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Athletes shouldn't slack off

by Doug Webb
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There is a new guy in town; he is tough and causes a lot of problems. Many college coaches hate him; others are not affected by him. His name is "PROPOSITION 42."

"PROPOSITION 42" was recently born around the turn of the new year. What PROPOSITION 42 does is keep those freshmen who are coming out of high school and who do not make over a 700 on the S.A.T., or do not maintain a 2.0 GPA while in high school from receiving any scholarships offered to them by any college.

If this rule is violated, there will be suspension for the team for violating this new proposition. So what this basically does is raise requirements and change certain rules that will make it impossible for those who do not do well in high school.

Everybody should have a chance in college. But you have to work to get the chance. I think it is great to require a 2.0

G.P.A. But there are other criteria, other than by using a student's SAT scores, that I think the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) should work it.

I was not a bad student in high school, only making a 2.7 G.P.A., but the SAT score that I received in the mail was not too pretty.

I say do not use the S.A.T. scores to judge a person's ability. Let the student go an extra year of high school and realize that if he or she wants to play, he or she must pass. Because when you get to college, there is no major in basketball.

You should know how to use "before" in a sentence without saying 2 plus 2 "be 4," and you must be willing to work in class, just as much as you do on the playground.

So, students should consider PROPOSITION 42 when entering their last year of high school and work so they may play the sport of their choice.

But remember, that if you slack off, the "New Guy" in town will get you.

Good Day

Report those scholarships

It's that time of year again - when people everywhere are trying to read and understand instructions for completing their income tax returns. Many students will be filing the federal 1040EZ tax form to reclaim taxes withheld for work done last summer; however, did you know that your scholarships and grants ("free" money) may also need to be included as taxable income?

As part of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the amount of your scholarships and grants, excluding tuition and required books, fees and equipment, is subject to being taxed. The difference should be included on your 1040 U.S. Income Tax Return as Miscellaneous Income. NOTE: This is the long form, not the EZ or A form.

Be sure when you are calculating your taxable scholarships/grants that you look at the calendar year 1988 and not the academic year as shown on your Financial

Aid Award Letter. Sophomores will need to get last year's Award Letter, which lists Spring 1988 aid and this year's Award Letter, which lists Fall 1988 aid; whereas, freshmen only need be concerned with Fall 1988.

The college is not required to give W-4's to all students for the taxable portion of their scholarships and grants, and we do not issue W-4's for workstudy earnings. At this time, it is the student's responsibility to include all taxable sources of income, so please read the instructions to make sure you are including all applicable sources.

If you have any questions or need help in determining the taxable portion of your award, please come by the Financial Aid Office. Although not a tax expert, I will help advise you to the best of my ability. You may want to consult with a tax accountant to be sure.

Lisanne Masterson
Director of Financial Aid

The editor's opinion

Speaking of consideration

by Andrea Henry
Editorial Editor

It's been a tedious day. You slept through your first three classes because your alarm clock decided not to go off, all you had in your post office box was "air mail," and you came back to your dorm room to find your favorite goldfish floating at the top of the bowl.

That's it! You've had enough. You've got to talk to your girlfriend (or boyfriend). She (or he) will understand. She (or he) will be sympathetic. Yeah! That's it. You'll just call her (or him) right up. You're all excited. You begin walking down the hall to use the phone, but to your utter dismay, a hallmate is using it. Tapping the person on the shoulder, you ask him to tell you when he is off, knowing the time limit is 20 minutes. He nods. Patiently you wait. Ten, twenty, thirty minutes go by. You grit your teeth and say to yourself, "Doesn't anyone every pay attention to the sign posted beside the phone which says, 'Please limit phone calls to only 20 minutes'."

The phone. It's probably one of the most frustrating inventions known to man because of its ability to silently mock and its ability to demand immediate attention.

In the same family of phones is what's known as the hall phone. Its silence doesn't mock nearly as often as its attention is demanded. It'd be interesting to find out how many calls get through on the average college dorm floor—especially the girls' floor. The frustrating part comes in when the hall phone is always in use, and you are waiting for a call, or someone is waiting to hear from you.

Whoever thought of the 20 minute time limit on calls from the hall phone had a great idea, but he must not have had much to say. An entire conversation in 20 minutes is almost a record for those of us who call our family or friends once a week and enjoy relating all the week's exciting details. It would be terrific if we had phones in our dorm rooms, but such is not the case, so we've got to make the most of what we have.

The time limit may seem quite short, but who knows? Maybe just one minute after hanging up following the time limit, the phone may ring again, and this time it is for you..... It's your girlfriend (or boyfriend) who just wants to say "Hey."