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COMMENT AND OPINION

A TYPICAL DAY IN THE WAR ON DRUGS ...

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5:30 PM - DRUG BUST (FREEZE!



Students should learn life's whys, not hows

By Lynn Vavreck

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There will always be those who know how, working for those who know why.

- Anonymous

It's time to return to a college education that is a based in the classics. Students should be studying things like literature, history, government, art and philosophy — not "Reporting," "Home Equipment" or "Social Psychology of

A study by Jones and Wills in Esquire magazine suggests 100 things every college graduate should know. Certainly, the following highlights from their list are arbitrary—but, then, so are our diplomas if we don't know these subjects.

Words. There are some simple seman-

tic details that college should help clear up. There's the difference between discreet

and discrete. Discreet is what a person should be if he is having an illicit love affair. Discrete applies in science and technology and means separate or detached, like molecules. Confusing these terms could be terminal to your love life

Here's another: sensuous and sensual While both adjectives refer to the pleasing of the senses, sensuous is the kind of pleasure one gets from art or literature. Sensual is the kind of erotic pleasure one gets from one's discreet love affair. Never insult a woman by saying she is sensu-

Books. Remember reading Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales," Swift's "Gulliver's Travels" or even Freud's "Introduction to Psychoanalysis"? All classics with lessons to teach.

Poetry. Poetry is a bit more difficult. since it is written in a style unfamiliar to most. Regardless, every graduate should read Milton's "A Paradise Lost," Pope's "An Essay on Man" and other works by the great poets including Byron, Shelley, and, of course, Shakespeare.

If you haven't read some of these works already, you'd better get cracking. Statistics show that, after commence ment, the average college graduate reads one book a year. Your biologicalbook clock is ticking.

Art. Certain works of art should be recognized immediately, both for their contribution to history as well as to art Giotto's "The Lamentation," Donatello's 'David," Michelangelo's "Pity" and Raphael's "School of Athens." Remember: Art imitates life.

But I can just hear everybody saying. Sure, reading Shakespeare is OK, but it won't get me a job.

You're not going to find a want ad for someone who knows how to quote Shakespeare verbatim.

But with a good, classic, liberal arts

background, you can get any kind of job - because you understand not only how to do things but

why to do them.

Never insult a woman by say-

ing she's sensuous.

People say that a business major can go right out and get a job in sales or banking or finance. But so can a history major. The only difference is the history major has a sense of weltanschauung - that's a world view, for those of you in the business college.

The history major knows why things go the way they do because he has taken time to review the patterns of life - not just review the flow charts of the Fortune 500 companies.

The classics never change and that is one reason why they are so crucial to study. History gives us hope, and through studying the art, literature, philosophy and events of a different time. we are better able to make a difference in our own time.

We should be challenging ourselves to learn all we can while in college — about everything we can. We can develop job skills along the way.

After all, it is always those who know how, working for those who know why.

Confessions of the most hated man on campus

By Dale Chapman

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I'm the guy you'd most like to strangle, maim, disfigure and then run over Forget about the professors, administrators and university staff you think you hate. I'm the one you really hate and you know it.

After working as a parking "rep" at the U. of California, Irvine, last year, I know what you think about the dreaded force known here simply as PARKING. Even my friends call me every name in the book, and then ask for forgiveness - and if I can take care of their multitudes of

No, way Jose. I work for parking now. My first day. I went with a veteran who gave me the following advice:

 "Watch the cars that pass by and be sure not stand too close. Last month, Nancy was spit on.

· "You've got to move fast. When these violators see you putting a ticket on their windshields, they're not happy campers So hit and run. Sting like a bee, float like a butterfly

· "Above all, keep cool. When they start screaming obscenities at you, just go about your business. If they come at you like they're going to hit you, just key the mike on your radio and hopefully someone can help you before you lose consciousness

For the last year, these words have proven wise. Although I haven't been spit on, I have had a few worthy experiences. The first occurred when four extremely large muscle-men walked toward some cars I just cited. The biggest one yelled. "Hey you parking %#\$&*, void this ticket."

After I replied "Sorry, no can do," he ran over and hit my ticket book and sent it flying across the parking lot. I ended up hiding in the nearest building watching him burn rubber around the lot three times before he screeched away in a haze of smoke

Another time I spotted a car on the athletic track. I heard some guy yell, "Hey dirt bag, get a real job and leave us alone." Knowing he could throw a discusthrough my window, I decided to give him a warning.

The most interesting incident occurred recently. I noticed a vehicle with a car cover over it and I thought I had a violator for sure. I lifted the cover just enough to see if a permit was dangling from the rearview mirror and heard a Doors song emanating from the

Thinking this was the strangest auto alarm I'd ever encountered. I pulled the cover off all the way - whereby I saw numerous empty beer cans, smoke clouds billowing out of the windows, and a stark naked couple entangled in what had to be an added position for one of those sex manuals.

Immediately, the guy reached for his permit and said, "Here's my permit sir, please don't ticket me."