

Annual public auction of found and unclaimed property at UCSD

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The annual public auction of found and unclaimed property, scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturdays November 3, at the University of California, San Diego, can offer an unusual, inside look at the campus through what its residents lose.

The auction is held each year to comply with a state regulation which says that all found, unclaimed property must be held for at least three months and then sold through auction. This year the auction will take place on the loading dock of Building 509 (Receiving Building) on the Matthews Campus at UCSD. All items will be available for public inspection at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

On the whole, according to University officials, "the 'found' available this year is a better line of stuff than in past years."

There are the usual things you would expect to be found on a university campus: 170 books from "Basic Chemical Thermodynamics" to "Yamaha Repair and Tune-up Guide"; 14 slide rules, the majority with case; and 39 bicycles including seven 10-speeds, two "frame only" bikes, and 10 listed as "make unknown".

There is a lengthy list of lost men's and women's clothing - cardigans, jackets, car coats, rain coats, shirts, trousers, scarfs, and caps. There are 52 watches - Timex seems to be a popular brand to lose - including a Mickey Mouse watch and three pocket watches. There are "heaps" of eye glasses.

Listed among the lost household items are several pieces of baby furniture, lamps, tables, electric heaters, pots and pans, dishes and silverware. University officials said that most of the household items were left behind by students moving out of campus dormitories and married student apartments.

Among the lost jewelry are several class rings, men's and women's Wedding rings, and a wide assortment of necklaces, pins, and bracelets.

The list of lost "miscellaneous" items offers more variety: among other things it includes nine umbrellas, two motorcycle crash helmets, a fishing rod, a black plastic bowl, one pair of blue and white track shoes, a hockey helmet with gloves, one Thunderbird hub cap, a box containing three swim fins - all different sizes, a surf board, several cameras and lenses, a shaving kit, and a lunch box with Thermos.

In addition, UCSD will auction eight typewriters and five vehicles as excess university owned property. The typewriters seven electric and one standard - are listed as "in poor condition" The vehicles, including a propane powered sedan, a propane powered station wagon, an 8-passenger carry-all, and two half-ton pickups, all carry a minimum bid set by the university.

All sales will be for cash only with personal checks accepted with proper identification.

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