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**College Republicans speaker to present program on anti-feminism**

□ **Tonight's speech will be given by best-selling author Christina Hoff Sommers.**

By Michelle Lyons  
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Texas A&M College Republicans will present author Christina Hoff Sommers tonight at 8:30 p.m. at Rudder Theater.

The free program, which is being presented in conjunction with the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute and the Young America's Foundation, will feature the best-selling author of *Who Stole Feminism?*

Meredith Reed, College Republicans vice-president of activities, said the speech will focus on Sommers' view of feminism.

"It's about the feminist issue, but it takes the opposite view," Reed said. "It's anti instead of pro. It basically blows the lid off the whole feminist movement and how ridiculous it is. A man could never say that, but it's different coming from a woman."

Karen Rude, a freshman chemistry major, said that although she has not read Sommers' book, she agrees with her anti-feminist stance.

"I don't think there is any discrimination against women," Rude said. "I think that if you want to accomplish something, you can if you are qualified."

"I think that I can accomplish what I want to without being discriminated against."

Kim Ngo, National Organization for Women treasurer, said she disagrees with Sommers' stance on feminism.

"As I see it, I don't think that feminism is dead," Ngo said. "As long as there are still inequalities, there is still something to fight for."

"There wouldn't have been any need for the Women's Conference in Beijing if there were no problems with inequality."

Ngo said examples of women not having equal rights are statistics stating women are often paid lower amounts than men for the same job and problems with health care.

"We can send a man to the moon, but we can't find an adequate form of contraception for

women," she said.

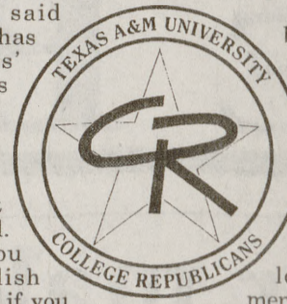
Elaine Mejia, former president and a senior science major, said she would attend the program and would like to see what Sommers will say.

"We (NOW) have been elected by the College Republicans to attend," Mejia said, looking forward to seeing what she has to say.

"I feel like I'm going to be the exact person she's 'stole feminism.'"

Mejia said she doubts the program will bring much news to the campus.

"I'm assuming she's going to talk about the concept of feminism rather than individual issues," she said. "From what I gathered, it's going to be academic and theoretical."



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**Several study services available to students**

□ **Tutoring is offered both on and off campus for students concerned about their midterm grades.**

By Lisa Johnson  
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Midterm grades were turned in by professors Monday and will be mailed to students in the near future. Many students will have the same response: "I have to get my grades up."

There are many resources both on and off campus available to students trying to raise their grade-point ratio.

On campus, there are study intersessions, exam and lecture reviews and practice exams.

Dr. Roger Young, a biology lecturer, said that if students do not come to class, they will not pass.

"Coming to lecture is key," Young said. "Just going through the book is going to give students too much information to process. In lecture, they will see a distilled version of the book, so they will know what's important."

Young said the most significant way students can improve their grades is to go to exam reviews and take practice exams.

In addition to this, students can attend study intersessions to receive personal help for things they may have misunderstood or missed in lecture.

Vicky Richardson, a freshman general studies major, said study sessions help her understand material she may not comprehend in class.

"I like the study sessions because of the one-on-one interaction between students and the people running the session," Richardson said. "It's a lot easier to understand someone who's right there than it is to understand a lecturer in a room with 150 other people."

Study intersessions are normally run by teaching assistants and are scheduled,

to the best of the assistant's ability, around the needs and schedules of students in the class. Professors and assistants also have office hours in which students can make appointments to discuss any problems they have.

Other alternatives include student tutors and off-campus tutoring services, charge by the session.

Laura Richards, a freshman agricultural economics major, said she does not use the off-campus study services.

"I thought about going to one of the off-campus services to get help for my chemistry class," Richards said. "The prices were good, but I would have to get up at night to get the help I need. I would have to do the work on my own and spend the money at the movies or something."

However students choose to study, professors said, the important thing is consistency of study habits. Professors recommend that students study early for exams and space out their study times.

**Aggie Buck theft on rise among students**

□ **A common misuse of stolen debit cards is to make vending machine purchases.**

By Michelle Lyons  
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University Police Department officials said debit card thefts are increasing on campus.

Sgt. Betty Lemay of the UPD Crime Prevention Unit said many students have experienced Aggie Buck thefts this semester.

"Everyone thinks that all students are honest like they are," Lemay said. "They need to realize that even when the Aggie Code of Honor was written that there were dishonest people."

"That's why it reads, 'Aggies do not lie, cheat or steal, nor do they tolerate those who do.'"

Aggie Bucks are programmed on magnetic tape on the back of student identification cards.

Lemay said one of the biggest problems with the Aggie Buck system is many students do not take care of their I.D. cards.

"Students have to realize that it is like any other credit card," she said. "They leave it lying on a table, or leave it unguarded in their backpack."

"It would be the same as laying \$300 down on the table and leaving."

Dale Whitenhafer, debit card administrator, said he is researching security measures that might ensure less Aggie Buck theft.

"The main thing is that there is a 24-hour number that students can call to deactivate their card, and I think a lot of students still don't know that," he said.

Whitenhafer said it is important that students call the number, 862-4884, even if they think they may have just misplaced the card.

"As soon as you realize that the card is missing, we advise you to deactivate the card," he said. "Once it's deactivated, your funds are protected."

"It's just as important as your credit card or your driver's license."

If a lost card is found, students can go to the fiscal office to have the card re-activated.

"I know it's a little inconvenient, but the alternative could be a lot worse," he said. "We are trying to get students to use the number more liberally."

Whitenhafer said students should not be required to give anyone their student I.D. as a "deposit" for anything.

The department has been

working for the past year on decreasing these thefts, he said.



"We are looking at ways of cutting losses and even at catching some of these people," he said. "We've been working on it for a year, and I hear it's almost ready."

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, head of the UPD Crime Prevention Unit, said the most important thing to do is to keep track of the cards.

"If you lose it, anyone can pick it up, use it and clean out your account," Kretzschmar said. "Hang on to it—it's money."

"It's just like a Mastercard or a Visa. In my opinion, it's actually easier to wipe out an Aggie

Bucks account."

Kretzschmar said one reason the accounts are so easy to misuse is because there is no personal interaction when making Aggie Bucks purchases.

One of the most important things to do with stolen Aggie Bucks is to make vending machine purchases, he said.

Another reason it is so important to keep a close eye on student I.D. cards, Kretzschmar said, is because the cards have many different functions, including gaining access to dorms.

Along with Aggie Buck thefts, Kretzschmar said there is a need to safeguard Automated Teller Machine cards, debit cards and other credit cards.

"When you are at a teller machine, you need to be aware of the people around you, especially when you are punching in your personal I.D. number," he said.

He said thieves often "sneak up on your shoulder, and 'steal' your personal identification number."

Kretzschmar recommended standing closer to machines covering the number as it is being entered, as well as throwing away carbon copies of receipts that have account numbers printed on them.

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