

# TRINITY STUDENT

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## 'Trinity Bubble' construction to begin Board votes to build \$4.5 billion, 117-acre megadome

At a press conference Tuesday, the Board of Trustees announced a 3-year, \$4.5 billion plan to construct a massive, climate-controlled dome around the entire campus.

"My fellow Trinitonians, today's announcement marks the dawn of a new future," stated Public Relations Coordinator Nicholas Hatten. "For no longer will the phrase 'Trinity Bubble' be a mere expression. In a few short years, everything around you will be literally 'inside the bubble.'"

The dome is the brainchild of Board member and contractor Conrad Haig.

"When I was visiting the campus for President Brazil's inauguration, I heard a lot of talk about the 'Trinity bubble,' the invisible boundary that divides Trinity from the rest of San Antonio," Haig said at the press conference. "Though I quickly realized it was an expression, it got me thinking—why not build a real bubble? People of Trinity, the time for that bubble is now."

Haig claims that a bubble would be the most effective way to keep out the things that no students, faculty, staff, or administrators should want on this campus. Tightly-guarded airlocks for entry and exit will keep the integrity of the bubble intact.

"Though our campus is certainly nothing to be ashamed of, we have the technology to make it even more beautiful while keeping out the more unseemly elements of San Antonio, like air pollution."

Mayor Howard Peak commended the efforts of the Trustees, which will bring approximately 5,000 jobs to San Antonio.



### Wonder bubble

An artist's interpretation of the proposed 'Trinity Bubble' design, from a perspective in Alamo Stadium. The massive enclosure, inspired by its legendary mythical namesake, is expected to seal out undesirable elements such as air pollution, according to proponent and Board member Conrad Haig. The bubble is scheduled for completion in 2003.

"The construction and maintenance of the so-called 'Trinity Bubble' will be a boon to our city's economy, not to mention a fabulous addition to our city's beautiful skyline. I salute the trustees of Trinity University for their commendable efforts."

Will Haig's brainchild be a landmark or a costly failure? He maintains that it is worth

the risk to reap the benefits.

"Imagine the reaction of prospective students when they walk to school in 72-degree comfort in August or December, seeing a lush tropical rainforest on one part of the campus, and a rustic recreation of the Australian outback on another. We might have to start charging for tours!"

## Physical Plant: 'You'll never love door handles the way I do'

In response to floods of complaints that residence hall doors have no handles, Physical Plant yesterday released a statement that students just can't have any.

"Ours! Not yours!" the official statement said.

According to Physical Plant spokesperson Edward Murray, they had stopped replacing broken door handles because students were ripping them off in attempts to open exterior doors without utilizing keys.

However, though the new universal key system has reduced forced-entry, physical plant has not replaced the missing door handles.

"You don't need handles," Murray said. "so shut up!"

Students insist, however, that a handle is a necessary part of a door.

"They fixed the latches, but not the locks," sophomore Jason Tribble said. "So now that the doors actually close, we have

to use our keys as handles, and the locks are all shot to hell."

Murray points out that students are whiney babies.

"Wah wah wah," Murray said. "Students want their little door handles. Well, they're mine now!"

Murray has been hoarding door handles for the past seven years. His collection includes over 450 handles of more than 320 different types, shapes, and sizes. "All mine! Mine, I tell you!" he added.

Murray believes that door handles cannot be truly appreciated by evil students.

"You'll never understand them, love them the way I do," he said. "Look at how gentle they are... I'll never put you on a door for those evil students to tear off again! That's right! No I won't! Daddy loves you, yes he does! Does handle love daddy?"

Jack Murray, Edward's brother, is an area locksmith.



### Lock 'em up and throw away the handles

This door to McLean has no handle. Students are still expected to pull the door open with their keys, despite the enactment of the new universal key policy.

PEANUT GALLERY

How do you like the new Snapple drinks?



"Earth is good, though I have a hard time drinking something named after dirt."

— Atlas



"They should make one called 'shit.' Like everything else that gets rammed down my throat."

— George Storch Head



"High Fructose Corn Syrup of Satan. I'll stick with 'Holy water,' if you get my drift."

— Pentecostal Jesus



"Well, tequila goes in Rain, rum goes in Dragonfruit... but fuck Snapple, just gimme the booze."

— Esplanade Trash Can



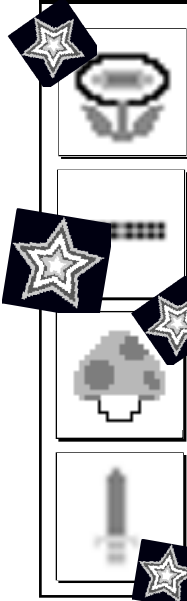
"The bottles are shaped pretty, so they *must* be different than Fruitopia!"

— Large Interior Form

## Power-ups help students meet homework challenges

### Controversial products promise extra life, supernatural powers

#### KNOW YOUR POWER-UPS



##### Fire Flower

This magical flower, when eaten, enables you to spit fireballs. Use it to attack homework from a distance.

##### Lead Pipe

Use this to bludgeon an academic opponent, or to improve grades by means of coercion.

##### Magic Mushroom

Eat these to double in size, move faster, be stronger, and hear colors. Essential to complete any semester.

##### Wood Sword

Upgrade your bare fists with this power-up, and you can take out small papers with little effort.

Junior Mario Castiglione says he has found a new way to study, using video game power-ups.

Last week, he used magic mushrooms and fire flowers to help him blast his way through a Faulkner paper just before the time limit expired.

"When I heard the time-is-running-out music, you know, 'doo, doo-doo-doo, doo-doo-doo, doo-doo-doo,' the music I was listening to sped up and I only had the first page of my *The Sound and the Fury* paper done," Castiglione said. "I knew I was in trouble. But then I remembered I had that mushroom and fire flower hidden in a loose brick in the wall. After I smashed the brick open with my head and ate the mushroom and flower, making up stuff about that novel was no problem."

A recent Counseling and Career Services survey indicates that Mario is not alone: about 34% of Trinity undergraduates use between 3 and 6 power-ups each

week to help them get through their daily homework.

Though no formal studies have been done on the effects of power-ups, preliminary reports indicate that auditory hallucinations, doubling in physical size, and feelings of inferiority once the it wears off may result from power-up use.

Others say power-ups are most dangerous to the economically disadvantaged, who often cannot afford high power-up prices and may resort to buying so-called "welfare power-ups," which are often mixed with cheaper, harmful chemicals.

Meanwhile, students continue to rely on power-ups to take their education to the next level.

"Last week, I used some Flashman Time-Stopper during a calculus test," freshman Sonya McGaman said. "After time was stopped, I could take as long as I needed. I got an A, so I don't see how power-ups could be bad."

## Admissions dept. admits nothing

In a statement released last Tuesday, the Admissions department announced that it can no longer admit anything.

"We have found things that we feel we should admit, but we're supposed to keep such things from being admitted," department director Rudy Martinez said.

The problem was identified when a student realized that photos in the Trinity Viewbook are altered in a way that makes the scenes depicted physically impossible. An employee was forced to admit that the photos were fake.

President John Brazil believes that this could cause more problems for the school.

"What if they start admitting other things?" he said. "If certain things got out, we'd be in big trouble."

Brazil agrees with the move to halt admissions until the problem is solved.

"We must figure out how to resolve the irony of the entire department—that its name belies a mode of operation focused on deceit," he said. "Until then, we can't have them actually admitting anything, so we've shut them down for now."

#### TECH TIPS: AUTO E-MAIL, HANDLING CRASHES

- When ordering online, keep your credit card number secure by writing it in pig-latin.
- When your computer reports an illegal operation, go immediately into denial. Repeat to yourself, "I sure am glad that I don't know how to use anything but Microsoft products."

#### SOMETHING TO HELP YOU AVOID HOMEWORK

##### Conjugal Bliss

A Comedy of Marginal Arts  
by John Nichols

BOOK

Before Roger married Zelda, they were lovers. Before they were married, that is.

Conjugal Bliss explores what happens when a man finds himself married to a woman he only thought he knew when they said "I do."

The book follows protagonist Roger as he struggles with Zelda and eventually even his own life. The really great thing about this book is how Nichols manages to make the protagonist someone the reader can really identify with, no matter how bizarre the situation. I can remember gleefully hopping up and down one evening as I read one passage in which the protagonist dishes out a healthy helping of particularly sweet retribution pie to one rather obnoxious antagonist, one of Zelda's weirdo friends. You can find a few other books by John Nichols in the library.

#### ABOUT TRINITY STUDENT

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#### It's time now for the *Trinity Student* "Who the fuck is such a fuckin moron?" contest results! This week's winners:

"Permanent red dye in fountain wastes thousands of gallons of water," "It's hailing, so let's speed to Prassel, where parking laws don't apply," and "I throw away the *Trinity Student*! I don't want to share!"

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