

Tuesday Tidbits
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This issue of *Tuesday Tidbits* is taking a slightly different track. Last Thursday my office flooded. Okay, by flood standards it was a pretty poor showing – the water came up under the emergency exit (blocked drain) and soaked the rug in Room 40. My office was the first in line and my collection of cardboard boxes did a spectacular job of soaking up the deluge. The contents of the boxes had minor damage. Nothing was lost that I didn't have extra copies of. I would like to thank the night crew for quickly emptying my office of soggy boxes etc. and getting my stuff up off the floor. It is greatly appreciated.

What did you find of interest when you cleaned up the mess?

I have copies of the printed schedules all the way back to the mid 1970's. A little digging came up with this set of numbers ...

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| Cost per credit hour – in state undergrad | Spring 1976 | \$ 21.00 |
| | Spring 1986 | \$ 44.75 |
| | Spring 1996 | \$ 83.25 |
| | Spring 2006 | \$ 158.45 |

In a mere thirty years your favorite three credit hour class has gone from \$63.00 to \$475.35. When I started in 1966, it was \$15 per credit hour or \$45 for my first class - ENGL 101. Today that wouldn't even buy half the textbook (used). Of course I also remember that I paid for most of my freshmen year from my babysitting money. I got \$.50 per hour and a dollar after midnight if it was a nice family.

Anything else interesting?

A print out of "The Tao of Meow" by Waldo Japussy. (Publication info is unknown)

Sixty-three

You cannot move mountains,
If you believe them to be mountains.
You must think of them as collections of small stones,
Which can be moved one at a time,
And then reassembled.

Make work difficult, and it cannot be done.
Make it simple and even a simpleton can do it.
There is great value in hard work,

As long as someone else is doing it.

(Thanks to all!)