

Opinion

Letter to the editors

Less For Your Money

Money is not going as far as it used to. I am sure we all felt this at the gas pumps. I can remember a time when I bought gas for \$1.38, when I first started driving, and watched it rise to \$3.25, right after Katrina hit. There was a time when \$10 filled my tank instead of the present day amount of \$30. My friends and I used to be able to go for joy rides and to the mall without having to give gas donations. Gas has not been the only item that has gone up in price.

At the grocery store I have noticed the price of cereal go from \$2.50 a box up to over \$4 and a gallon of milk is nearly equal to that. This translates that my breakfast now costs \$8 for four days. Have I mentioned that there seems to be less cereal in these boxes? Bread, another essential item, used to be purchased for less than \$1 but now, for name brand quality, a loaf of bread equals a twenty ounce bottle of soda.

Other essential items such as soap and clothes have gone up. Notebooks for school now equal one hour's work. And that is if you're making over minimum wage.

As prices of items graciously rise, income, at least my income, has stayed at a steady growth of zero. That means I am making the same as I did nearly a year ago and prices of my essentials have risen, which has cut off my entertainment needs.

I no longer make the road trips back home because I cannot afford to buy outside food and gas for long periods of time. I find myself staying at home sitting around with friends just asking each other what we should do.

So what should we do? Should we all gather in a big mob and riot these prices? Should we boycott stores? No, these answers would not be solutions. But inflation is bringing down the dollar and economically speaking the way to fight is to spend more.

But what is it about higher prices that make me angry? It is not the fact that my money is going away at a faster rate for less substance.

The thing that makes me the angriest is that the quality of the project remains the same.

I am a firm believer, that on most occasions, the higher priced item is usually of better quality.

Gas is exactly the same quality as it was in 2001 and technology is only making oil less pricey to find. And until someone figures out a way to calculate how much oil is available on the Earth, gas prices should not be able to be so volatile according to supply.

Gas prices especially should not be raised for fears of a supply shortage or natural disaster. It is based on possibilities.

These reasons, are in actuality lame excuses, that they feed to the public, is the ultimate goal of cheating the consumer.

Amar Ganti

People Poll

Staff writer Frank Friday asked:
If You Could Have One Super Power What Would It Be?



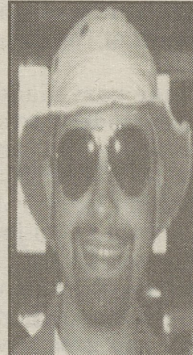
I would have magnetic powers to attract all students to get involved on campus.

Crystal Bowhall
Business Administration



I would have the ability to read people's minds.

Karen Craig
English



I would want to be Godzilla.

Andrew Walter
HDFS



Flying and shooting lightning bolts

Chuck Sander
English



Never to sleep, so I can never miss anything.

Deb Erie
Director of Student and Enrollment Services



To sleep a lot

Chris Coiaa
Assistant Director, Student Activities and Leadership Development

Get ANGEL Off My Shoulders

The first thing I do when I sit down in front my computer is log on to ANGEL, not my email or Myspace.

ANGEL is my life, it's all I do.

Not only do I have two web courses this semester, but my IST course threw a book and paper syllabus out the window. So now I just show up for class to hear the teacher recap the online course readings I do on my own time. I thought having a few web courses would give me more time and enable me to work on my time management skills.

Well sort of.

Now I just sit in front of a computer screen all day. Is this really learning? I'd like to know what happened to physical activity. I'm a hyper girl and use up my energy quickly, but it seems like every night I go to bed restless. Now I may be a cynic, but it doesn't seem very healthy to me. I can only imagine studying for midterms and finals. I'll be eating all my meals aside the keyboard. Are there water proof laptops available to accompany me during bath time?

I realize that moving in the direction of more web based learning is the way of the future. There is no escaping it and web based learning is a rapid revolution. Don't mind me, I am a traditionalist. I still prefer to write out my thoughts with a pen and paper, than a word processor.

I could be old fashioned considering I started my college career four years ago when homework didn't have to be handed in through email.

Back then I went to class and received a hand-out on the assignment, now teachers expect me to find handouts in that labyrinth called ANGEL.

Honestly, I do enjoy listening to the instructor explain the ins and outs, because then I know what the expectations are. Still, somehow I feel like I'm missing something.

Maybe I'm slow or stubborn, but I can't seem to become comfortable reading words off a computer screen. My horoscopes are really all I can take. Somehow though it's easy to take part in instant messenger and read my friends' blogs, but reading about prior restraint and law cases is almost as bad as yanking my teeth out. I'm not even going to mention how awful it is to read class notes on Qualitative and Quantitative methods to research.

I like people, I really do. I like talking to them. I'm drawn to observe them. I fear with web classes and ANGEL that interpersonal communication is on its way to extinction. Already

in our society adults are crammed into cubicles.

I don't want to be trapped in a dark box for the rest of my life. I've had enough time in my basement, feeling my way across the web. You know what; it's almost as if my last four years of college taught me nothing. I did learn that 50 percent of what we say comes from non-verbal communication.

If only I could gain some points for participation.



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