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a typewriter warmed in hell

The crowning effort of every college educational experience is the doctoral dissertation. The doctoral student has been packed with knowledge for 20 years and must now make a contribution to the heap. But according to pamphlets recently stolen from the graduate school, not all students are up to the effort. Dissertation advisors provide the following pamphlet to students having a hard time deciding on a research topic:

"The purpose of a dissertation is to broaden the collective human knowledge, to expand the human ken, to make a donation to human

understanding. The trouble arises in deciding on a particular branch of ignorance. Confused students often find the following technique useful in selecting a topic.

"Make five lists of words or things. In the first list put nouns such as: Eskimos, Italians, Mao Tse Tung, adolescent peers, Raole..

"In the second put adjectives such as: psychological, differential, autistic, interpersonal, dormant, isotropic.

"In the third put nouns: syndrome, self concept, entropy, cancer, fireplace poker, blue

green algae, disbursement, divorce.

"In the fourth put verbs: generated, disbursed, interpolated, identified.

"Finally, in the fifth write down some places where you would like to spend a few years vacation: Farming, Iowa, the 14th Century, Billings, Mont., Kanka Lulu, Tahiti.

"Now pick a few words from each column. For example: adolescent peers, dormant, divorce, and Kanda Lulu, Tahiti. With a little imagination this becomes your new field: Divorces generated by adolescent peers in

Kanka Lulu.

"Using this same method we get:

- "Differential disbursement generated among Italians with cancer in Farming, Iowa. (sociology, biology)

- "The Billings factor, as generated by Mao Tse-Tung (sociology).

- Raoles syndrome in 14th-century Italy (history, biology, literature)

- "Isotropic blue-green algae, interpolated and identified (biology).

- "Psychological effects of fireplace poker among eskimos (anthropology).

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"If the branch of ignorance you discover doesn't exist in your field, make some new lists. Eventually you will hit on your intellectual contribution."

'Worm burgers' crawl into diet

CHICAGO (AP) — The owner of Earthworms Inc. said Thursday that he is adding "Wormburgers" to the 100 recipes he has for using protein-rich dried worms as food supplements.

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