

Lost, but not found, items for sale

The recreation center is selling an assortment of unclaimed items for \$2.50 and under

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A ceramic coffee mug. A crate of lone gloves at a quarter each. A typewriter. And The Super Chicken Cookbook.

These are the lost but not found: items left in the library, the EMU or a classroom and never claimed.

They're for sale now — all \$2.50 or less.

The University runs a lost and found through the EMU Recreation Center. It holds a sale twice a year, in fall and spring, to clear space for recently lost items.

The most expensive item Monday cost \$5. But everything is half off today. The sale is in the EMU Fir Room and will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"It's kind of one of those blue-plate specials," recreation manager Stephanie Dixon said.

The recreation center keeps lost items for at least 30 days before putting them up for sale. It also won't sell items that personally identify the former owner.

And some things just should

Lost and found hours

The University's lost and found is located in Cedar Room D during EMU construction. Its hours are limited now, but it will be open and staffed after it moves into the renovated recreation center.

■ **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ **TUESDAY, THURSDAY:** 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

■ **FRIDAY:** noon to 2 p.m.

not — or cannot — be sold.

Corrie Heselius, office assistant with the recreation center, has seen retainers and false teeth come through the lost and found. One man came looking for his girlfriend in the lost and found.

"And everybody loses umbrellas," she said. "Those are the hardest because people don't leave good descriptions. They'll say, 'A black umbrella,' and we'll have 30 of them."

The sale helps the recreation center pay for the lost and found service, Dixon said. It generally brings in about \$500. Together, the fall and spring sales just about cover the expenses of staffing the service.

Most other college campuses hold a similar sale, Dixon said. The University's sale has been a tradition on campus for years.

The lost and found usually gets between five and 10 reports of lost items each day, Heselius said. It's fielded 1,327 such reports this school year and has received 1,333 lost items.

Every item the lost and found gets will be numbered, dated, categorized and described. The recreation center enters that information into a computer database to help it find the owners.

It has a "high success rate" of returning lost items that are turned in quickly, Dixon said, although actual numbers aren't available.

Some departments, though, tend to hold onto boxes of lost items for too long. The recreation center has received boxes of things lost a year before.

By then, Dixon said, it's often too late. The items will likely end up on the clothes racks or tables for the bi-annual sale. They will join old scarves, coats, text books and jewelry.

Those items that don't make it to the cash register will be donated to the Salvation Army or other charities.

NEWS BRIEFS

Executive coordinator position up in the air

The ASUO executive coordinator position has been in flux throughout much of the school year.

Former ASUO President Bill Miner considered writing the position out of the budget. Then he chose to fund it as a half-time position.

He recently recommended funding it as three-fourths of a full-time position.

President Geneva Wortman said she also plans recommending more funding for the position.

The ASUO's budget for next year funds a student organizer who Miner assumed would take over many of the managing and organizing duties of the executive coordinator.

Next year's budget also eliminated the training coordinator who helps train the two executive staffs.

"There just hasn't been enough time in the day," Wortman said.

Wortman and Cowling took office just five days ago and have been working at organiz-

ing their office and hiring staff. They hope to have a full staff by this week.

"In the end, once they get everyone shuffled around and in their groove, the ASUO is just going to soar above all the rest," Miner said.

Training coordinator funded temporarily

One of the summer Student Senate's first orders of business Monday was to fund the ASUO training coordinator through Oct. 31.

The Senate allocated a transfer of \$3,686 from the computer support specialist and executive coordinator positions to pay for the training coordinator position.

The position was defunded in the ASUO's budget, with the idea that the fund-raising coordinator could take over many of the same responsibilities.

But the ASUO decided to keep the training coordinator through the Fall Street Faire to walk the fund-raising coordinator through the process and ease that transition.

The Senate passed a resolution saying it would approve the line-item budget transfers.

March: Activists endorse the non-violent approach

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Taylor, who had been at the site during the incident, said she refused to leave even after police informed her that pepper spray was going to be used.

"Don't ever forget," she said. "We need to watch the police and the government."

The event also included a silent march of mourning around the site where the trees once stood. The march aroused attention from some local business people, who watched from inside their buildings.

The area is now a construction site, where workers momentarily stopped their hammering to look at the proceedings from the top of a seven-foot-high wall. Some marchers, who wore green arm bands, kept the crowd under control and monitored traffic to keep disruptions to a minimum.

At least 200 people showed up, with signs, banners and flags revealing their feelings about the day.

"Long live the trees, remembering 40 trees and their defenders," was written on the main banner. Other people held signs, masks and pictures in memory of the day.

Another woman carried a maple sapling in the basket on her bike.

Next to the Eugene City Council chambers, women and men wearing black pants and white T-shirts and donning black-painted faces mourned through interpretive acting and dance.

Painted on their T-shirts were the words: suffering, love, fiction, empathy, apathy, fear and power.

One performer said after the act that she felt the silent march

through the city was powerful and well-received. She said she believed it would attract more positive attention than any act of violence.

"It was very powerful," she said. "We are known for being violent and loud, but this was a place of healing."

Throughout the next hour, speakers lectured on how things had changed since June 1, 1997. Speakers also voiced concerns on what more could be done.

"I do remember those 40 trees," said Frank Drysdale, a community activist. "But we have to remember it's not just a problem in Eugene, but that it affects the whole planet."

Drysdale asked the crowd to work on communication skills and to further dialogue on conflict resolution. The crowd was also encouraged to initiate conversation immediately by taking part in a public forum at a City Council meeting later that evening.

Charles Dalton, a recent Human Rights Commission appointee, said he agreed with the non-violent approach.

"We have allies globally; we also have opponents globally," he said. "Dialogue is key. It is the only rational approach; there are not enough guns and hatred in your hearts to win a violent struggle."

On May 31, there was also a picnic in remembrance of the incident that was more of a celebration than a memorial. The event included speakers, music and information about the June 1 incident.

One person who was explaining why she and other people felt it is important to remember the incident said: "I believe in the trees. It is that simple."

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