

Sad Rot



"Aprils frequented by fools seldom need showers..."

Billy Schlitz

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Garvan Changes Mind ... Wants Money Back

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In a sad turn of events, Stan Garvan, Thunderbird's one-time benefactor, has requested the return of his \$60 million. President Herb Burger received the shocking call only this week. Those in his office say that the only early indicator of the bad news was the muffled sobbing coming from behind the President's closed door.

In what is bound to be known as the world's biggest case of buyer's remorse, Stan explains the change of heart. "Ruta and I woke up the morning after (giving the gift) and said to each other 'What have we done?' I mean, really, \$60 million is a lot of money!"

When pressed to give more information, the former

hero could only say, "Look, I don't even really remember agreeing to this crazy gift. All I remember is having a couple of nice bottles of wine with President Burger, and the next thing I know, I'm writing a check!"

Many have thought that the biting commentary on the discussion boards of MTB against the re-naming of the school could have added to the withdrawal. When asked, Garvan replied, "No, that didn't have much to do with it. Ruta and I had already decided to stop payment on the check. But," he added, "they are a bunch of crybabies, aren't they?"

The gift, widely heralded as the largest naming gift of its kind, ironically, is now the largest un-naming gift of its kind. Chief Marketing Officer Kent Lambchop comments, "It's a hell



Students wonder where the money has gone

of an awkward way to start our new branding campaign, but I think I can work with it." He further explained, "I've retained the PR firm of Burntsome-Notstellar to launch a world-wide retrac-

tion." The ads, to be run in church-pamphlets, Penny-Savers, and grocery store flyers, will make use of a clever catch phrase: "One Man's Gaffe is the Whole World's Groan."

But even with the cheerful spin of marketing, the sad reality of the situation became clear when Tom Popp, the school's Chief Financial Officer, announced that tuition would be increased to cover the loss.

"The costs of the letter-head changes alone will add thousands to each student's invoice. And champagne for 900 grad students isn't cheap," he said, referring to the congratulatory champagne toast of last week. "We've run the numbers and we believe we can keep the increases to just under 40%. Although this takes into consideration the retroactive charges students will receive against the

current trimester's bill."

There may be a light at the end of the tunnel though. A puffy-eyed President Herb Burger addressed the student body at this week's Town Hall Meeting.

"In the wake of this loss, we have uncovered a potentially lucrative solution. We have had several possible corporate sponsors approach the school for the purchase of its naming rights. Now understandably, the offers have been less than \$60 million, owing to the used nature of the school's name now. However, we feel fairly confident that we will soon be able to close the deal on making this Thunderbird, the Coors School of International Management."

A call center is being set up to field the expected out-pouring of support from both current students and alumni.

President Herb Burger to Stick Around

In a surprise move, the thought-to-be-departing President Herb Burger announced last week that he is staying on campus. When asked if that means that the current presidential search will be halted, he replied, "No, my intention is not to remain in this position... I have much larger plans." He would explain no more except to hint at a new level of power.



Irate TSG President, Shannon Jonquilar wants some answers

That new level was revealed Monday when the President threw his hat into the ring for the TSG President position. He explained, "When I saw the e-mail about TSG elections coming up, it hit me like a bolt of lightning. Let's face it, the TSG is where the real power is!"

Current TSG President Shannon Jonquilar was stunned. "All of those times when he asked to see the TSG meeting notes, I thought he wanted to hear the student voice. But he was just trying to do a little BI research to infiltrate the organization!"

Unusual as the situation appears, it seems that there is nothing in the current Student Government Constitution that prevents a sitting president from running for office. TSG members combed through the document, but couldn't find anything that would keep President Burger

from campaigning.

Fellow TSG presidential candidate Oyeah Lefthandzi was outraged. "What's next? Is he going to start DJ-ing at the Pub too?" When asked, President Burger would not rule out the DJ-ing option.

Aware that his decision may cause undo stress on students (and realizing that he needs their votes); President Burger addressed the issue in a campus wide e-mail. In it he states, "This is my chance to really get things done around here."

The message also reveals a deeply personal motive as well. "I've always wanted to dye my hair red and this is a role where I'll be able to realize that dream."

In the end, the decision will be in the hands of the student body on Election Day. Let's hope they make the right decision....

Land Fate Determined: Development to Blend in with Glendale Aesthetics

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After several decades of neglect, the land surrounding Thunderbird's true campus finally has a purpose. In the past, it has supposedly functioned as a landing strip, drag racing playground, burial ground, nuclear waste site, and romantic getaway since the advent of Thunderbird. Now, it will ceremoniously blend the social and military heritage of the area, hosting an expansive mobile home park, as well as ROTC training facilities.

The mobile home neighborhood is a welcome addition to the 59th / Greenway Avenue area. Certainly, this development considerably adds to the overall real estate value of the Thunderbird land. Landscape architects and a leading construction firm will work in close tandem, ensuring that the gravel and dirt does not give way to any grass during the development process. Assorted cacti may be plucked from the lawns of homes dotting Acoma Avenue and - in a friendly manner - be transplanted into the gravel so as to create some desert ambiance. In fact, no asphalt streets or cul-de-sacs will be constructed.

Additionally, contractors are asking any Maricopa County residents wishing to get rid of demolished Chevy El Caminos or Monte Carlos to contact Thunderbird immediately to arrange for transport of these vehicles to the proposed mobile home neighborhood. They will then be placed on cinderblocks in front of select residences and

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RVs, and car donators will receive the appropriate tax write-off.

Much to students' delight, the neighborhood has a legal right to ignore Arizona's open container law. "Drink some vodka out of a paper bag, pour it in a Dixie cup, whatever," says one Thunderbird security employee. "The key is for the students to mix and mingle with our new neighbors."

The second part of the development involves a small ROTC facility, which will pay respect to the original Air Force Thunderbirds, known as the Helmets and Goggles. The facili-

ty will be located in the middle of the mobile homes, and will house mostly administrative activities, as well as the Thunderbird Athletic Director, Mammoth Gorge. The ROTC training ground will be located just north of the YMCA, in a peculiar undeveloped lot next to the tennis courts. An obstacle course will be constructed, and YMCA members will be allowed to join ROTC individuals in practice runs. Stations will include a pommel horse (with a technologically-advanced spring-board) and anvil-dragging.

Athletic Director Mammoth Gorge is very excited about the new Thunderbird Fitness Regime he and the ROTC coordinator are currently designing. "The obstacle course is just the start. Next fall we will implement some physical fitness tests into Foundations Week. It gives us an advantage in the rugby recruiting process, rather than just assuming guys can hack it."

Thunderbird students will have to grow accustomed to the construction, set to begin next month. "It seems a small price to pay for the new community the school will gain," concluded President Herb Burger.

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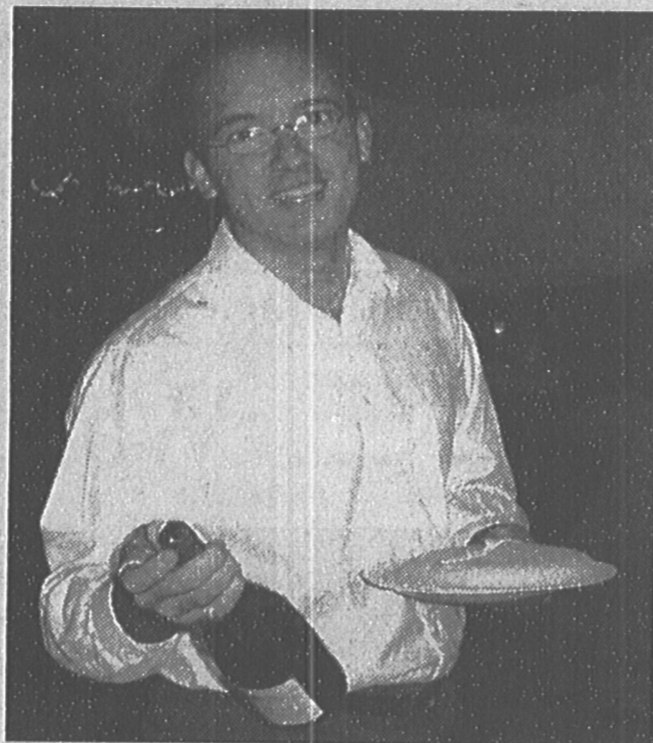
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"Wherever we muck rake, whenever we pass one rumor to another we must go through a state. However, Sad Rot means more than simply the offending of readers; it stands as a symbol and artery for superstition, ignorance, dogma, sarcasm and silliness; traditional temptations which continue to be a detriment to scholarship and good sense. Idealistic though it may sound, it has now become the responsibility of our generation, the "future leaders" of the international community, to make every effort to aggravate these humorless readers, and to succeed where previous generations have failed miserably. Sad Rot must therefore be an open forum for slander, a clearing house of rumors that may further prepare us for the first of April and further."

This is a disclaimer. Nothing, and we repeat, NOTHING is true in this issue of Sad Rot. All names, places, things, and ideas have been changed to protect the guilty and innocent alike. If you are unaware of the grand old American tradition of April Fool's Day, Google it.

Aramark Cuts Menu: Provides Much Needed Focus

Not a day passes without hearing students' complain about Aramark food ... there are just too many options. It has been a well-known problem that our beloved food server, Aramark, has long provided the student body with too broad of a menu offering in the Commons. Students rushing from one class to another, often find themselves dangerously delayed as they ponder over a rice bowl or a tasty grill creation.



"What about the wine?" questioned a French exchange student

"We've estimated that the 'choosing factor' time delay has cost hungry T-Birds, on average, .2 grade points a trimester," states noted campus nutritionist, Semi Garglerinde. "And even though it doesn't sound like much, it can mean the difference between a continuing student grant and a weight problem."

Finally, all of those angrily filled-out customer survey cards have paid off, Aramark will begin their 'Less Choice, More Time' program next week. Starting Monday, the Pan Geos and Grill areas will be shut down. The following week will find the salad bar, fruit bar, and deli closed. The Home Zone section will remain open, although the offerings will be limited to a single entree and one side dish.

"Our goal is to ultimately streamline the process so that only one entree option is available per day, and that being the

same entrée for all meals," said Aramark exec, Tammy Ptomaine. "In fact, we think we can get to the point where we only sell those big cookies."

As to be expected, student reactions have been overwhelmingly positive, "I never thought I'd see such responsiveness to students' needs," exclaimed second trimester student Sarah Lee Cutey. "I may move into the dorms just so I can save time over three meals a day versus only lunch!"

Still, there have been critics. "Yes, this is a great move, but when can we see them start cutting hours of operation too?" griped Badass Zippermints, a second trimester student. "Having so many hours to choose from is really stressful."

The Aramark staff is taking Mr. Zippermints' suggestion into consideration.

Computer Mistakenly Accepted for Incoming Summer Class

By ALEC MALEMAN
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Thunderbird will be conducting an extensive review of its admissions process after an embarrassing and costly gaffe early last month. On March 6, an IBM Z series 990 was extended the 244th acceptance letter for the Summer '04 class of the Thunderbird MBA program. The bizarre anomaly occurred as a result of a security loophole in T-bird's Admissions IT system.

Apparently, the state-of-the-art 990 mainframe computer, which was traced back to Albuquerque, N.M., filled out an on-line application, wrote and submitted reference letters, and provided transcripts from Texas A&M University School of Engineering. The application was received on February 21, processed and reviewed by three admissions officers, and the candidate was unanimously approved for acceptance, along with an offer for an assistantship worth \$14,400.

At a time when the school is undergoing major changes in structure and leadership, the incident is raising unwelcome questions about admissions standards. "How could this have happened?" asked Dr. K. Kick, who has demanded a full investigation.

Students may be interested to know the credentials of the admittee. IBM Z990 S#52A88ST90019084 has dual citizenship from Spain and the United States. "She" (the "Female" box was checked on the application) has worked for the International Red Cross in South America and in the Sudan.

Other statistics include: Age: 23 (reflecting a trend towards younger students; GMAT score: 780 (puts her in the top 99th percentile); Languages: Spanish, French, German, Urdu, Creole, Swedish, and Latvian; Functional experience: Marketing, Sales and IT; Industry experience: Consumer Products, Government, Transportation, Luxury Goods; Undergraduate GPA: 3.75; Interests: GWIB, Rugby, and Debate.

In addition to the embarrassment this causes the school, there may be more serious legal implications. There is actually nothing in T-bird's charter, or by-laws, that stipulates that students must be human.

TSG President Shannon Jonquilar added, "As ludicrous as it sounds, rescinding the offer of admission might welcome legal action from any number of bodies, including the American Civil Liberties Union. Besides, she would make a great T-bird, judging from the diverse background and her academic and professional accomplishments."

If the applicant can prove that she meets the requirements, and has not falsified her documents, then the student body may take on an even more diverse makeup. All of this assumes that the IBM Z990 will pay the steep tuition fees. Furthermore, participation in the campus crawl, now mandatory for all new students, may preclude the 990 from joining the new students when classes begin this May. The administration has promised a full-report to concerned students, as well as an overhaul of admission standards and application processes.

Student Body to Adopt Rationalization Strategy: Extracurriculars to be Run by a "Few Good Men"

In an effort to increase efficiencies, reduce labor hours, and streamline processes, the administration has recommended that extracurricular activities be managed by a select group of students. Rather than spread out the work among the many willing and able members of the Thunderbird student body, a recommendation is on the table to put it all in the hands of "a few good men."

When considering the amount of work that goes on at the Glendale campus, the numbers are daunting. One study reports that students perform approximately 2,050 hours of work (per week) in support of student activities, academic, regional and career clubs, as well as philanthropic organizations. Currently, this work is performed by 122 students (or 14%). This figure is already down from 230 students in the previous academic year.

"What we are seeing is a rationalization of labor in student-run activities," said Moe

Jiller, the director of Student Services. "It's a good thing because it frees up other students to focus on their studies."

The administration, in conjunction with the Thunderbird Student Government, has commissioned a report from Professor José Coconuto, who teaches Supply Chain Leadership. The professor has interviewed 65 club presidents and vice-presidents to determine the nature and specific needs of the Thunderbird supply chain. The professor recommends a "Strategic Sourcing" approach that would improve work-quality, increase knowledge sharing, and optimize efficiencies throughout the Thunderbird value stream.

Based on the report, a final recommendation has been made to reduce participating students to 11, down from the 122 currently performing the work. (Such a shift would make the student body more "flexible" in times when enrollment is down.) Of course, this would put a heavy burden on a few highly motivated

students who would receive "Thunderpoints" for their efforts. These Thunderpoints could be cashed in for the new "Thunderbar" chocolate bars, soon available in the Bookstore.

In order to accomplish this reduction, the school would outsource student activity work such as GWIB and Marketing club to other able bodies in the Glendale region.

"I don't think it makes a difference," says Ferdinand Eyecandia, TSG Vice-President. "Tess, Crispin and I are pretty much doing everything as it is."

Other students are not so blasé about the rationalization plan. "This is how it all starts... can rationalizing clubs be far behind? Will they combine Salsa Club, TSG, and Poker Club next?" cried concerned second trimester student, Belinda Veryhotti.

The administration has made note of Ms. Veryhotti's suggestion and is moving forward with the idea.

Honor Council Oversteps Bounds

The Honor Council has proposed a new charter that has students running for the hills. The new behavioral guidelines take a much stricter tack, focusing on areas previously left to students' free will. In question are three new regulations:

No talking behind peoples' backs

"I will not talk behind peoples' backs because it is inconsiderate."

No favoritism in selecting friends

"I will not pick favorites in selecting friends. This is a collective society and we should treat people with equality. Everyone is my friend, equally."

Don't look at people wrong

"I will stare with glazed eyes at everyone, just because."

The new additions are part of a greater effort to improve

the Honor Code, making it more culturally inclusive. For this, the Council should be commended. Nevertheless, many students feel

"The previous charter had been in place since the 70's, and as such, was laden with a sub-moral code."

these amendments to be a bit restrictive. Unfortunately, none of those students would speak out for fear of repercussions.

Honor Council Chairman Griff Stooly was asked for comment. "The previous charter had been in place since the 70's, and as such, was laden with a sub-moral code."

The new code is expected to be published by early April. It seems there is little to worry about. Students will have to sign the initiative at Foundations week, but one Honor Council member assured this writer that no one will be punished without due process. "We're going with your standard 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy. You know the drill. Just keep your mouth shut, and nobody gets hurt."

Say "Habari" and "Hyvää päivää!" to New Language Program

If you think you don't understand half of the conversations on campus now, things are about to get even more cryptic! In an effort to be more competitive in languages, Thunderbird is about to add Swahili, Finnish and Catalan to the language program. The move is in accordance with the school's new strategic plan.

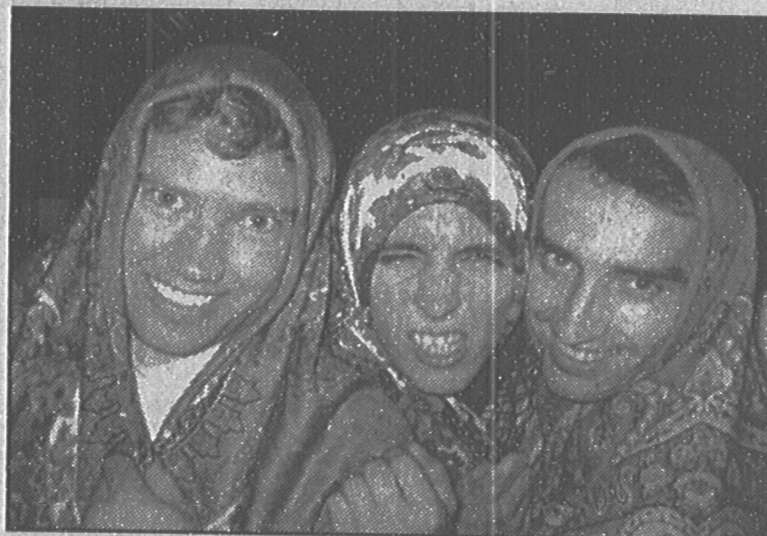
The decision is largely based on the emergence of Helsinki as a tech center, and Barcelona as the dominant commercial center on the Iberian peninsula. Swahili was chosen for its "differentiation" value.

"With so many other business schools offering Spanish, German, and Chinese, we really felt that those languages were saturated in the market," explains President Herb Burger. "We need to exploit our niche, and nobody knows languages better than Thunderbird."

The President explained that due to the over exposure of most common romance languages and some Asian languages, these courses will be phased out over time.

"Starting next trimester Spanish and French will be eliminated and replaced with more cutting edge languages," he stated. It is expected that German, Chinese, and Japanese will soon follow.

The reaction around campus was mixed as students struggled between the sadness of losing much loved professors, and the excitement of rising to the top of the competitive Catalan arena. "Some of my favorite teachers are Spanish professors, I would hate to see them go," bemoaned Pedro Sinstruck. "But Catalan isn't that different. Maybe they can ramp up with some of those books-on-tape?" he added hopefully.



Students practice Catalan at European Night

Another exciting aspect of the change will be the inclusion of a language for the Track II students. It's been a sticking point that these students complete the program without one leg of the tri-partite curriculum, but a solution is on the horizon. Dr. K. Kick explains, "Beginning this summer, we will offer the world's finest Pig Latin course for our Track II students. We think this will increase their marketability dramatically."

O-say O-day E-way!

T-bird to Conquer Canada, Desert Mexico

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In a not-so-stunning announcement, the Thunderbird Management Team announced that due to alignment with the school's Strategic Plan, the Guadalajara campus will be closed. Students are not to be dismayed, cautioned President Herb Burger, "Thunderbird will continue its international reach from the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island."

"The exact location of an overseas campus does not matter," added Davis Badwin, Dean of Faculty and Programs. "Just like Archamps it is in close proximity to so many strategic regions of North America." One can only assume that Dean Badwin was alluding to the campus' location close to the U.S. East Coast.

The campus will attract more international students, Director of Student Services, Moe Jiller told *Sad Rot*. Not only will the location in P.E.I. position the campus as the "gateway" to the European market, it does not ignore the relationships with Latin America. "Canada's ties to England, and thus the E.U. will entice more European students to attend. Canada's importance in

NAFTA is also a strong draw," Moe explained.

"Besides, the name of the province, Prince Edward Island, sounds quite stately. I think we can do a lot with this in the worldwide press," added Chief Marketing Officer Kent Lambchop. The PEI campus will also tie in well with Archamps' location in France, Lambchop commented. "Just think of the marketing effort that can be consolidated! All the documents in French used in Archamps can be distributed in nearby Quebec and Saint-Pierre et Miquelon."

President Burger added that the Yukon Territory was considered due to its tactical location as a "gateway" to Asia via the Bering Strait and to Russia. "Students seem to love the cold and skiing in Archamps, we thought a location here might cater to them as well as provide respite from the Glendale summers." President Burger also told *Sad Rot* that the Nanavut Province was considered as students would have the chance to learn an indigenous language.

Strategy Professor Randomswampy, when questioned about the logic used behind the location decision, stated that the fact that the campus will be on an island is no worry.

"The students will have an opportunity to learn to sail which is exactly how the first explorers, the 'original T-birds,' conquered the business world. It is time for students to return to these roots and focus on the core competencies of business expansion."

Chip Hassle, Associate V.P. of Professional Development and Career Management, added that the new campus' position one hour behind Brazil and Argentina and one ahead of the U.S. East Coast will allow students better access to recruiters and may alleviate some of the 5 a.m. informational interview phone calls.

A Thunderstalk search in MTB produced no members in T-bird's 33,000+ strong alumni base with Prince Edward Island in their bios, leaving *Sad Rot* to question how market intelligence could have been conducted.

"We feel the surge in students attending the Guadalajara campus this summer is just a statistical anomaly," said Katherine Sendmehome, Director of Academic and International Services.

"Newfoundland just makes more sense for the school. Applications will soon be available in the office for the Fall Trimester."

Hey Dude, Where's My Prof?

Professor Stuckafar has revealed how he duped students in the first week of the semester, by sending a holograph in his place to teach two lectures on the same day. Stuckafar, known for his high tech gadgetry and charismatic style, divulged the trickery in his final Global Product Development class at the end of first module.

In an exclusive interview, Stuckafar reported, "I wanted the students to understand the dynamics of new product adoption. If the initial perception exceeds expectations, the adoption curve will be much steeper. Am I making any sense here?"

Apparently, Stuckafar was unable to teach his first week's classes in ASM and GPD, due to "critical scheduling issues in Texas." Rather than schedule a make-up class, he sent trusted TA Kyle Body to the class, along with the Sharper Image T80 holograph.

The projected 3D image replicated Stuckafar perfectly, and even used some of the same idiomatic chicaneries that the professor is known for. At one point, when students were unable to respond to a simple linear analysis question, the image asked, "Look guys, was everybody at the Pub last night or what?" Later on, he made jokes about Viagra, and even answered his cell phone in the middle of

class.

Although feelings were mixed, the revelation left many students feeling betrayed. "I never miss class, ever, and so I don't see why he should," cried Aperva Slutta, Markstrat frontrunner.

"What kind of stunt is this? The guy is always trying to make us feel stupid. Like with that whole regression stuff for example," exclaimed Alec Maleman, top student.

At one point, when students were unable to respond to a simple linear analysis question, the image asked, "Look guys, was everybody at the Pub last night or what?"

"It all makes sense now. On that day, Stuckafar didn't seem to have the same facility with SPSS. That's the last time he fools us," proclaimed Hans Grabathing, German Club President.

"Ok, so we got fooled. I think it's kind of funny," giggled Natalie Tofu, GWIB member.

Stuckafar makes no apologies. "These guys are so brain dead in my class. I don't see how it would make a difference. Besides, the T80 is programmed to be an even better version of me."

The unfortunate event could hardly hurt the professor's popularity with students. His classes remain full each semester, and there doesn't seem to be any love lost this time around. In fact, Stuckafar may use the holograph to expand his course load next term, as he takes on 21 credits for the summer session. Any questions?

Course Pack Copying Scandal!

A surprise raid of Professor Wane's Competitive Advantage class on Monday yielded 22 arrests in Thunderbird's first course pack copying scandal. Armed with mace and billy clubs, T-bird Security burst into the classroom and rifled through student binders, looking for illegally copied cases.

"I feel so violated," said second trimester student Betsy Easy. "I know that other students routinely copy course packs, but not me. They had no right to go through my Trapper Keeper!"

The crime, which carries either a maximum sentence of 16 months of jail time or becoming a Data Analysis TA, was discovered by Thunderbird Instructional Programs Librarian

Mickyla Morals Arevaried.

"I've know for some time that students were abusing the free IBIC printer, but I never dreamed that students would be committing felonies ... and on school grounds!", she exclaimed.

A hidden video camera placed in the printer provided Security with the proof they needed to nab the 22 criminals.

"It may seem like we are being hard-asses, but these students just better be glad that the folks from Harvard didn't catch them first. Those guys don't screw around!" proclaimed Chuckles Caughtone, Chief of Security.

The fate of the "T-bird Twenty Two" will be decided at a special session of the Honor Council at the end of April.



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Dr. Love Arrested!

In a move that has shocked the entire Thunderbird community, Dr. Love has been arrested for slander, libel, intent to do bodily harm, impersonating a medical professional, and jaywalking. Early in the morning of March 1, Glendale's Finest broke through the screen door of the Doctor's mobile home, dragging him outside wearing only his PJ's of love. A camera crew from the school's Thunder Channel captured the bust à la Cops.

"It was brutal," recounted Thunder Channel Production Manager Cheri Chaplins, her voice shaking with the memory. "The Doctor kept shouting 'she

was over eighteen' again and again as they threw him in the back of the cruiser."

It appears that the good doctor's arrest occurred as a direct result of a column that was recently written for Thunderbird's student sleazy tabloid, *Das Tor*. Dr. Love had penned a Chinese Horoscope for the paper's Focus on Asia edition. In it, he provided somewhat shady advice for the love-lorn students on campus. And that proved to be his undoing.

"It turns out that people actually believed that drivel Dr. Love wrote. And some of those idiotic students acted on that bad

advice," explained Officer Pervebuster. "Some little first tri hit on Athena Lipfairy in the Pub and she pounded him into the floor. Now both of them have

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brought charges against the Doctor."

When the authorities became alerted to Dr. Love's suspicious medical practice, they dug deeper only to find that the Doctor is not really a doctor at

all.

A tip called in to the station gave the police the break they needed, Dr. Love was in *Das Tor's* office at that moment. But as the net closed in, the slippery doctor escaped out the side door with the officers hot on his trail. They chased him across 59th Avenue, where he committed his most grievous crime, jaywalking.

Unwilling to break the law and cross mid-street, the police could only watch helplessly as their prey got away. Dr. Love's freedom was short lived though, as the police tracked him to his trailer park love nest, where he was finally captured.

From his cell in the Glendale Penitentiary, the doctor answered this reporter's questions as he tried to defend his actions. "Look, just because I have my online Podiatrist's degree from the University of Phoenix doesn't mean I'm not qualified to treat broken hearts," he proclaimed. "I believe I have a divine mission at Thunderbird to help those poor horny students. They need me."

But amazingly, the Doctor sees a silver lining to his incarceration. "If things go my way, I'll be transferred to Danbury, Conn., where I hope to share a cell with Martha."

Undergraduate Program to Start From the "Bottom" Up

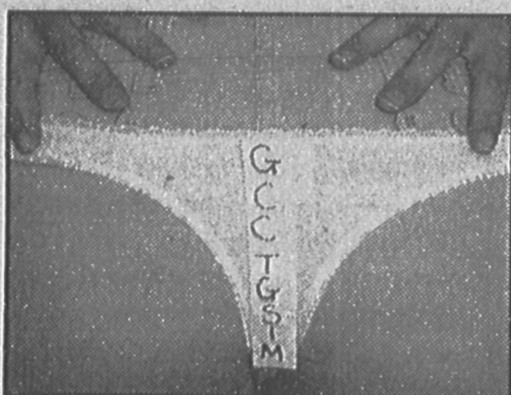
Rumors around campus of an undergrad partnership were confirmed with the recent delivery of a large box of his and hers thongs to the Thunderbird Bookstore. The "GCC" next to the "TGSIM" on the scanty rears said it all: Glendale Community College students will soon become part of the Thunderbird community.

The thong order was supposed to remain covert until an official announcement had been made concerning Thunderbird's establishment of an undergraduate program. Because an undisclosed online lingerie retailer was offering a 15%-off deal for large orders, bookstore personnel felt it was imperative to complete its summer thong order at this time.

A call to Administration for possible slogans for the thong waistbands resulted in the idea to instead use the back of the garments to announce Thunderbird's

new partnership.

It is unknown as to why students were present for the opening of the box, but the discovery prompted a lengthy con-



No ifs, ands or butts about it - students love new ThunderThong

versation on the All Current Students Discussion board. Some are upset concerning the apparent lack of deliberation on Thunderbird's part in making this partnership decision, but the majority is confused as to how so many letters can fit onto such a small piece of fabric.

Administration defended the apparel, issuing a statement exuding enthusiasm over how the thongs captured the youthful essence of the undergraduate experience, yet added an international edge. "...thus culminating in the perfect blend of our two institutions, and catering to both males and females," said Moe Jiller, Director of Student Services. Indeed, the thongs should fly off the bookstore shelves, and might even be seen at the pool, based on the Thunderbird male's swimsuit preferences.

TSG President Shannon Jonquilar assured students that the underwear venture would provide an excellent foundation on which to cultivate the partnership, and urged students to welcome the GCC contingent upon their matriculation at Thunderbird this fall. Details will follow in the next issue of *Sad Rot*.

Slow Service Swells Schlitz Support

Spring Fever has hit campus, and the combination of heat and hormones seem to have driven capacity crowds to the Pub. Loyal patrons have complained that there is barely room to breathe inside the musty establishment. Service has suffered as a result, with Thursday nights bringing such thick lines

to the bar that habitually-inebriated T-birds have, in fact, departed from the Pub at 1 a.m. with sobriety intact.

Excessive complaints may have prompted Administration and Aramark to soon undertake a joint venture to expedite the quenching process and provide another option for laundry money: *Schlitz vending machines*.

Said an anonymous campus authority, "Aside from complaints about the excessively long lines at the bar, there were two factors driving this decision. First, everyone knows how efficient our campus vending machines are. We can definitely capitalize on this sort of operation. Second, Schlitz is an excellent beer for students, and just watery enough that you can fight off the hangover with every sip."

The first machine would be placed on the Pub patio. Pub regulars Jimmie Jonesin and Byron Creamer, both in their last trimesters, were reportedly distraught, stating that this sort of change might tarnish their memories of the true experience. Jonesin stood up for the bartenders, allowing that the job



Pub Bartenders try new strategies to get more tips now that a vending machine option is competing with the Pub

entails a high degree of pressure, and that they could not be blamed for the chaos.

Creamer claims he had barely gotten over the mysterious departure of the air hockey table, only to hear this shocking news. He contended, "Schlitz is a great beer, but the personal attention is irreplaceable."

Thursday night bartenders Crispin Chickstarathim, Ferdinand Eyecandia, and Penny Humper worried that tips might dwindle, since in addition to a loss of customers, random pocket change would now be saved for the Schlitz machines (which will only accept exact change).

Commented Chickstarathim, "Sure, a lot of the cheap beer drinkers would flock to the machine and I would have more time to dance. But overall, I loathe the idea."

First trimester student Simona Booty had a different slant on the issue. "I am open to change, definitely. Why stop with Schlitz? A Wild Turkey dispenser could also work." At present, hard liquor will only be served in the Pub and Tower offices, but Booty's suggestion may evolve one day.

ThunderMatch™ Comes to MTB

"It seems like such a natural fit, I'm surprised we didn't think of it before," says Moe Jiller, Director of Student Services, of the newly announced ThunderMatch. The online dating service will be a permanent part of MTB going forward. Utilizing the existing framework of student profiles and discussion boards, ThunderMatch will provide romantically inclined T-birds a forum to find the perfect Thundermate.

"We've all done a little recreational Thunderstalking, but this service allows students to be much more efficient with their cyber romances," Moe continues. "In reality, this is just a time saving device more than anything."

Students will be prompted by a new log-on screen to supply such critical data as age, marital status, sexual orientation, turn-ons, and turn-offs. These statistics will let users sort through the student listings quickly to find those that match with a targeted profile. Originally, the system designers felt the collection of this data would be a stumbling block as

U.S. laws prohibit these sorts of questions. But then they realized that the MTB system could be routed through the Archamps mainframe, thereby falling under the French jurisdiction. And of course, the French always support matters of amour.

Beginning April 1, students will find a new icon on their MTB homepage on the left-hand side, just beneath "Reserve a Study Room." Critics are suspicious of the button placement that seems to suggest students 'get a room.'

"What could the administration be thinking?" demanded irate student, Marcus Amore. "Thunderbird already has a reputation as a heathen party school to live down ... this doesn't help matters any!"

One major concern lies in the unbalanced male to female T-bird ratio. It is well known that only 30% of the student body is female, and that could lead to a potential 40% male frustration rate; which in turn could lead to diminishing GPAs, possibly causing Thunderbird to slip in the FT rankings. In order to preserve



Students begin to post their new photos on MTB for ThunderMatch™

the school's rankings, female students will be allowed to create two distinct profiles (or aliases) enabling them to "double up" to alleviate the female shortage problem.

After the announcement of the dating service, the Alumni department was quick to jump on-board. "We are working hard to get our alumni included in the system," stated Alumni Relations officer, Wanda Comeback. "It's an ideal way to increase MTB usage among our alums."

NOTICE

Course Registration Cancelled

Due to an increase in the "Customized" Focus Area (a.k.a. "No Focus Focus") a new computer system will randomly assign students to courses.