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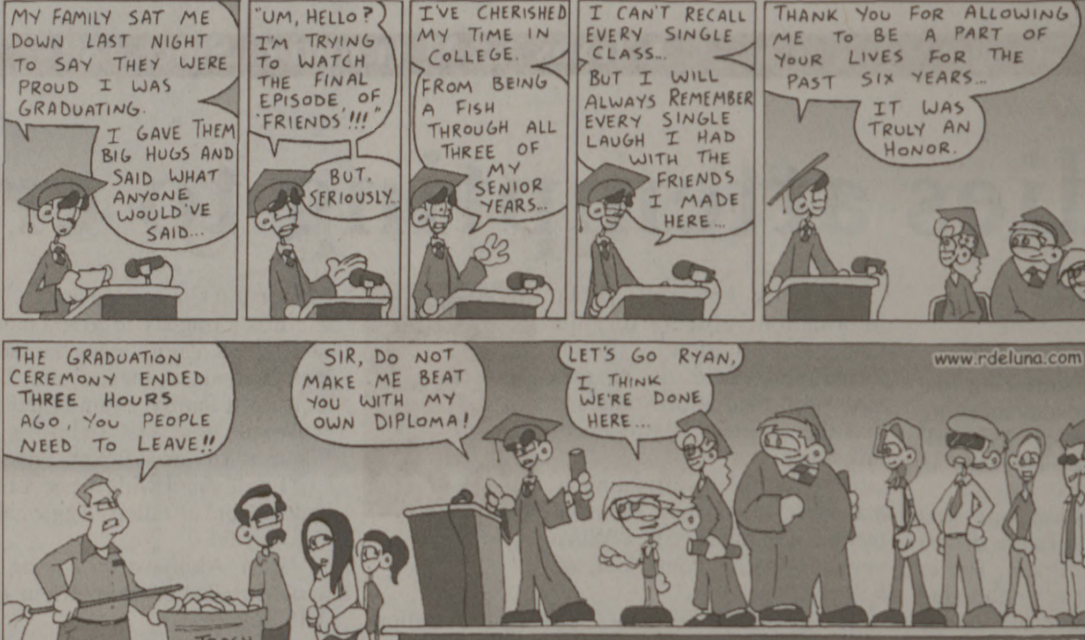
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FISH

BY R. DELUNA



MY FAMILY SAT ME DOWN LAST NIGHT TO SAY THEY WERE PROUD I WAS GRADUATING.

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"UM, HELLO? I'M TRYING TO WATCH THE FINAL EPISODE OF 'FRIENDS'!!"

BUT, SERIOUSLY.

I'VE CHERISHED MY TIME IN COLLEGE. FROM BEING A FISH THROUGH ALL THREE OF MY SENIOR YEARS...

I CAN'T RECALL EVERY SINGLE CLASS... BUT I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER EVERY SINGLE LAUGH I HAD WITH THE FRIENDS I MADE HERE...

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE A PART OF YOUR LIVES FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS...

IT WAS TRULY AN HONOR.

THE GRADUATION CEREMONY ENDED THREE HOURS AGO, YOU PEOPLE NEED TO LEAVE!!

SIR, DO NOT MAKE ME BEAT YOU WITH MY OWN DIPLOMA!

LET'S GO RYAN, I THINK WE'RE DONE HERE...

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THE END

noise & POLLUTION

BY JOSH DARWIN



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DUNNBOYZ

by Will Lloyd



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S OVER.

I MEAN, ALL THESE YEARS IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE...

FISH? I WAS TALKING ABOUT MY TOTALO CAD!

I KNOW, I'LL MISS FISH, TOO.

GOO, DOES EVERYTHING HAVE TO BE ABOUT YOU?

Audio

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on Bin Laden's head now stands at \$50 million — far more than the nearly \$125,000 that 10,000 grams of gold is worth.

The recording promised the same reward for the deaths of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and his envoy to Iraq, Lakhdar Brahimi.

"The United Nations is nothing but a Zionists' tool, even if it worked under the cover of providing humanitarian aid," the voice said. "... Whoever kills Kofi Annan or the head of his commission in Iraq or a representative like Lakhdar Brahimi, he will be awarded the same prize of 10,000 grams of gold."

The speaker promised a lesser prize — 1,000 grams of gold — to anyone killing a citizen of countries he called "the masters of the veto like Americans and Britons" — a reference to nations with veto power on the U.N. Security Council.

Books

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Parchure suggests that students write their names on a random page in each of their textbooks so that in case one of their books is stolen, they could easily prove which book belongs to them.

"There are always people who will do anything for a few bucks," Parchure said. "Simple precautions need to be taken."

Chuck Rhey, general manager of University Bookstore, said the store generally IDs people so that if suspicious activity arises, the police can be contacted right away. Last semester, there was a case at University Bookstore involving illegal sell-backs, and this semester there has been a similar case involving a local sorority house worker, Rhey said.

"One guy was shoplifting and selling (back to) different bookstores last semester," Rhey said.

At the MSC Bookstore there have been some investigations this semester, but they have not found anyone illegally selling books back, Scott said.

It is initially hard to tell when someone is selling books that are not theirs, but if they are selling back an unusually large quantity of books, it does seem suspicious, Rhey said.

"Don't leave your books lying around at the library," Rhey said. Rhey said putting your name in your books can only do so much because once a book is in the system, there is no way of really knowing whose book it is.

It is important for students to keep your books in their possession, Scott said.

"Unfortunately, there are people out there that take advantage of others," Scott said.

Identification

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be replaced. Current Aggie Cards contain Social Security numbers embedded in the magnetic stripe. He said anyone with a card reader can reveal the cardholder's Social Security number.

Bob Mask, Aggie Card supervisor, said the new cards will no longer contain Social Security numbers.

"When we get students into the system, their UIN will be stored and the computer will generate a random number that will be put on the card to identify that student," Mask said.

Mask said when the card is swiped the random number is all that can be read. He said an unauthorized person with a card reader would not be able to determine the significance of the number.

Mask said a schedule will be set up for students to replace their Aggie Cards.

"The replacement of cards will be done in phases, and there will be a major use of Neo to alert students," Mask said. "The biggest thing we're trying to do is to keep people from waiting in long lines."

Mask said that if there are no problems, distribution of the new cards will begin May 24 at New Student Conferences.

Wu said that after May 24, no cards will be issued using the old format.

Putnam said that during the conversion process, all card readers will be able to read the old and new Aggie Cards.

"We want to make people aware that if they have old cards, eventually the cards won't work," Putnam said.

Professors are no longer allowed to use Social Security numbers for grade reporting, Putnam said. Many professors, he said, will begin using UINs for grade recording.

Putnam said UINs should not be used for authenticating purposes. The Net ID and password used by Neo and MyRecord, he said, should be used in any instance where authentication is required.

"Just having the UIN by itself will not give you access to anything," he said.

Putnam said that in the past, many interdepartmental functions were linked using Social Security numbers.

"The UIN will be a linking value for things like financial aid and admissions and records," Putnam said. "As a linking value we hope people won't see it."

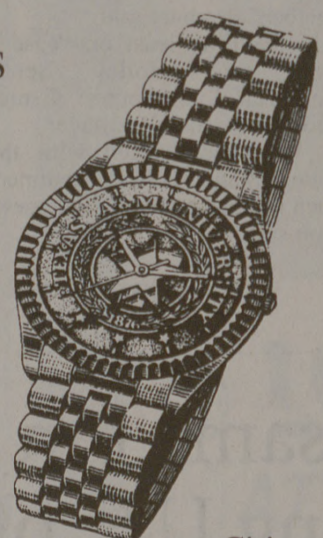
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