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Back-to-School bargains
How to save on supplies, books, tuition, and more

By KRISTEN GIPSON
Assistant Editor

With tuition on the rise, most college students are worried enough about where their monies are com- ing from. They don’t need the added stress of figuring out how to pay off a $500- book bill. If you haven’t already picked up your textbook, check out these tips and tricks from students for whom searching clearance bins is, by now, second nature.

Books
The Internet, apart from hosting social networking sites popular to college stu- dents, is one of the best tools for students wishing to save money. Even those new or out-of-print books can be found used on sites like abe- books.com or amazon.com. Textbooks can even be rented on www.chegg.com, which promises to plant, a tree for every book rented. Place allows students to “rent” textbooks for a drastic- ally reduced price, for 60 days, a quarter, or a full semester.

This price includes free return shipping. As an example, a book priced in the UTPB bookstore (used) for $115.25 is available on chegg.com for $52.52. The site guarantees delivery date, quality of the books (like new) and, if the book is returned within 30 days, a full refund.

Books for History and English classes can be found on the Internet, as well, although more expedient ventures might be tracking down the nearest used book store, and ascertaining their selection before venturing time with shipping and handling fees, which often beat the cost of books substantially. The Bookcrafter, in Odessa, located at 107 N. Grant in Odessa offers a wide selection of literature staples. In addi- tion, the used book store has a credible program, in which cus- tomers can bring in un-wanted novels for store credit, which goes to slashing the already reduced prices of books.

School Supplies
Students who want to save money on school supplies are better off keeping their eyes open for the same sales that every smart-shopping PTA mom is looking for. Stores like Staples, Target, Office Depot, and Wal-Mart usually have back-to-school sales, in which normally-priced items can go as low as $1 or even a penny. However, the buyer should beware that these sales don’t always last long, and sometimes involve time-consuming snares. In addition, the college shopper might find him- self fighting with third-graders for the best version of the student isn’t label con- scious, there is always the Dollar Tree located near cam- pus.

Dorm Supplies
Sure, there is a stereotypical that most dorms are outfitted with bean bags instead of arm chairs and old futon covers. But when the coffee table/card- board box covers in, it’s time to invest in some cheap dorm furniture. Stores like Target and Bed, Bath, and Beyond (in Midland) usually carry cheap furniture and supplies specifi- cally designed for college stu- dents, but the best way to search for long-lasting and inexpensive furniture is to hit the Classifieds and stalk out yard sales.

CONSTRUCTION
Construction closes part of UTPB circle
By KRISTEN GIPSON
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Since August 19, UTPB circle drive has been partially closed, due to construction. After careful deliberation, univer- sity officials decided that due to construction on the UTPB circle, the last part of UTPB Circle (between the gym and student housing) would be barricaded. This doesn’t mean that students won’t have access to the gym or the Visual Arts building. However, they are advised to detour to the West part of the UTPB Circle. This decision should ensure the safety of students, traffic to the UTPB campus, and the construction crews that are working in the prohibited area.

Students should not attempt to weave through the barri- cades. This is strictly prohibit- ed and will result in a traffic citation.

The UTPB circle will be closed until construction finishes on the additions to the university campus.

GAVEN NORRIS
BY RENAE LUDRICK
Assistant Editor

UTPB will be missing three students when the fall semes- ter starts as Gaven Norris, Kelly Combs, and Josh Zuniga will be attending classes at Georgetown University who will be attending classes at UTPB. “Gaven Norris said, ‘I’m really excited,’ said Josh Zuniga, ‘I first heard about it in class last year, and had visited Washington before. It was one of the places that really caught my attention. I applied, things started going pretty good, and here I am going.’”

The process of getting selected for the program was a long and grueling ordeal for interested participants. “They [the students] had to keep looking better and better, I applied, things started going pretty good, and here I am going.’”

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The MJ stands a welcome back to new and returning students!

Missing: 3 students

photo by Renae Ludrick

The West UTPB Circle will be closed until construction finishes on the additions to the university campus.
Aliens exist! But you didn’t year that from us.

Kristen Gipson
Editor-in-Chief

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The library's Catalog.OPAL (online public access catalog) has over 7,000 full text electronic journals, scholarly journal databases, 750,000 microfilm/fiche cards, 101 research data bases. Local and regional interest materials (photographs, audios, videos, books and documents) can be found upstairs in the Archives/Special Collections and in the Downtown Special Collections Downtown Special Collections Downtown Special Collections Downtown Special Collections. These are related to the Yazoo, Coldspring, and 1945 civil rights Movement.

As seen in the Dunagan Texana Collection downstairs, and in the Dunagan Texana Collection downtown, texana documents can be found. Two computer monitors are available for the visually impaired, and there is equipment to greatly enlarge print of books or publications.

For current UTPB students, staff, and faculty, the library offers course reserves, interlibrary loan, and Interlibrary loans. Comfortable seating is provided along with the computers as a research tool. This library is a great way to start your research, and learn something.

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By RENAE LUDRICK

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Club Day approaches

By RENAE LUDRICK
Assistant Editor

After the dust settles from the start of a new semester, the Office of Student Life located in the Student Union will offer Club Day on Thursday, September 10 for all students on campus in the Mesa Courtyard (weather permitting). The event features all registered clubs on campus, allowing students to visit and to sign up at information tables profiling the club. In the past, many students have found the event to be helpful in getting more involved on campus and finding a social break from the classroom.

Many university departments have a table during Club Day to provide more information to students about the services or classes they provide. Community businesses have also been featured during Club Day with tables ranging from banking services to companies needing to hire part-time help.

"Club Day is a fabulous opportunity for students. They have a chance to get involved or find out about all the clubs on campus, all in one centralized location," Becky Gardner, past Special Events Chair of Program Board, said.

Club Day is typically offered within one month after the start of the fall semester. For more information regarding Club Day, please contact the Office of Student Life.