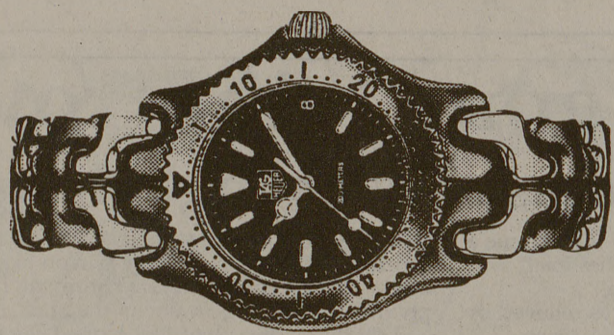


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University, college tuition costs increase

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The cost of higher education continues to outpace income, inflation and financial aid this fall, even as colleges and universities slash services, according to the College Board.

The average tuition, room and board climbed 6 percent to \$6,207 at four-year public universities and 5 percent to \$15,818 at four-year private colleges, the College Board reported in a survey being released Wednesday.

The increases were about the same as last year's, as competition sharpened for the dwindling number of potential students.

"Colleges have simply come to realize that the very markets they wish to serve could not afford them at the rate of increase they were following," said David L. Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

"People are dropping out," said Tchiyuka Cornelius, a student at City University of New York and president of the U.S. Student Association.

"There are people who want to go to college but just can't afford to."

While inflation was 2.8 percent from last fall to this fall, the average tuition and fees at four-year private universities and colleges rose 6 percent to \$11,025; room and board brought the total to \$15,818. The average cost of two-year private junior colleges went up 7 percent, to \$6,175.

Public university tuition rose 8 percent, to \$2,527, after two years of double-digit increases fueled primarily by state budget shortfalls; room and board boosted the price to \$6,207. The average cost of community and public junior colleges jumped 10 percent for the third straight year, to \$1,229.

"The fiscal crisis in the states is not over," said James Appleberry, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. "But it's certainly easing up a bit."

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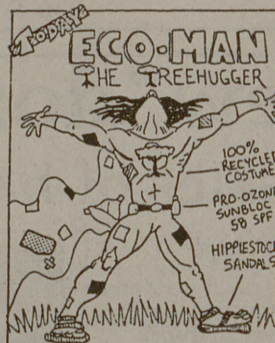
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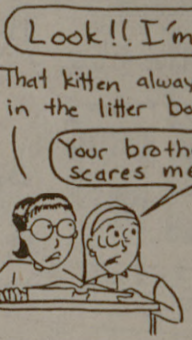
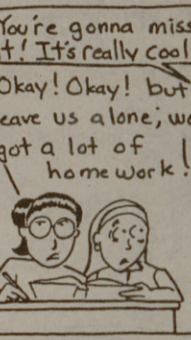
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Houston man finds romance: \$2,500 bargain

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — It pays to advertise. Just ask Kimberly Taylor.

The 32-year-old San Antonio bookkeeper and mother is marrying a Houston man she met through a 14-by-48-foot billboard advertisement.

The billboard read "4 Middle Class White Males, 32-39, Seek Wives, Kids OK." The ad was the brainchild of four bachelors who plopped down \$2,500 to plaster their plea along one of Houston's business expressways.

Taylor didn't see it, but she did read an article about the sign in the San Antonio Express-News in July. She promptly responded and waited for romance to bloom.

"I thought, 'Well, it says 'Seeking Wives' and I'm seeking a husband so I'll write a letter,'" said Taylor, one of about 1,500 women with the same idea.

But Taylor was Ms. Right for Richard Hindman, a 34-year-old financial analyst.

She and Hindman had a lot in common. Both are divorced; he has a 12-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son and she a 12-year-old son; they love the ocean; and their horoscopes are compatible.

The couple fanned the flames of love via telephone.

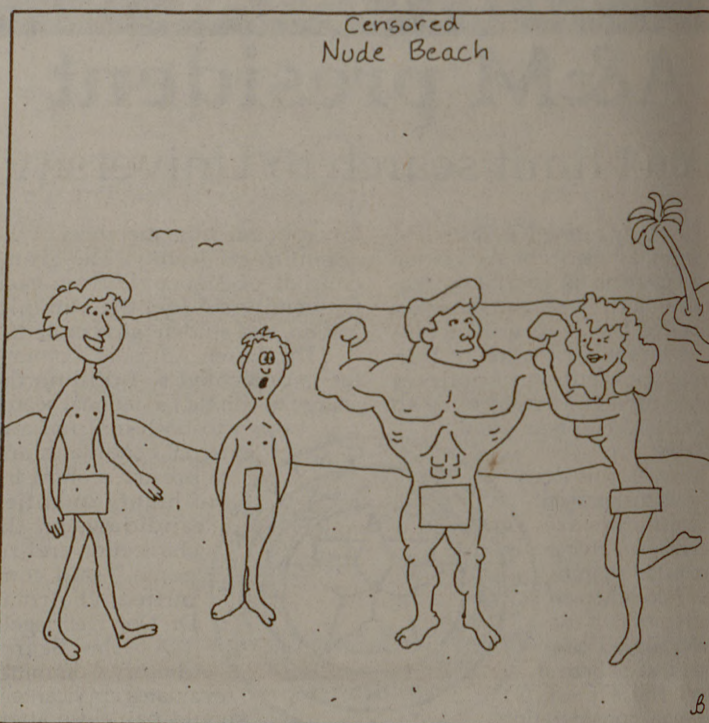
"I now own stock in Southwestern Bell," Hindman joked.

For Taylor, it was a fairy tale come true.

"I felt like Cinderella. Richard put me on a pedestal and kept me there," she said.

Hindman wooed her with flowers and an obvious interest in making a commitment — something previous beaus had been lacking.

JUST THE BEGINNING



By Jason Brown

On Monday, they shared their storybook romance on the syndicated talk show "Donahue," which featured several of the Houston bachelors and women who responded to the ad.

The show, taped last week in two segments, had the couples meet one day, sent them on a date of dining and dancing in New York that night and brought them together the following day to relay dating details.

Taylor stole the show when she said: "Actually, I think I got the best deal of all because Richard proposed to me last night and I accepted."

It was around 2 a.m. in a hotel room after that first "Donahue" taping and date — their first face-

to-face meeting — that Hindman surprised them both by proposing.

"He was going to wait, but then he looked in my eyes and saw that I wanted him to," Taylor said. "I said yes, and then I asked him, 'Will you marry me?' right back."

Unprepared, Hindman's betrothal gift was a charm bracelet with their horoscope signs that he had planned to give her anyway.

The couple now are planning a wedding on the beach, where Taylor will wear the white wedding dress she never had the first time around because of financial reasons.

Hindman also promised her an engagement ring.

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