

The Editor Comments

There Is Still Some Hope Left

Yes, there are only a few more weeks left in the semester, and everyone knows what that means. For some it would mean looking in the want-adds for jobs; heading for Canada for some strange and unknown reason; or looking up another college to attend. However, for others, it could mean a part of his college life is behind him. If a student's grades weren't so hot at mid-semester, it is still not too late to change them. In most classes, the majority of work and grading is done during the second half of the semester. Therefore, if one gets a low grade the first part of the semester, it is highly possible for him to raise his grade the second half.

It is not as easy to raise one's grades as has first been stated. It takes more than willingness to raise them; however, willingness is a beginning. It takes work-hard, continuous work to raise a grade from an "F" to a "C". If a student spends two hours outside of class for every hour spent inside of the classroom, then he has taken the first step forward in getting a better grade.

A second way of raising one's grades is getting to know the teacher or teachers involved. If a student takes the time outside the classroom to get to know the teacher, it will help him understand the teacher and therefore, to understand what the teacher's goals are. Better communication between the students and the faculty will definitely result in better grades for the students. Through better communications the teacher is able to find the needs and weak points of the students, and the students in turn to better respect the teacher and his needs.

A third way of raising one's grades is taking notes -- detailed notes in class. By taking notes one remembers what he learns, he is able to see it and it stays in his mind longer. Another reason for taking notes is that he student has some means of looking back and reviewing for a test. Even though he has learned a part and written it down, by reviewing it through his notes, it is brought fresh into his memory; thus it is easier to recall on a test.

Several aids to studying and raising one's grades have been listed. If a student wants to learn, then he will find a way. If not, another way will be found for him. Remember, the only good student is an alive student. Stay in school.

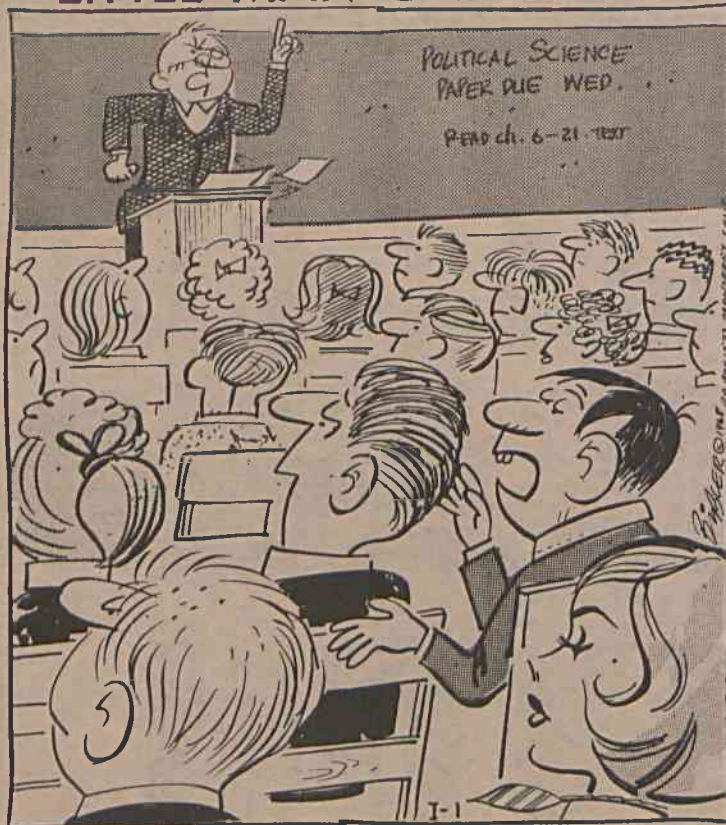
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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"BETTER SAY SOMETHING NICE ABOUT DEMOCRATS - I HAPPEN TO KNOW HE FLUNKED 14 KNOWN REPUBLICANS LAST TERM."

Driving Might Not Be So Much Fun!

Make no mistake about it! The number one social problem in the United States today is the misuse of the automobile. What originally started as a means of transportation has become a toy in the hands of the irresponsible. Automobile manufacturers are contributing to the problem. There is absolutely no sane reason why an engine needs the power of 300 to 400 horses to move it along. Parents are also guilty when they allow immature youngsters to have automobiles of their own the minute after their sixteenth birthday party. On top of all of this we write glowing accounts of how fast certain drivers can circle a track at the Southern 500. Even more tragic is that such written accounts appear on the sports page beside the stories of our olympic champions. Thus, some amateur mechanic with a speed perverted mind is

glorified and exalted as an athletic champion. Some say the race drivers are safety conscious. If that is true, then the spectators who cheer them on are the ones with the speed perverted minds. In the toy department, race tracks outsell electric trains, and racing models outsell even the models of war and combat (interestingly enough, road deaths greatly exceed combat deaths). The end result of all this madness is that we are rearing a generation of speed perverted youngsters who are itching to floorboard their brains through the windshield. They are everywhere--just observe the By-Pass here in Louisburg on any Saturday evening and you will see a race track that produced 5 accidents in one day on a Saturday not too long ago. How does it all end? The family and friends of a former student at Louisburg College can tell you

how it all ends. What can we do to prevent such a tragedy from ever happening to "us" again. The following suggestions may save your life.

1. Wearing seat belts is not enough. Studies have shown that serious head injuries may occur even when seat belts are worn snugly. The shoulder strap (required on all 1968 models) is an absolute necessity to prevent the tremendous forward motion generated by a front end impact. Both the seat belt and the shoulder strap must be worn snugly at all times (especially for around town driving).
2. When a rear end impact occurs, the head flies back so rapidly that the neck may be seriously injured. The only means of prevention is the headrest (required on all 1969 models).
3. Never drive if you have consumed any alcohol whatsoever prior to driving. If driving is involved, coeds should absolutely refuse to date a boy who insists on drinking even one beer and then continues to drive.
4. Remember that speed limits are just what they say they are--limits. One should actually drive at a slower rate of speed than the limit allows. Highways are too crowded to drive at the top limit. If everyone would drive at a speed which is less than the limit allows, we would undoubtedly witness a reduction in traffic deaths of about 50 to 75 per cent.
5. Encourage local community leaders and local government officials to conduct vigorous and continuous highway safety campaigns so that at least Louisburg might become a safer place for us to continue our education for life.

Happy Birthday
Judy Babcock



Dear Mom,
I'll Do Better
Next Time



"This is true liberty, when free-born men, having to advise the public, may speak free."
John Milton

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