

Mop-Up

Reimbursement project a success

By MIKE DAVIS
Reporter

The project was to reimburse students whose property was damaged during Christmas break; the goal was to raise \$3,000; the means was through donations and a bicycle auction; the result was unexpected.

John McMaster, head of "Operation: Mop-Up," says the project was even more successful than he had hoped; when the donations were added up and the results of the auction were tallied, the total was \$3,445.32.

McMaster says the money will be delivered Thursday and today to the recipients of the aid.

Operation: Mop-up was an effort by some Texas A&M students to partially or fully reimburse those students whose property was damaged by broken pipes this winter. Five dorms were involved, each having its own representative who collected and evaluated the claims from that dorm.

The group planned to collect the money solely through donations, but the university police heard about the project and decided to help out.

They donated about 75 bicycles to be auctioned with all of the profits going to the project. The auction was held by Rudder Fountain last Friday, bringing the project \$2,088.

The project had also collected over \$1,300 in donations.

A committee, consisting of the five representatives, McMaster and two advisers, met Monday. Based on the evaluations of the claims made by the dorm representatives, the committee decided which of the claimants would receive the money and how much they would receive.

Thirty-four of the 36 students requesting help from

Operation: Mop-Up will receive some reimbursement for their property, McMaster says. The two students who won't be receiving any reimbursement claimed only carpet damage, he says.

The committee elected not to reimburse for any carpets or momentos, McMaster says, though a few of the claims, like some stereos and shoes, were reimbursed in full.

McMaster says he will have all of the checks delivered before spring break, after which Operation: Mop-Up will be mopped up.

McMaster says there will be nothing more for Operation: Mop-Up to do unless something similar happens again.

With Operation: Mop-Up coming to a close McMaster says the project was successful in more than one way.

"It's nice to see that we have people in the community who really care about each other," he says.

Perot denies offering state posts

United Press International

AUSTIN — State Board of Education Chairman Joe Kelly Butler said Thursday an assistant to education reformer H. Ross Perot offered him a gubernatorial appointment if he would support Perot's proposal to abolish the elected state board and replace it with an appointed panel.

Butler said Dallas attorney Tom Luce, chief of staff and legal counsel for Perot's Select Committee on Education, offered him a spot on an appointed Board of Education if he would endorse the dismantling of the current 27-member elected panel.

"I don't see how he (Luce) gets off offering," said Butler, who has been at odds with Perot since the formation of the select committee. "I thought the governor had appointment powers."

Two other board members, Will Davis of Austin and Mary Ann Leveridge of East Bernard, said Perot himself had approached them about supporting an appointed board. They said that Perot had indicated they might be considered for a position on a seven member board appointed by the governor.

Both Perot and Luce flatly denied making any such offers.

Butler, Davis and Leveridge

all said they adamantly refused to support Perot's proposal for an appointed board.

"There is no one calling for the abolishment of the State Board of Education except Mr. Perot," Davis said.

Butler supported Davis' view: "My philosophy is that the schools belong to the people. They should not be subjected to a dictatorship and that's what Mr. Perot wants."

Davis, who also is a member of Perot's select committee, said he did not think Perot made an outright offer of a position on the appointed board in exchange for his support. However, he conceded Perot gave the impression Perot would have a role in deciding who was on an appointed board.

"Maybe he believes he could have some influence on who is selected," Davis said. "Maybe he could. He is a very powerful man, a very wealthy man."

A proposal to scrap the elected panel already has cleared a subcommittee of Perot's panel. Davis said he thinks Perot has a one- or two-vote margin of support for the plan among members of the select committee.

Any recommendations finally adopted by Perot's committee must first be approved by the Legislature before they are actually enacted.

Leveridge said she discussed the prospect of an appointed Board of Education during a telephone conversation with Perot and was offended by his suggestion.

"His general tone was that if I would support an appointed board my name would be considered," she said. "I told him absolutely not."

Leveridge said Perot had told

her that changes his panel would recommend were going to be unpopular with the public and that an elected board would not be able to take the political criticism associated with them.

"I don't think there's a chance you'll see a new system if it's left to the state board," Perot said in published reports Wednesday.

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By Mark E. Lish
Reporter

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About 40 cadets will visit high schools in their hometowns to tell students about life in the Corps and opportunities at Texas A&M, Kirk Joseph, Corps public relations officer, said Wednesday.

"It's important to keep our strength up," Joseph said. "The Corps is not something that will go on forever by itself. We have to work at it to keep it going."

The cadets recruit out of a personal commitment and dedication to the Corps, Joseph said.

"They want to get the kind of sharp people they'd like to see in their units," he said.

The main recruiting drive is during the Christmas holidays when about 400 cadets travel to schools all over the nation speaking to classes, giving slide presentations, and explaining

the fundamental concepts and purposes of the Corps.

Joseph said the emphasis during spring break recruiting is on cadets recruiting friends who are still in high school.

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