



Editorials

Are You Average?

By DAVID READ

The day I meet an average person is the day I die. The word average is a practical one. However, in general human terms it doesn't meet the standard. The delusion of the S-curve (illustrating average, above average and below) is witnessed in that even the so called philistines among us contain a great combination of complications.

It is my contention that God is, was, and will be incapable of representing anything average. Certainly not below average! In addition, any sort of universal law would bar average from its list of amendments.

I believe perception is the key word in understanding why 50% of us carry the stigma of below average. We all consciously or unconsciously perceive our fellows as adept or inept based upon our relations with others and our feelings about ourselves. The human personality is so complex as to warrant many

years of study toward the understanding of a single individual, yet society bases assumptions on mere sensory perception.

Some among us seem to excel in a great many areas and are thus set apart as superior. My belief is that such individuals will naturally gravitate toward the purpose suited for their specific make-up without the introduction of labels. They are what they are, but they aren't superior.

The application of natural principles aids in the destruction of the average fallacy. For instance, which is superior the tree or the rock? Nature IS and doesn't perceive, so that in its wisdom it has no standard yardstick. My belief is that each person fulfills a purpose and that everyone can be above average in some facet of life — but never superior in a general sense over other wo/men.

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

I read with interest your column on two-time player of the week Henry Harrison. He is a sophomore and apparently has been playing for Louisburg for two years. I don't remember missing a home game in the last two years, but I can't remember

seeing a Henry Harrison play for us.

We do have a Henry Harris who has been player of the week two times. He looks exactly like the picture of Henry Harrison in Columns.

If Coach Drake will just start Harrison and Harris at the same time losses will be few and far between.

Sincerely,
Russ Frazier
Athletic Director
Louisburg College

Dear Coach Frazier,

We of the "Columns" appreciate your joining us in our efforts to point out to Coach Drake the existence of the "twin" players, Harris and Harrison. It has been our concern all basketball season that one of these fellows continued to be lost among our

teaming student population.

Journalism is at times much like athletics — one gets the most attention when errors are made.

Seriously, though, we admit our mistake in re-naming Henry and apologize to him and the team as a whole.



A Drinking-Driving Test:

Editor's Note:

Last month we began a two-part "Self Test for Drinking and Driving Teenagers." This is the second part of the test. Try it on yourself and others — it could be an eye opener.

PART 2

If you strongly agree with the following statements... write in 1; agree, but not strongly... write in 2; neither agree nor disagree... write in 3; disagree, but not strongly... write in 4; strongly disagree... write in 5.

Set 1

1. If a person concentrates hard enough, he or she can overcome any effect that drinking may have upon driving.
2. If you drive home from a party late at night when most roads are deserted, there is not much danger in driving after drinking.
3. It's all right for a person who has been drinking to drive, as long as he or she shows no signs of being drunk.
4. If you're going to have an accident, you'll have one anyhow, regardless of drinking.
5. A drink or two helps people drive better because it relaxes them.

Add scores 1-5

Set 2

6. If I tried to stop someone from driving after drinking, the person would probably think I was butting in where I shouldn't.
7. Even if I wanted to, I would probably not be able to stop someone from driving after drinking.
8. If people want to kill themselves, that's their business.
9. I wouldn't like someone to try to stop me from driving after drinking.
10. Usually, if you try to help someone else out of a dangerous situation, you risk getting yourself into one.

Add scores 6-10

Set 3

11. My friends would not disapprove of me for driving after drinking.
12. Getting into trouble with my parents would not keep me from driving after drinking.
13. The thought that I might get into trouble with the police would not keep me from driving after drinking.
14. I am not scared by the thought that I might seriously injure myself or someone else by driving after drinking.
15. The fear of damaging the car would not keep me from driving after drinking.

Add scores 11-15

Set 4

16. The 55-mile-per-hour speed limit on the open road spoils the pleasure of driving for most teenagers.
17. Many teenagers use driving to let off steam.
18. Being able to drive a car makes teenagers feel more confident in their relations with others their age.
19. An evening with friends is not much fun unless one of them has a car.
20. There is something about being behind the wheel of a car that makes one feel more adult.

Add scores 16-20

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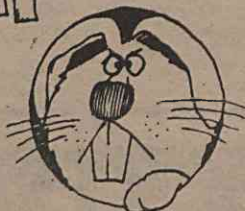
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