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One million dollars of the campaign money currently is being used to install a new scoreboard for the Anderson Track and Field Center and new locker rooms and a lounge for the volleyball team in G. Rollie White Coliseum. James and Jere Lynn

Burkhart of Lubbock recently donated \$500,000 to the fund.

Burkhart played for A&M from 1953-1955. He said he has made contributions to many areas of the University, including the Department of Petroleum Engineering and the Corps of Cadets.

"Of course I have a special interest in athletics, but I want A&M to be a well-rounded

school in all phases and endeavors," Burkhart said. "You have to have top-flight facilities to have top-flight programs."

The campaign, which has been planned for two years and in effect for 18 months, is one of 11 athletic capital campaigns of the Big 12 schools. Marks said \$33 million has already been promised to the campaign.

STUDY

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a proposal process.

The subjects chosen to be taught depend on the faculty, Schutt said.

Each semester the available destinations vary. One program has been going to Dominican for 11 years. Some programs only go once, and others repeat for years, Schutt said.

A&M has a center in Castiglione Fiorentino, Italy. There, Aggies live together and take classes together. Safety is an important issue for students, and especially parents, when thinking about studying abroad.

Schutt said safety is an important issue for A&M as well. The faculty are in constant contact with the Critical Incident Team, she said. Safety is also covered in orientation classes.

NEIGHBOR

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tion," said Lt. Mike Matthews of the College Station Police Department. "We want to remind people to keep the noise level down. It would be good if we could get the information out at the same time [as the 'Bee A Good Neighbor' campaign]. We did this somewhat last year when we started our noise abatement program and I think we've had some effect. There's been a reduction in our numbers, maybe 20 percent."

With an increase in visibility, the expectations of the program are even higher this year. Risa Bierman, coordinator of OCSS, describes some of the new initiatives of the program:

"The first thing we are doing is the door-to-door campaign out in the duplexes in the Welsh/Wellborn area to let people know some tips on how to be a good neighbor and to give them information on some common city fines," Bierman said. "We are going to be with some police officers whose beats cover that area so that they will have the chance to meet some of the people who live out in that area."

The residences visited on Sept. 13 included houses and duplexes on Antelope Lane

and Trace Meadows. A similar door-to-door visit will be held again Oct. 11 in the same area.

"We have door hangers to put on the doors of students who are not there, and for those who are there, we have a little welcome bag with pens, a magnet, candy and a flyer — just something that says 'It's nice to meet you' and 'Thanks for being a good neighbor.'"

But residents' reactions to the program are mixed.

"Honestly and truthfully, maybe it will scare someone and maybe it will work, but I don't think it will — there's too many parties," said Misty Hayes, a sophomore computer science major. "It's a nice gesture, but most people will just blow it off because a lot of people around here have money and they don't care if you get the citations."

But others feel that the program can do some good in their community.

"I think it's pretty cool," said Rob Layton, a junior recreation, parks and tourism sciences major. "The police officer that came was nice and gave us some good information. It's a good program. I don't think it's going to stop people from having parties and being loud, but at least they can't say ignorance is their excuse now."

Some of the information

given includes disorderly conduct and noise violation fines, the first offense of which is \$300, as well as information on alcohol offenses. The most important change in that area is that anyone who makes alcohol available to minors will be charged with a class A misdemeanor, which is just below a felony.

Monique Youm, a junior biomedical science major and mother of two children, said it is important this information be brought to the attention of the residents.

"'Bee A Good Neighbor' is a great program," she said. "I'm buying this house and it's really important because we have to live together with families and students, and I am both. I have to pay a pretty hefty mortgage on this house and so I don't appreciate having to wake up at 3:37 in the morning on a Thursday night because of the noise."

The goal of the program will be put in action throughout the semester, with another door-to-door campaign and a block party Oct. 18 at Eastgate, in Thomas Park. The party, an effort to build the relationship between the city, the University and residents of the area, will have food, music and recreation and allow residents to meet the police officers and fire department officials from their area.

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