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Memorial Student Center

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 5, 2000

The 60s International Movie Festival: *Yellow Submarine*
Sponsored by MSC L.T. Jordan
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
MSC Forsyth Center Galleries

Sunday, October 8, 2000

OPAS Jr.: Amelia Bedelia
Sponsored by MSC OPAS
2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Rudder Theatre

Monday, October 9, 2000

Internship and Living Abroad Informational for the Dominican Republic, England, and Singapore
Sponsored by MSC L.T. Jordan
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., MSC 230

Tuesday, October 10, 2000

Internship and Living Abroad Informationals for the Dominican Republic, England, and Singapore
Sponsored by MSC L.T. Jordan
5:30p.m.-6:30 p.m., MSC 230
8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., MSC 230

The Contender
Sponsored by MSC Film Society
8:00 p.m., Rudder Theatre

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

Internship and Living Abroad Informational for the Dominican Republic, England, and Singapore
Sponsored by MSC L.T. Jordan
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Rudder 502

The Ladies Man
Sponsored by MSC Film Society
8:00 p.m., Rudder Theatre

Thursday, October 12, 2000

The 60s International Movie Festival: *Purple Noon*
7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
MSC Forsyth Center Galleries

Monday, October 16, 2000

Internship and Living Abroad Informational for the Dominican Republic, England, and Singapore
Sponsored by MSC L.T. Jordan
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., MSC 203

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Internship and Living Abroad Informational for the Dominican Republic, England, and Singapore
Sponsored by MSC L.T. Jordan
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., MSC 203

The 60s International Movie Festival: *El Cid*
Sponsored by MSC L.T. Jordan
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
MSC Forsyth Center Galleries

Thursday, October 19, 2000

What's the Word Oratorical Contest
Sponsored by: MSC Black Awareness Committee
7:00 p.m., MSC 292

The 60s International Movie Festival: *The Conformist*
Sponsored by MSC L.T. Jordan
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
MSC Forsyth Center Galleries

Arts Awareness Week

October 16-20

All Week:

World's Longest Poem
Sponsored by MSC Literary Arts Committee
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Rudder Fountain

Flagroom Performances
Performed by Various Groups
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., MSC Flagroom

Monday, October 16, 2000

Play Anything, Say Anything
Sponsored by MSC Town Hall
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Rudder Fountain

Schlock Workshop
Sponsored by MSC Cepheid Variable
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Halbouty 101

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

The Assad Brothers
Sponsored by MSC OPAS
7:30 p.m. Rudder Theatre

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Lunchbox Concert
Sponsored by MSC Town Hall
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Rudder Fountain

Spoken Word Workshop
Sponsored by MSC Literary Arts Committee
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., MSC 203

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Spoken Word Workshop
Sponsored by MSC Literary Arts Committee
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., MSC 205

The Big Lebowski
Sponsored by MSC Film Society
8:30, Academic Building 130

Animae/Schlock Viewing
Sponsored by MSC Cepheid Variable
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Halbouty 101

Friday, October 20, 2000

Karaoke
Sponsored by MSC OPAS
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Rumours

Spoken Word Workshop
Sponsored by MSC Literary Arts Committee
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Rudder 601

Coffee House
Sponsored by MSC Town Hall
7:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m., Rumours

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MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER
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Bright and Early

Groundskeepers share tales of working the morning shift on the Texas A&M campus

By Sara Burns
The Battalion

John Hubbard wakes up at 6 a.m. every day to make it to work by 7, only to spend his first two hours at work picking up trash students left behind the night before.

After clearing the campus of trash and debris, Hubbard, a landscape and maintenance worker, goes to his designated areas to maintain flowers and plants.

Hubbard said getting started early in the morning helps when the temperature gets into the 100s.

"We get two breaks a day, and we try to drink lots of water," he said.

The University provides water coolers for workers to bring to their designated areas for the day. When it rains, workers put on rain gear and clean the sidewalks.

"We only get a break when lightning strikes or if the rain is so bad that you can't see through it," Hubbard said.

Hubbard said he does not mind being outside all day. He has been working for landscape and maintenance for 12 years.

"Before this, I worked in construction," he said. "I think I'd go crazy working in an office all day. I'm used to being outside, and I enjoy it."

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> — John Hubbard
> Landscape and Maintenance employee

Occasionally, maintenance workers stray from their usual routine to clean up sidewalk chalk or pull down fliers from trees and light poles.

"We have to notify the University Police Department (UPD) when there is a lot of chalking. Then we spend several hours cleaning it up," Hubbard said. "It takes away time from other jobs we have to do."

Hubbard said littering is not as bad as it used to be. There are more trash receptacles, and students seem to be pretty good about putting their trash in the right place, he said.

"We try to work around students when they are napping on the ground," he said.

Napping students are not the only oddity that these workers encounter. A month ago, hibiscus plants disappeared from the area outside Rudder Complex every day. The UPD was notified, but this went on for three weeks.

"You can't have someone watch the plants 24 hours," Hubbard said. "(But) I guess the plant thief finally finished his garden."

That was not the only time landscape and maintenance workers had to deal with plant theives.

"We don't mind occasional flower picking," said Marsha Whaley, a section leader for the physical plant services department and overseer of the flower crew. "We have very few problems with that. Most people are quite respectful."

However, not all students are respectful.

Whaley said that a few years ago, students from the University of Texas pulled up the plants in the bed in front of the Williams Administration Building in the shape of the block ATM logo. The students then poured gasoline on the bed.

Frank Wurbs, the north campus landscape and maintenance section leader, said the desecration of the bed was more destructive than the vandals probably thought.

"We have somewhat of a tradition with that bed," he said. "Every year before the plants die, we take a cutting from the plants and regrow them in the greenhouse to use in the next year. It's kind of like the offspring of the original plants. That bed has been around for about 25 years."

Another tradition with the bed is the battle with an infestation of linden caterpillars which occurs every fall. Insecticide is used to get rid of them.

"The spray is moderate and is not harmful to people," Wurbs said.

Weather is also a problem for the bed. Whaley said the crew tries to keep the plants alive through football season, but, every once in a while, the temperature will reach freezing levels before then.

Most of the flowers on campus are grown in A&M greenhouses from seeds or cuts. The flower crew plants the beds two or three times a year, depending on how severe the weather gets.

The flower crew's duties are different from regular landscape and maintenance.

"On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the flower crew does basic flower bed maintenance," Whaley said. "They water and weed the beds and get rid of bugs. On Tuesday and Thursday, they replant or work in the greenhouse. They fertilize and catch up on weeding."

She said she likes to get input from the faculty and students on what color and species of plant to put in the bed.

"Employees actually do give input," Whaley said, "We often hear 'I don't like that plant because it's a little too orange' from people."

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$2.50 Pitchers
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