

## Going once...going twice

### MSC will auction lost and found items

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Keith Kovalic, a junior English major, enjoys the thrill of shopping. He says he would rather compete with others for purchases verses the traditional method of shopping. Like many Americans, he has become entrenched in the auctioning craze that has been sweeping the nation for the last several years.

"In online auctions, I have bought DVDs for a dollar, CDs for a penny and an 8-by-6 inch Harley Davidson belt buckle for five bucks," Kovalic said. "Because stuff at auctions is so cheap, I feel obligated to buy it."

Students such as Kovalic can bid against other Aggies at the MSC Hospitality's Lost and Found Auction on Wed., Oct. 16. The auction will be held in the MSC Flagroom, MSC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rebecca Bennet, financial development executive for MSC Hospitality and senior marketing and management major, said a wide range of paraphernalia will be available at the auction.

"The auction consists of items that have been left in the MSC and never claimed," Bennet said.

Lost items are sent to the MSC Lost and Found first. If they are not claimed within two semesters, they are fair game for the auction, Bennet said.

"We get a lot of Bibles, umbrellas, purses and watches," Bennet said.

She said most items are priced between 25 to 50 cents. However, during the early part of the auction it is possible to find good items, such as Banana Republic jackets, that cost a little more.

Before the auction begins, items are displayed on tables throughout the Flagroom, Bennet said. If students see something they like, they take it to the auctioneer and it is auctioned off.

Leftover items are donated to Twin City Missions, Bennet said. Funds earned during the auction go to MSC Hospitality's community service budget for the upcoming year.

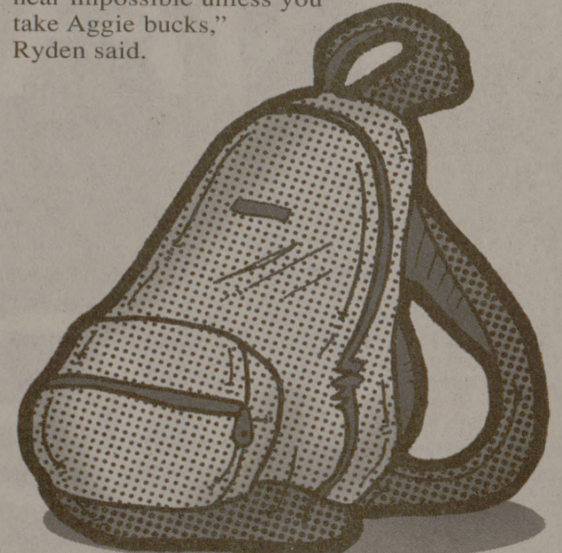
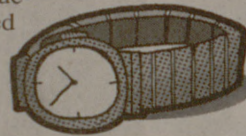
"It's good for us and for students," Bennet said. "Prices are very inexpensive. And, unlike buying things in a store, you never know what you are going to get or for what price. It has an entertainment value you can't find at regular stores."

Sheetal Desai, Class of 2001, attended the auction her freshman year for a good time.

"It was very entertaining," she said. "Everyone was raising their hands and bidding to get the things they wanted, just like you would typically see at an auction."

Although Desai came home from the auction empty handed, she said her roommate scored a purse and an umbrella. The inexpensive prices are an incentive for many financially-constrained college students. Kevin Ryden, a senior agricultural economics major, said he admires

Hospitality's creativity in fund raising. "Getting money from college kids is damn near impossible unless you take Aggie bucks," Ryden said.



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#### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

#### Accused murderer says he was framed by CIA

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ira Einhorn, the guru turned fugitive on trial for allegedly killing his girlfriend in 1977, took the witness stand Monday, testifying that she left him several times during their relationship, often for long periods.

The first several years with Holly Maddux were "loving times and happy times," Einhorn, the one-time star of the city's counterculture movement, testified. But she quickly became frustrated with his womaniz-

ing, he told a packed courtroom. "As time went on in our relationship, she got increasingly dissatisfied that I was sleeping with other women" he testified.

Einhorn, who fled Philadelphia and was on the run in Europe for more than 15 years, is charged with bludgeoning Maddux because she wanted to end their relationship. Her mummified remains were found in a trunk in his apartment closet in March 1979.

Einhorn, 62, has claimed she was missing and that the CIA framed him in the murder because of his research into "psychic warfare."

#### CBS announces new morning show anchors

NEW YORK (AP) — After six months of searching, CBS announced a new anchor lineup for its struggling morning news show on Monday, bringing back Harry Smith and teaming him with three women.

Starting Oct. 28, Smith will be joined by Julie Chen, the lone holdover from the current "The Early Show" team; former NBC sportscaster Hannah Storm; and Rene Syler, a news anchor at the CBS-owned station in Dallas.

In breaking from the traditional male-female anchor team, CBS invites comparisons to the morning chat show, "The View." But CBS said the show will have a mix of news and water-cooler topics typical for its 7 a.m. time slot.

"We're not going to reinvent the wheel," said CBS News President Andrew Heyward. "We're just trying to give it another spin."


CBS has been looking for a new morning team since Bryant Gumbel announced in April that he was quitting. The network announced last month it was reassigning Jane Clayson.

The third-rated morning show has basically been using various substitutes and auditioning hopefuls since May. One sub in July was Smith, 51, who had been host of "CBS This Morning" from 1987 to 1996. Both he and the network were buoyed that week when the ratings went up and CBS received hundreds of e-mails wanting to see him again.

"It surprised me just how much fun I had and how exciting it was," Smith said.


Maybe, he said, "I just needed a 6 1/2-year rest."

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