citizens, the Boys Club of Bryan, the Girls Club of Brazos County and the Red Cross.

Texas A&M's part in the drive is broken into three efforts — the students, the University and the Texas A&M System.

Dr. Bryan Cole and Dr. Charles Pinnell are co-chairmen for the Texas A&M drive. Cole, associate dean of education, is in charge of the Texas A&M University units. Pinnell, associate deputy chancellor for engineering, handles the Texas A&M System units on campus, plus the agriculture and engineering colleges and the Texas A&M Research Foundation.

involved with some of the programs supported by the United Way, such as the the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Two kick-off breakfasts, Wednesday and Thursday, will mark the start of the Texas A&M campaign. The goals of the University will be announced formally during the breakfasts, which will be held in the Memorial Student Center. The breakfast for the University units will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday and the breakfast for the system units will be held at 7:15 a.m. Thursday.

Last year Texas A&M raised \$92,482 for the United Way. The University units raised \$50,306, the System raised \$38,598 and the students raised \$3,577.

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