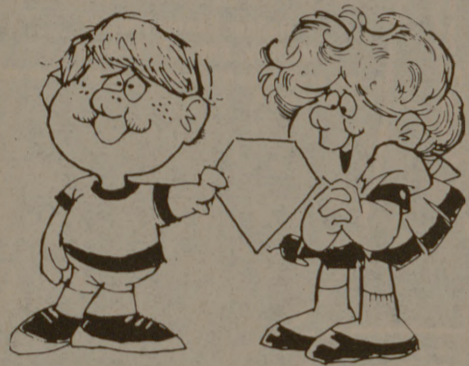


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The high cost of being smart

By CINDY MACIEL Staff Writer

This week's column is about money. You know what that is, you never have enough of it but now there's even more of which you don't have enough.

Perhaps striking most closely to home is the rising cost of education. It's the same education you would have gotten last semester, just more costly now.

At NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY in Boston, Mass., it appears almost inevitable that tuition will rise for the fourth time in three years. However, Daniel J. Roberts, their vice president of business and finance, said that a definite determination to raise tuition has not yet been made. He assured students that the probable tuition increase would be announced as quickly as possible. Roberts said, "There will be no holding back of the information. Our big objective will be to hold it down as low as possible." At least eastern seaboard universities

give their students some advance notice of increases... accompanied by explanation.

Closer to home, the UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA newspaper reported that a State House (Okla.) committee has begun consideration of a bill that would allow college and university students or their parents to deduct tuition from their state income tax.

The representative who authored the bill said the bill would aid those parents who can only afford to send their children to college by saving every possible cent. He added that Oklahoma students pay about \$50 million in fees and tuition annually to both in-state and out-of-state schools.

Not everywhere is education on the increase, however. TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY has lowered the tuition rates for the Master of Liberal Arts (MLA) by \$35 per three-hour course. The decrease in tuition is from the normal \$210 to

\$175 for the same three-semester-hour course.

The decrease was for the MLA program only and will in no way affect rates of other graduate programs. The MLA program does not give a professional or specialized degree, but is designed for the college graduate who wishes to enrich his knowledge. Dr. Frank Reuter, dean of the Graduate School at TCU said, "The MLA is designed as a community service to offer new intellectual challenges and we felt the costs defeated the purpose of the program." Ah yes, well.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY will not raise tuition next year, although it does expect a \$25 increase in board. Dr. William B. Heroy, Jr., vice-president and treasurer for SMU, said the decision against raising tuition was made to keep SMU in the market for students. SMU trimmed (yes, trimmed) approximately \$800,000 from this year's budget in November to keep it balanced.

Dorm room and board rates are expected to increase at TEXAS TECH next year. Although no decisions have been made, reports the campus newspaper, the speculation is that the dorms face another increase in room and board to compensate for price raises in food and utilities. Clifford Yoder, assistant vice president of auxiliary services for Texas Tech, said the University will be sending out questionnaires to the dorm residents asking what additional services the students would like and which ones they think could be discontinued. Those answers will be taken into account. Many students are eligible for FOOD STAMPS and don't realize it. The ground rules are simple.

Basically, eligibility to receive the stamps is determined by the amount of income available to the particular household, minus certain deductions. These deductions, said the TEXAS TECH newspaper, can include tuition, medical expenses, child care expenses and infrequent expenses such as funerals.

A person who uses food stamps must be living in an economic unit with a kitchen or in a situation where that person must do the cooking. If the student is sharing an apartment with other people and decides to apply for food stamps, he

must indicate that he is going to maintain a separate household from the rest; he can still live in the apartment, but he must pay for all his own things.

The stamps are not free unless the recipient has no income. The allotment of stamps always remains the same, only the price varies. Net income of the individual, after deductions, determines the price for the stamps. As income goes down, prices go down.

As you may already know, the only stipulation attached to using food stamps is that they must be used to purchase edible foods, fit for human consumption. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, soap articles, or pet food cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Don't get too excited, the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON pointed out that if you receive at least half of your support from your parents, and if they are ineligible for food stamps and claim you as a dependent, then you are ineligible for food stamps too.

This rule is intended to prevent students from receiving food stamps when their parents sufficiently support them.

This column appears weekly with a summary of news received from newspapers we exchange with other universities.

Ives festival in Austin

Valentine's weekend is the time for love and the Joshua Ives Festival of Love carries through this theme.

The festival is the premiere event for the new Philip Menn Arena off Hwy. 183 South and Hwy. 71 in Austin.

The three-day event features forty bands, clowns, magicians,

parachutists, calf raffles, pool tournaments and craft displays.

Tickets are \$4 for ladies and \$5 for men, and are available in Austin at Inner Sanctum The Great Exchange, Pants South Number 3, Chess King at Highland Mall and at the Arena. In San Marcos tickets are sold at Happy Trails.

Bulletin board

TODAY
TAMU SAILING CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in rooms L and M of the Student Programs Office.
ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS STUDENT CHAPTER meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 110 of the Architecture Building. Dr. Robert Lytton, recently returned from Australia, will speak on soil quality and the culture there.
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 112 of the Plant Sciences Building.
AIR FORCE STUDENT WIVES CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Nielsen.
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS meets at 7 p.m. in room 103 Zachry Engineering Center.
A&M WHEELMEN meet for their Wednesday night bicycle ride at 5 p.m. by the Rudder Tower Fountain.
AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY meets at 8:00 p.m. in Rm. 308 of the Rudder Tower.
TAMU WILDLIFE SOCIETY will show the film "Big Horn" in Rm. 224 of the MSC at 8 p.m. Non-members will be charged 25c.
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS meet in the Barcelona party room at 7:30 p.m.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL SERVICE to be held in the All Faiths Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING presents an M.E. senior seminar featuring W. L. Crain of Floor Engineers and Constructors speaking on Floor and Mechanical Engineers' at 10 a.m. in room 203 Zachry.
CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT presents Dr. William R. Erman of Proctor and Gamble speaking on "Total Synthesis of Patchouli Alcohols" in room 231 of the Chemistry Bldg.
FRIDAY
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS holds a car wash from noon till 5 p.m. at the Texaco Station, Jersey at Texas Ave.
MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 302 of the Rudder Tower. Dr. A. K. Ayoub will speak.
AGGIE CINEMA presents "Romeo and Juliet" at 8 p.m. and "Freaks" at midnight in the Rudder Center Theatre. Admission is \$1 for each film.
NUCLEAR ENGINEERING SEMINAR FEATURES C.P. Booker and E.R. Copus on "Fusion Reactor: Plasma Ignition and Fueling" at 1 p.m. in room 104D of Zachry.
CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT colloquium featuring Dr. W. R. Erman discussing "Synthesis in the Sandalwood Series" in room 231 of the Chemistry Building.

LONGVIEW HOMETOWN CLUB is to meet at Triangle Bowl at 6:30 p.m.
TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. at 101 Church St.
CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT will sponsor a colloquium on Patchoulone Sesquiterpenes headed by Dr. William Erman. The colloquium meets in Chemistry Rm. 231 at 4 p.m.

THURSDAY
TAMU FLYING CLUB meets at 8 p.m. in room 229 of the Chemistry Building. Maj. Alton Meyer, Aggie P.O.W., will speak.
ISSHINYU KARATE CLUB meets at 6:30 p.m. in room 256 of G. Rollie White Coliseum. New members now accepted.

BRAZOS ORTHOLOGICAL SOCIETY meets at 7:30 in room 112 of the O&M Building. Enter North door between 7:15 and 7:45. Dr. Larry Walkinshaw will speak on "Cranes of the World."
EAGLE PASS HOMETOWN CLUB meets at 8 p.m. in the MSC Student Lounge.

TAMSCAMS meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 112 of the O&M Building. Prof. Griffiths will speak on "Some Modern Day Problems in Climatology."
CEPHEID VARIABLE SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY COMMITTEE meets at 7:30 p.m. in room B of the Student Programs Office. Plans for the Aggie Con will be discussed.

Trigon to have new instructor

Army S. Sgt. Henderson M. Mendenhall of Downingtown, Pa., has joined the Army ROTC instructor staff at Texas A&M University.

Administrative sergeant in the records section, Sgt. Mendenhall will help keep track of information that leads to TAMU cadets becoming candidates for commissions and Army officers. He succeeds S. Sgt. Joe Bryant in the post. Sgt. Mendenhall came to TAMU from assignment with the 4th Infantry in Kornwestheim, Germany.

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