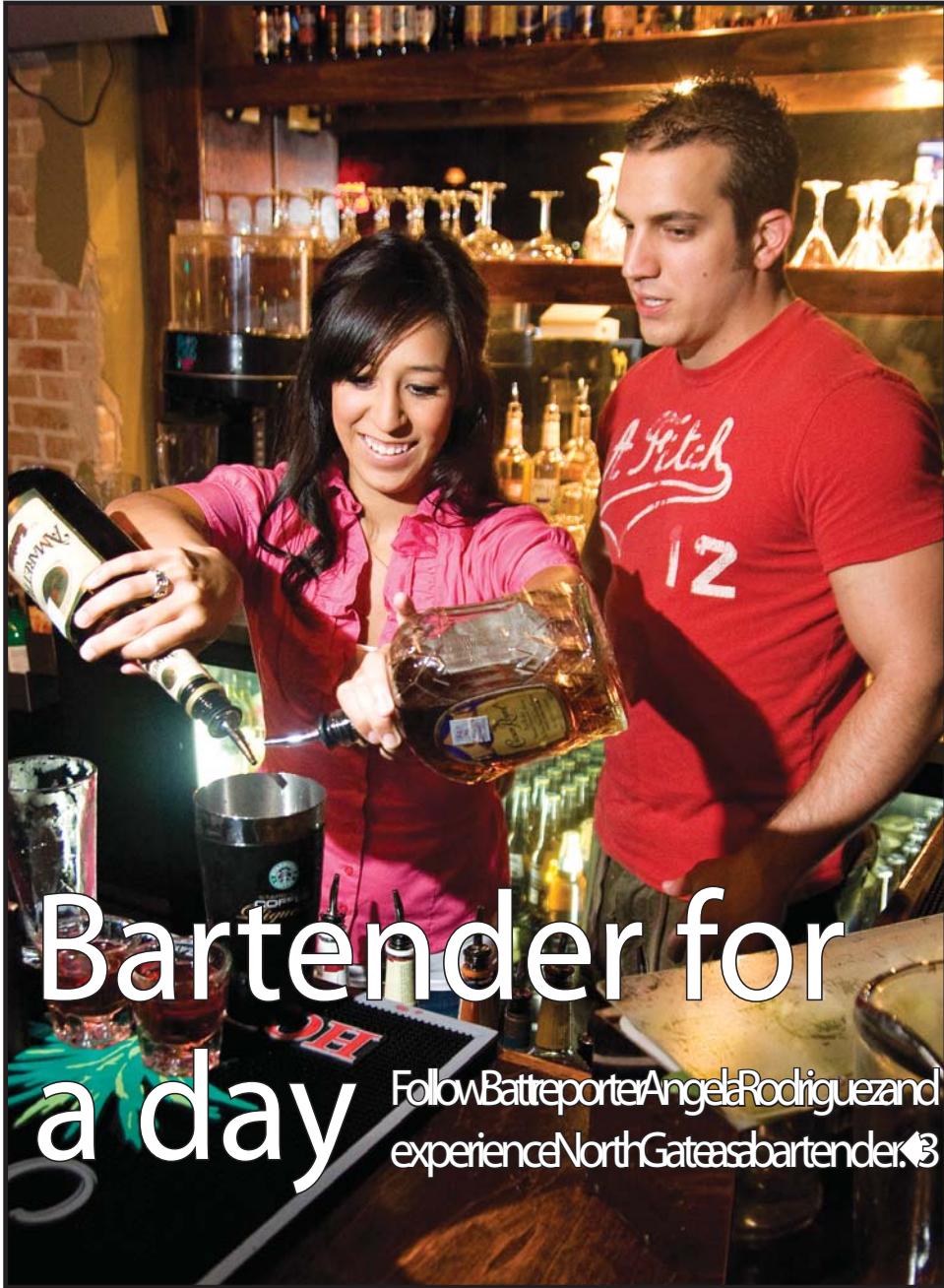


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Microsoft supported investor Carl Icahn's effort to dump Yahoo Inc.'s board, saying Monday that a successful shareholder rebellion would encourage the software maker to renew its bid to buy Yahoo's Internet search engine or possibly the entire company. ♦7



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Suicide bomber in Afghanistan

A suicide car bomb outside the Indian Embassy killed 41 people and wounded nearly 150 others Monday, ripping through the building's gates and scattering bodies and pools of blood across some of Kabul's most protected streets. ♦8



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Shortchanged: Students experience diminishing returns on textbooks

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As the end of the semester rolls around, some students look forward to the extra beer money traded-in textbooks bring, others cringe at the thought of exchanging a \$100 book for \$5. Either way, textbooks are a point of fascination at A&M.

Meredith Jones, a senior education major, said it's the never-ending editions that bother her.

"There always seems to be a new edition, so there's two to three books I can't sell back or they'll take it for a few dollars, so it's not even worth it," she said.

Jones said she has resorted to alternative selling methods, to combat the bookstore blues.

"Most the time if I have a really expensive book, I end up selling it to someone I know will be in the class so I can at least get something for it," she said.

Jones said, looking back, she would have liked to handle textbooks differently.

"I wish I would have known about buying books off Amazon and online because I save a lot more money doing that than at bookstores," she said.

Keith O'Connor, a senior computer science major, said he seconds Jones senti-

ments on editions.

"I'm really pissed off at how often the editions change," he said.

O'Connor said he purchased a calculus book for approximately \$150, and the book covered three courses.

"I tried to sell it back and it was only worth \$10," he said. "I was confused because there's three groups of students that use the book."

"Some professors I've had say the University requires them to use a book, and the professor doesn't use it," O'Connor said.

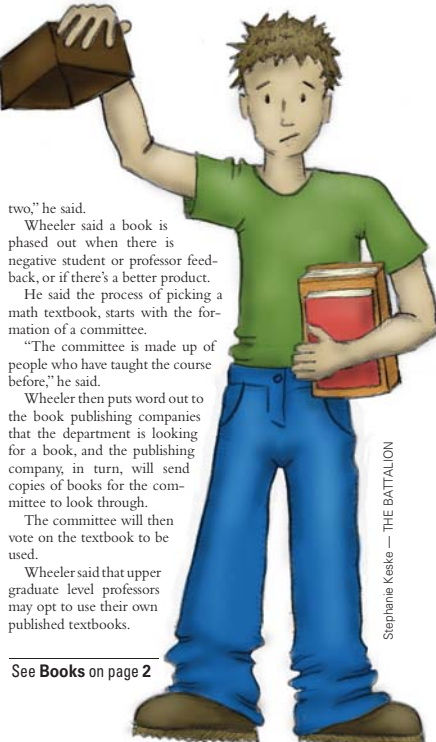
"I've had at least six classes where you don't need the book," he said.

This kind of experience leave many students wondering, just who is in charge of this?

Robert Wheeler, senior internet technology associate, is the man behind the textbooks for the Department of Mathematics.

Wheeler said the department picks lower level courses — up to MATH 300s — and 400 level and above, and graduate courses are chosen by the professor on an individual basis per semester.

"Sometimes we hold onto books for four years, other just for a semester or



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