



So, you want to go to college?

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The average child in this country has been told that he has to go to college 267,343 times by the time he reaches age 18. There is little in our culture that is so unquestioned as this mantra.

Most kids look forward to going to college like a sailor in Bangkok with \$5,000 in his pocket looks forward to shore leave.

This book is essential to prepare the student for his advanced education. While money, parental support, and money can be important, this book is designed to help the student develop a wry sense of humor. Even if you fail or drop out, you can take your sense of humor with you.

While this book is now free, the copyright remains in effect, so if you try to pass it off as your own creation you should be warned that not everyone has a sense of humor and can appreciate sarcasm.

If you are able to penetrate the hidden truths here, and have a thirst for more offensive insights, you may want to try;

<http://christianpioneer.com/blogarchieve/blogarch.htm>

Froward,

The reader is cautioned that in reading this book he may occasionally encounter statements that are not completely true. This is done intentionally for the purpose of humor and is called sarcasm.

If this is an unfamiliar experience, a few pages have been included after this section to introduce the concept and ease the reader in a transition from the hum drum world with which he may be more familiar to a fanciful world where words may have other meanings than one would expect.

We have an historical example of sarcasm that did not completely work the way it was intended. Many people do not know that Thomas Jefferson was an amateur humorist hoping to impress King George with his wit and sense of irony when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. Unfortunately his jibes were taken seriously and ever since we have been alienated from the British Empire with consequences such as not being familiar with words such as cheerio, bloke, and government run health care.

The reader is also cautioned that there are few things held more dear than college in people's minds. Except perhaps a first love, birth of a child, or a favorite radio station. Some people who hear words that denigrate this sacred institution may feel the need to chase you down the street with torches and pitchforks.

Understanding sarcasm.

Here is a copy of a sarcastic horoscope:

CAPRICORN

(December 22 -January 20)

You are practical and straightforward. People ask you to help them with their taxes. You enjoy reading woodworking magazines and drive a pickup.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 19)

You are graceful and sensitive. You are in tune with the environment. Your artistic temperament is not fully appreciated by others. You enjoy reading fashion magazines and drive a red Mercedes Benz sports car.

PISCES

(February 20 - March 20)

You are an avid fisherman. You are hopeful and optimistic. You buy lottery tickets and enjoy reading outdoors magazines as well as a good thriller. You drive a white camper.

ARIES

(March 2 - April 20)

You can be quick tempered. However, this is because you frequently encounter idiots. You are often invited to accompany others into less safe areas of town. You enjoy reading martial arts magazines and drive a Jeep.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

You have strong opinions and are persistent. Because of your determination, you are often invited to help people move. You enjoy reading The Old Farmer's Almanac and drive a tractor.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

You are a little indecisive and can easily see both sides of an argument. Your friends like you because they think you agree with them. You enjoy reading about the weather because you need to know what direction the wind is blowing. You drive a Chevy sedan.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)

You care about people and are often taken advantage of. You have many friends because you are always willing to loan money. You enjoy reading National Geographic magazine and drive a hybrid car.

LEO

(July 24 - August 23)

You consider yourself a born leader. Others often think you are a little pushy. You know that if you don't do something, it won't get done. You are often asked to head up a committee. You enjoy reading Time magazine and drive a large SUV.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 23)

You are not a “people person”. You are more at home in a library than a bar and are most often asked to be a designated driver. You enjoy reading The Economist magazine and drive a tan Volvo.

LIBRA

(September 24 - October 23)

You are the artistic type. You can get away with idiosyncratic behavior because you are not expected to have much social restraint. You enjoy reading People magazine and drive a purple Citroen.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

You are shrewd and intense. Because of your focus, friends usually ask your advice when they are going through a divorce. You enjoy reading Pravda for the humor section and drive a black Lincoln.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 23 - December 21)

You are optimistic and enthusiastic. Your bubbly personality will bring you many friends. People prone to depression always seem to seek you out. You enjoy reading Martha Stewart Living and drive a yellow Audi.

Most people find amusing everything except the one that applies to them. It is the hope of the author that this book will be taken in a similar spirit.

So you want to go to college.

This book is written for the person who is considering college, in college, wishes they were in college, has been to college, or has \$3 to spare.

This is written as if you were attending this fictional college and should not be taken to refer to any specific institution that has a law department and could sue us.

The first question to ask is, "Is college worth the expense?" You can ask any of the 80,000 professional bartenders in this country with a four year degree and \$50,000 in student loans what they think and they will probably answer, "You want to run a tab?"

"I have to go to college" - Danny Noonan

"What is this, Russia" - Ty Webb

Success in the world has always been a combination of luck and sucking up to the right people. Your college experience can open doors for you by providing the opportunity to meet people who will carry you to the pinnacle of success. Of course you also have the opportunity to meet people who will suck the life out of you and cling like a bad smell for years.

College is what you make of it. If you succeed, we did it and if you fail, its your fault. We are only here to take your money, take credit for what you learn, and hound you forever for alumni contributions

Living on campus

We highly recommend living on campus. In addition to the excessive rent we get for 10 cubic feet, you will find the social atmosphere to be a welcome distraction from classes exactly like the ones you dreaded in high school.

You will find the surrounding community similar to what you would find outside the gates of any military establishment, bars, tattoo parlors, loan sharks, greasy hamburger joints, and bars.

You will find many of the social and academic clubs that you were familiar with in high school, but less willing to accept you.

You will find the freedom to dress as weird as you like and to puncture your flesh with as many pieces of metal as you can. However, it goes without saying that even the mention of a conservative idea or thought is punishable by expulsion and death.

You are encouraged to become politically active. You can choose between either political party. The Leninists are more traditional, but the Maoists have better looking hats. Participation in demonstrations is a good way to meet others and get your own FBI file.

You may form deep friendships similar to those that can form between cell mates, hostages, or life boat survivors.

The social scene

Freshmen boys should consider abstinence for the first year. This is because freshmen girls are descended upon like seals on herring the first week of school. They are scooped up by upperclassmen, wine and dined in October, pregnant by December, and have abortions in January. They become bitter feminists without whom the department of women's studies would disappear.

For many students the comfortable buzz of a drug or alcohol haze makes the alien environment of college more tolerable.

Many students seamlessly make the transition from an isolated existence in their parents house to an isolated existence in their dorm room to an isolated existence as a faceless employee in a corporate hive, to an isolated existence in a nursing home.

Try to avoid the students who are working their way through college. Their experience with the real world can be a real buzz kill.

The social skills you develop here can serve you the rest of your life, especially if you are on Survivor or the Amazing Race..

Remember if you have a wild and fun time, it is because of us. If you are shunned, mocked, or ridiculed, it is because you are a loser.

Campus Services

Bookstore

You might have dreams of becoming an author after you see what we charge for your textbooks. The authors do not get all the money. Our professors have to self-publish and in addition to staying up at night and gluing the pages in, the glossy pictures of them on the back cover are not cheap.

Don't forget that commemorative shot glasses, key chains, and ashtrays make perfect gifts for your family to lessen the impact of your constant begging for more money.

Campus Security

Our highly trained campus security team exists to enforce and protect our security policy. Since we do not let them have guns, make arrests, or actually touch anyone or anything, if there is an incident, they will file a report and if the incident is egregious enough, they will review the security policy.

Environmental Services

If the toilet is backed up, there is no heat in the winter or you find that someone has entered your locked room and rummaged through your things, it may be that you have forgotten to adequately tip our staff of courteous and diligent environmental technicians.

Cafeteria Services

You may find that when infusions of cash from home are delayed, that you will have to eat in the school cafeteria.

You may be tempted to complain, but then ask yourself if it is wise to upset the people who might spit in your food. After all, just remember Alfred Dreyfus never had it this good.

Banking Services

We have allowed exclusive banking services to be provided to the students by the Merchant of Venice Bank and Trust. They are able to offer valuable services such as self emptying ATM debit cards, cash for portable items of value that you may have found lying around like your roommate's stereo, and investment opportunities in Nigerian money laundering.

We encourage you to visit the local merchants. They always get a good chuckle when a college student tries to pass a personal check.

Campus clinic

Your health is important to us. If the medical students who operate the clinic can't figure out what you have, they won't rest until they have found someone who thinks they know.

Course and Department Descriptions

The following section is designed to help the student become familiar with the various departments and courses of instruction that we offer.

It should be remembered that while it can be tempting to want to take many of our courses, we have already decided what it is you need to know and our course requirements for the various degree programs will insure that you receive a well rounded education. It also helps us to fill those classes that no one has an interest in and prevents you from graduating in just one year.

You may want to consider changing your major half the way through school so that you can take advantage the extra years give you to take even more classes. You would think that English for engineers would be similar to English for drama majors, however the subtle differences allow us to require effectively taking the same courses over again.

Like a tourist in a Muslim country, you will quickly learn not to attract attention. If you want to get out of here alive, you better do what you are told, pay a lot of money, and show gratitude and respect.

The key to mastering any course is to quickly learn the professors personal political inclinations and shamelessly suck up. Don't forget the usefulness of flattery and bribery.

Accounting

Everyone thinks this is the most boring job in the world. In fact, this can be one of the most exciting careers you can imagine. The average gal working for a small company who embezzles to support her gambling habit gets away with 350-500 thousand dollars before she is caught. This means that if you keep your thefts under 250,000 dollars at each company, you will probably only have to work a few years before you can retire.

You might ask why it takes four years to learn accounting. Real accounting can be learned on the job in about two weeks. You however, will learn to be a professional accountant. This includes the requirement to learn a foreign language. The usefulness of this may not be apparent until we cover off-shore banking.

As a professional you will learn the secrets of the trade such as always hold meetings after lunch and show slides in a warm darkened room so that everyone will fall asleep and never hear what you are saying.

You will be the watchman of the company you work for. It will be your powers of keen observation that detects when bankruptcy is approaching. It will be you who sounds the alarm so that those who majored in business can run in circles shouting faster, cheaper, and has anyone seen my hair gel?

Agriculture

The family farm that we see pictured in Hallmark cards and Norman Rockwell paintings has not existed for decades. Today's farm is either a wholly owned subsidiary of Archer Daniels or modern nomadic sharecroppers who have borrowed a million dollars for farm equipment and now depend on finding land to rent from retired farmers who don't know the real value of their property.

You will learn how to specify stainless steel plumbing for dairy farms that will drive into bankruptcy everyone except those who are clever enough to exploit the virtual slave labor of illegal aliens and take advantage of the economies of scale by putting 2,000 cows on 40 acres.

Since there are only three crops in the US, corn, milk, and soybeans, you will learn how all food is made from these three products.

Corporations have driven mom and pop hardware stores, drug stores, and grocery stores out of business, why should Ma and Pa Kettle be any different.

A degree in agriculture can give you a shot at being a corporate plantation foreman as opposed to living like one of the serfs.

Consider the thrill of being first to discover any problems with genetically modified plants or animals.

Anthropology

This field of study is well suited to those for whom observation of the social condition is a primary concern, like the paparazzi.

If you were a recluse in high school who peeked around corners to see what the other kids were doing, you will fit right in. While not as completely self-focused as psychology, we offer the same sense of superiority.

Our staff of highly trained anthropologists travel the world to keep current with various primitive cultures. They are willing to do this for science and to obtain personal services from desperately poor people that they could not obtain in the United States, like getting full service at a gas station.

Many people laugh at those who study anthropology. They do not realize the money that can be made spotting an isolated culture whose labor can be exploited by the textile, garment, or electronics industries.

There are many employment opportunities for anthropology graduates domestically. Both advertising and political activism seek to identify those primitive cultures vulnerable to exploitation such as Justin Bieber fans or anyone who watches Gossip Girl.

An automatic PhD awaits anyone with a halfway reasonable explanation for why Chia pets still sell.

Art

Art enriches all our lives. Honestly we all mostly watch reruns of Friends and Seinfeld, however, we feel guilty about this and know that we are supposed to like more lofty cultural icons such as the Mona Lisa, the American Gothic, and that soup can thing Andy Warhol painted.

Our school is not only looking for the next Rembrandt or Michelangelo, but also for those students who are willing to pay us to teach them how to be the next Rembrandt or Michelangelo.

Since art is a talent that cannot really be taught, anyone without talent will be subtly guided into modern art or art education. This might sound a little cruel, but if people found out that we really can't teach art it might make us look like frauds.

In all fairness talented people have always been exploited by agents, art dealers, and managers. We are only using their talent to trick the less talented to give us tens of thousands of dollars each for an art education. We never actually claim to be able to teach someone how to paint or draw.

We have found that the talent challenged are usually willing to accept art elitism in place of actual talent. Having the credentials to criticize what someone else has done has always been more appealing than being the object of criticism.

Biology

This is an important core subject area for a number of fields of studies. You will learn that while Charles Darwin's book, "On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life" sounds racist, the extermination of unfavorable races is only implied.

You will also learn how favorable mutations occur that require the precise alignment of millions of atoms all at the same time. While we all know it must happen, we are waiting for one to occur so that we can prove evolution as a viable theory.

You will learn how that even though most things that happen to you are the result of your DNA, it is still important to support government to control what you eat, how much you exercise, and what movies you can watch.

You will learn how to write a grant to get funding for research on how eggs are good for you and at the same time are bad for you.

You will learn about DNA, amino acids, proteins, and the importance of a good breakfast.

As long as you can remember 85% of the names of these things long enough to pass the test, you will pass the course. Real biologists just look these up if they need to.

Business

Our school of business is one of the top schools in the country. We will teach you that in a small business you have to keep the customer happy, in a medium size business, you have to keep your boss happy, and in a big company you are free to carve out a fiefdom for yourself.

You will learn how to harness the power of a spreadsheet and how meetings can be used as weapons. You will learn that you can get bigger bonuses for profit based on capital by selling off the capital (hey, its not your company).

You will also learn how keeping a network of college alums can keep you from being accused of insider trading.

In your training on mergers and acquisitions you will learn how to pluck a small company like Vikings descending on a costal village. Instead of warriors you will learn how to use accountants and lawyers.

You will learn the key to a successful merger is to fire all the people from one company and dump all the work on the employees of the other company. You will learn to earn their respect and admiration by telling them “they need to work smarter not harder”.

Remember the motto of the business school is “charge twice as much for half as much”.

Chemistry

Our chemistry department is quite diverse. Some of our foreign students have shown an interest in propellants and munitions. While many domestic students prefer to learn methods of chemical synthesis that can be applied to mobile laboratories that can be easily moved at a moments notice.

Advances are being made everyday in research conducted with the invaluable help of our graduate students. We try to identify and develop chemicals that can be useful to industry and business before they are banned by the EPA.

We have selected a staff based on youth not only to keep current with the latest developments in the field, but because the health care costs for the older professors is quite high due to the mysterious, complex, and strange diseases they seem to acquire.

You will also receive instruction as to how to dispose of chemicals you wish no one to know you made, such as burying them as land fill under new subdivision construction in New Jersey or the classic leave them in a colorful box in an unlocked car in Los Angeles.

To better prepare you for a career in the field of chemistry, you will be given intensive instruction on how to testify before a grand jury and give a deposition.

Computer Science

This is a more difficult course to fake your way through. You actually have to know programming. Your success in this course will be similar to your success in the workplace. You have to make sure that whatever assignment you get is one where you are part of a team. This allows you to take credit for the work the guy who actually knows programming does and then criticize him to the professor behind his back.

You will learn how to bluff your way out of embarrassing failures like saying that you were more familiar with another language. If the person you are trying to bluff is young, tell him you wrote the original program in FORTRAN. If the person is old, tell them the language was (pick the name of any minor Greek god or goddess).

Try to get a government job where you will not have to program anything yourself but can rely on hiring consultants. A consultant is someone who does not have a college degree but has spent his life writing code.

Most everything you will be asked to do has already been done and is available as freeware from Sourceforge. You will have to learn how to remove the GNU license, but that is a small price to pay in order to get a paycheck for someone else's work.

Criminal Justice

If you want to see real criminal justice look at the Crucifixion of Christ. He was executed next to two thieves. The Roman army did not want a population made restless by crime. As a result, they executed thieves.

While the Romans used criminals as examples to cut down on crime, we use criminals to support the employment of legions of social workers, probation officers, guards, police, lawyers and judges.

If you ever get called for jury duty you can watch the defense and prosecution lawyers haggling over plea agreements like medieval spice merchants. Prosecutors like high conviction rates and will agree to probation for murder as long as it gets them credit for a conviction.

If you work in law enforcement you better like paperwork. Everything you do, say, and think will need to be documented. If you ever actually get onto the streets you better hope that you are not in a shoot out. Your partner may be assigned on the basis of equal opportunity and be as useful as an anchor.

You can expect to be thrown under the bus if there is any community unrest or litigation against your department. You may have picked this field because you want to protect and help people. You should be warned that this is the last thing your boss wants.

Drama

It is not surprising that since the average student has been exposed to more TV than a welfare mom, that some students would want their own turn on stage.

Students learn the real purpose of drama is not entertainment or even indoctrination, but like writing bad poetry, it is to make everyone around you feel what you are feeling.

Homosexuality is not a requirement for drama, but it does help. If a student is unable to take the plunge, he can substitute alcoholism or drug abuse.

Real theatrical talent is drawn to the economic opportunities in Hollywood or on Broadway. We serve a higher purpose in providing a vehicle for the less talented to present themselves to an audience without the burden of having to be entertaining.

Plays with a political, social, environmental, or other didactic theme can be somewhat somber and tedious. While attendance of these plays is mandatory, we also provide more light-hearted plays where students can drone on for hours about their body parts.

Students do not need to be dismayed by the poor employment prospects for graduates. As long as the National Endowment for the Arts functions, there will be funding available for this necessary and relevant theater.

Economics

This is not an environmentally friendly version of “nomics” but a whole field of study about money.

You can specialize in many of the fields of economics such as “The Sky is Falling” branch where a personal inclination towards hysteria is a definite plus. However, your opinion is only sought when the media wants to increase ratings during sweeps month.

You can secure a job on Wall Street explaining to investors how the company you work for lost their money. To help you in this we have a special courses with an emphasis on arcane terms and techniques on how to blame the victims.

Most graduates will go into government employment so it will help if you already advocate at least socialism (although communism is preferred).

There are opportunities in the field of economics beyond just government propaganda. Running the government on debt was the last big breakthrough until a bright mind discovered the way to riches was to loan ourselves money. However, we need to stay ahead of the curve and find a way to sustain our way of life once the Chinese discover our backdoor inflation.

There is a bright future for the student of economics who discovers the financial equivalent of perpetual motion.

Education

Qui possunt, facite.

Qui non, docere.

We all know that education is a fraud, bright kids learn and dim ones do not. Our program helps you learn how to take credit for what smart kids do and how to dodge responsibility for what dim ones don't do.

Critical to this process is learning how to harness the power of the union. You will learn to squelch things like vouchers and standardized tests.

If you can stomach the BS, there isn't an easier degree to obtain.

We will help you learn to spot the trends. For example, you will be able to catch the "whole language" train before it leaves the station and jump off before it crashes and burns.

You won't have to worry about what to teach. Your school board will have purchased course materials that you will read to your students with as much enthusiasm as they have to hear it.

The only bright spot in a career of such tedium is the prospect of having three months off in the summer. Try to find a job without a morals clause so that if you get a DUI you won't get fired.

Electrical Engineering

There are some students who come to college and want to learn something they can actually use later in life. While you will not learn how to build a radio, computer, or MP3 player, you will learn how to build time consuming computer simulations of circuits that never quite work in the real world. This is why we have special courses on how to hire consultants.

You will take many classes in math that you will never actually use but it does justify keeping the math department staffed. Many people who have jobs that actually accomplish something are snubbed socially by those whose primary concerns in life are hair gel, texting, and fleeing sobriety. Having mastered difficult math classes allows you to look down on those do not even have enough familiarity with math to refrain from purchasing lottery tickets.

Those who specialize in electrical power distribution have the potential to see some impressive explosions at close range. While your hearing may not come back, the vision usually returns in a couple of days.

Part of the excitement in working in this field is the possibility of being killed for accidentally touching something you shouldn't have.

Graduates usually go to work for people who use hair gel and text a lot.

English

At first it might seem strange that we have to teach you the language you have used all your life. However, if we didn't, you might embarrass yourself by saying, "This data is..." or "I have to go to the hospital".

You also need to understand that all the books you read and loved growing up are books you should now be ashamed to have read. You need to learn that important books such as *Ulysses* are incomprehensible, boring, filled with sad perversions, and advocate philosophies that are personally repugnant.

You might be surprised to learn that despite the many English factories and English stores, that there are few jobs available to English graduates. In addition to teaching, the only other employment prospect is government work where your typing and filing experience can apply.

Your degree in English will earn you the respect and warm affection of everyone you correct and criticize for the rest of your life.

You may even secure one of the few coveted jobs in publishing (a job becomes available once every five years) as an editor. In this job you will be able to make new, interesting, and popular writers turn out the same turgid prose as everyone else.

Environmental Science

We know that many students grow up with an admiration for super-heroes and would like themselves to save the world. We tap into this ambition by showing students how to harness the power of hubris. While not everyone will be able to achieve the prominence of a Carl Sagan flying through the cosmos in his Captain Kirk chair, students will still be able to wave a scolding finger at designated environmental targets.

Students considering this field often ask themselves, "Saving the planet is all well and good, but how can environmental science make me rich?" The answer is that controlling the environment is less lucrative than controlling access to the environment. People will pay big bucks for air and water.

Since no one can really control the environment, we teach students how to scare people into allowing themselves to be controlled. While technically this could be called extortion, we like to think of it as environmental awareness.

Students should not be too disappointed in learning that they will not actually be able to control the physical world. The opportunity to control millions of people has its upside as well. Just ask Napoleon, Hitler, and Oprah Winfrey.

Remember, you're not just fighting for the proletariat, you fighting for the planet.

Geology

Many students do not fully appreciate the field of geology. This stuff is not hard to learn and you would not believe how wild the parties can get when you camp out in remote areas.

Since most jobs available to graduates are in the oil business explaining why a \$2 million dollar well didn't produce any oil, we feel that the excuses you come up with for missing class will be adequate to prepare you for any corporate or government employment.

You will learn the names of various ages of earth's past. Terms like Plasticine, Binary, and Melanoma can be used interchangeably to explain why big rocks are found under smaller rocks or why smaller rocks are found under bigger rocks.

Once you graduate, you will find that no matter what you say, no one can really prove you wrong. It has taken hundreds of years for the "moon is made out of green cheese" theory to become even a little tarnished, but it is still often cited.

It is not surprising that after developing flexibility with facts, adaptive assertions, and creative causations, that many who obtain a BS in geology go on to successful political careers.

Government

The appeal of a government career throughout history has always been the ability to use the army to take money from people. Today the added benefit is that you cannot be fired, you don't have to know or do anything, you have the power to make the lives of others a living hell, and no matter what personal perversion you are fond of, it is protected by law as a right.

If this were not enough, you will be paid twice what someone who actually does the work earns in the private sector. The only cloud on the horizon is that this whole system is based on debt.

Consider the sense of power you will have working on legislation mandating that all automobiles get 1,000 miles to the gallon and can fly. This is much better than the poor guy who has to try to actually build a car that does this.

We will teach you how to claim that a program like the "War on Poverty" is a success after consuming several trillion dollars and ending up with more poor people than when you started.

You will learn how to brandish the race card when anyone suggests giving you less money. The only requirement we have for giving you the possibility of boarding this gravy train is that you insist that government funding for education always increase.

History

Our history department is current with all the latest trends in history. We are not limited to boring facts of what happened to whom and when. We make things more exciting by telling you what should have happened.

You will learn how everything in the past was just the inevitable outworking of evolution leading to our present modern socialist utopia. You will learn to look patronizingly at the Egyptians who built the pyramids, but forgot to include wheelchair access.

You will learn to scowl at how women were treated as slaves in families before they learned to become emancipated drones in a corporate hive.

You will learn from the mistakes of primitive people in the past. For example, monetary manipulation was attempted in Roman times by putting copper in the middle of silver coins. You will learn that people are much too smart to fall for this today.

You will be taught that Christianity had no role in Western Civilization and that all achievement was the result of explorers, painters, and aluminum siding salesmen.

If you can't remember a lot of names and dates, you can dress up like an historical character and it will be considered the same as actually knowing something.

Information Technology

These courses are designed to help you manage large computer systems and networks. Do not worry if it seems overwhelming. IBM will tell you what you need to buy and help you justify their charges for monthly upgrades alternatively of hardware and software, maintenance fees, and their consulting fees.

The big problem is going to come from users of the system you manage. They will make all sorts of unreasonable demands for data and Internet access. We have classes explaining why things can't be done to prepare you to deal with these annoying requests.

We don't have to tell you the financial opportunities that are available to someone who can track every web site every person in your company visits. The word blackmail is ugly and we suggest you use the term data retention.

You will also receive some legal training regarding data privacy. You will learn that you do not have to keep data private as long as you have a data privacy policy. You can change the policy whenever you want and for whatever reason so it is not much of a handicap.

If your company does not have voice over IP, you will want to implement it as soon as possible. This will allow you to monitor and record all telephone conversations as well as web visits.

Math

Math can be divided into two groups, useful math such as used in engineering, machining, and surveying, and non-useful math. There are math classes for business majors that are just really arithmetic. Those classes boil down to getting the students to understand that if you spend more than you have you need to switch your major to government.

The useful math classes are not very interesting. They mostly involve learning how to stop bridges from collapsing, and calculating the statistical probability that black 19 will hit on roulette.

The real fun in math is in the non-useful classes or what we like to call “higher” math. It is in these lofty realms that tenured professors contend in professional journals for their views on such eternal questions as how long is a rope and how high is up.

The mathematical mind is honed on logic that is demonstrated in proofs such as;

1. All tables have four legs.
2. My dog has four legs.
3. My dog is a table.

There is a down side. A few math majors become consumed with trying to prove some arcane thesis such as eight is really infinite. If you are not inclined to OCD, math could be for you.

Pharmacy

It seems hard to believe that you need to spend thousands of dollars and four years just to learn how to count pills, but it's true.

What you are buying from us is not so much an education as it is legitimacy. If you graduate, you can get state licensing which will allow you to operate your own pharmacy with little competition from other drug dealers.

We have a nice little racket going for us. We make money, the drug companies make money, and you will make money if you just play along.

You don't have to worry about getting in trouble like Mr. Gower for making a wrong mixture, all you have to do is put pills from big jars into small jars.

It won't take you long to recognize which of your patients have Alzheimer's and whom you can short count. If anyone complains, you can just say that their medication has caused them to be confused.

You won't actually learn anything that will cause people to look up to you. However, our graduates often have their work areas put up on a platform so that everyone will be forced to look up at them.

Don't be tempted to take a short cut in the field of drug distribution, we have the police on our side.

Philosophy

Many students seek out these classes to cash in on the booming philosophy industry. With Christianity fading into disfavor, there are big opportunities for the next big idea. If you come up with a big idea, you may get a shot on Letterman right after the guy with the next big diet book.

By studying great ideas, you can see how history has been shaped by them. For example, the American Revolution was started by the ideas of Rousseau until they were copied by the French Revolution when Rousseau denied any responsibility.

You will develop quite a vocabulary as you learn to take the most mundane observations and phrase them in such arcane terms that everyone will marvel at your depth of insight just after praising the emperor's new wardrobe.

You will immediately see how what you learn can be applied to your college life. For example, Hedonism might be called “party till you puke” and Epicureanism might be called “party half as much and twice as long”. Stoicism might be called, “I didn’t get invited to the party”. You will have ample opportunity to prove the merits of each idea.

You will probably find that your degree will not be very useful in life. However, a fraternity brother should still be able to get you a government job.

Physics

Our virtual physics department is so advanced that we have no classrooms. Everything you need is on-line, just Google “physics”.

Ironically the physics department has moved beyond the physical. We had thought about changing the name to the meta-physical department, but the philosophy department objected on the basis that it was already difficult enough for them to prove they exist.

Our professors have discovered the underlying principles of the physical universe. They have assigned names like snarks and klingons and try to sound plausible when telling us that these imaginary things, that only they can see, are what is real and what everyone else sees everyday is not real. Under other circumstances they might enjoy residence in a rubber room.

Our graduates enjoy prosperous careers in the physics field. Many have become entrepreneurs opening stores of their own to sell physics all over the country.

While many physics students have a good sense of humor, labeling the incinerator as the “transporter” will not be allowed any more.

If you have any questions, you can contact an Iranian teaching assistant between the hours of 3:00 and 3:01 AM. It will help if you can understand Farsi.

Psychology

Many young people are excited to study psychology when they get to college. This is because they think they will finally learn what makes people tick. They demonstrate their new knowledge two months into their college experience when they return home at Thanksgiving to offer unsolicited instruction to their parents. This explains why so many students have to rinse cranberry sauce from their hair after their holiday break.

These students return to their studies and learn of ground breaking research into human behavior. They watch films of baby monkeys who prefer to be raised by cloth artificial mothers rather than wire artificial mothers. This research follows close on the heels of the earlier pioneering research, "Baby monkeys prefer not to be set on fire."

Films of psychology students giving electric shocks to other psychology students are examined to understand the subtle relationship between gullibility and sadism. Other psychology students are trained to drool when a bell rings signaling the release of an attack dog.

Some have criticized our psychology program by pointing out that none of the psychological theories we teach include the concept of sin. In our defense none of the pioneering psychologists whose theories we teach has ever been to New York.

Students will learn how to receive messages from their inner child by wrapping tin foil around their heads. When these messages say, "Party", "Chug", or "Only if you say you love me", they are seen as validation of one's self-esteem. If these messages say, "Kill everyone at the movie theater", we will deny you took this class.

Our psychology department has achieved worldwide recognition. We have received the Nobel prize for advancing self-absorption and we came in second place in the President's council competition for pointless careers that qualify for government employment.

Obtaining a degree in psychology will let you walk through the rest of your life with a feeling of superiority over the less educated while at the same time being able to help anyone who comes to you for advice by telling them what their malady is called.

You will learn to look pensive at parties where everyone will think you are plumbing the depth of their souls while you are actually wondering what learning something useful would have been like.

The angst you feel about the usefulness of your career will resolve itself as you begin to appreciate that being unfulfilled is much better than breaking your back digging ditches. Besides, receiving admiration because others think you understand them is better than the discomfort you would feel if you actually did understand them

ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps)

Without a war on, these classes are often cancelled for lack of interest. However, if you plan on a career in the military and were unable to get into a Military Academy, this may be the way for you to make sure that you can get a cushy job with little chance of being fired.

When you hear the saying, “We are the unwilling, led by the incompetent, to do the unnecessary, for the ungrateful.”, it might sound funny until you realize that you are the “incompetent”.

A military career is not based on results (unless you are actually in a war and then failure doesn't matter because you will be dead). Peace time military is just like any other civil service job, you want to look good, blame others, protect your retirement, and enjoy toying with the powerless.

The importance of having an influential relationship with a congressman or senator cannot be overstated. The relationship may not be as one-sided as you think. If you get promoted to a position with purchasing authority, you can reciprocate for a “scratched back”.

The days of officers using enlisted men as personal slaves is gone. However, they can still fill the valuable roles of scapegoat and porter.

Sociology—see Anthropology (it's the same thing)

Women's Studies

We do not even describe the courses in this degree program. They are pure non-sense and rather embarrassing.

People attracted to this field have anger, gender and logic issues that result in their making up their own courses which often end up focusing on body parts.

We encourage these people to apply for social security disability for whatever reason they can in order to secure an income. If they are unable to get a government paycheck, we suggest a minor in drama so that they can get government funding for performances that no one will attend.

Graduates have a tendency to hang around the college since a degree in this field scares most employers.

Occasionally (during elections) graduates are hired to find voters (living or dead, real or imaginary). Our graduates are known for their zeal and are willing to work like cult followers and even pay their own salaries, if they can be convinced that their efforts will result in all men being killed, slowly.

If you have no sense of humor, scare people, and can achieve a glassy eyed self-absorption, this may be the field for you.

Zoology

Most people attracted to this field love warm fuzzy animals and think that they can get a paying job petting these creatures. In fact, you will be lucky to get a job at a zoo where you will spend all day trying to get a better price on animal by-products from the local rendering plant.

You can earn extra credit by taking care of the animals used by the other departments. You will be in a unique position to know which chemicals and medical procedures you should avoid.

Most students will look down on you because animals bite, smell bad, and run up huge bar tabs. Others will despise you because you are keeping animals from being free in their natural environment where they could be eaten by larger animals.

You will get to make field trips to exotic locations and bring back samples of strange life forms that a few trips to the campus clinic may be able to clear up.

Most jobs in the zoological field involve artificial insemination up to your arm pit in a cow's uterus while standing three feet deep in manure. If immigration reform is delayed, some of these plum jobs might become available to graduates.

Graduate Studies

Our college has graduate degree programs for Law and Medicine as well as many other fields. While law and medicine remain the most consistently popular, it should be noted that when you consider the fact that twice the income usually means twice the hours and after calculating the cost of student loans, alimony, and child support, at some point people are going to figure out that you can earn more money and still have time for a life by working at Burger King rather than being a doctor.

Most of the students who enter our graduate program have found that the four year degree they received is practically useless and that they will need a graduate degree to teach their subject to other unsuspecting students. This is sort of like a virus that needs to spread itself to keep living.

Your time as a graduate student will be one of discovery. You will learn from direct experience how wealth was created by slave owners. Just be thankful you are not a foreign graduate student as many of them have never been heard from again.

You will receive many more perks than when you were an undergraduate. You will have access to a telephone (local calls only). You will be allowed to park two miles closer to the college. You will be envied by underclass students who do not understand your true social standing in the college.

Dental school

It is not true that all of our dental school students failed to get into medical school. Quite a few are failed sculptors.

At first the idea of students attracted to a field where they can cause “Marathon Man”-like pain is a little disconcerting. However, not all of our student are eager to see others suffer, many of our students are attracted by the various drugs that they will have access to.

Corporations are only just now focusing on the money to be made exploiting dentists like they do doctors, so there is still time to make a lot of money by running your patients through a “drill mill” before you get squeezed out.

Some students are put off by the statistics that show the high suicide rate among dentists. This can be significantly lowered if you only hire dental assistants who are not married.

After spending a few years up to your elbows in saliva filled oral cavities, you may decide to take a job selling products to your fellow dentists. You may find that taking people out to lunch on an expense account and listening to sad stories is much better than being the one telling sad stories.

Medical School

There can be many reasons for wanting to be a doctor. You may be greedy, want to please your parents, or just like looking at festering and diseased anatomy. Regardless of the motivation, you will find that you will have to dig deep to put up with the hoops we make you jump through.

You will learn the secrets of the medical profession such as calling something idiopathic when you don't know what it is or adding "-itis" to whatever the patient is complaining about.

The days of doctors planning to get rich by opening a practice where they can run their patients through a virtual conveyor line are gone. Big money people saw this and formed corporations where they now hire doctors as employees and make them part of the conveyor line and keep the money for themselves.

Many students study hard because they don't want to get sued for malpractice. This is not as big a problem as you might think. Since you won't have your own practice, just position yourself to be able to blame your boss, the nurse, or the patient.

Your future is bright. Even if you get sued, graduate at the bottom of your class, or develop drug and alcohol problems, you will always be able to get a job with the VA.

Law school

Some students were taunted as children with the cruel rhyme, “Lawyer, lawyer, pants on fire, nose as long as a telephone wire”. Once you graduate and pass the bar, you will appreciate the irony that those same children who tormented you for being a liar will now pay you \$300 per hour to lie for them.

You will learn how pandering to sentiment is much more effective than a knowledge of case law. You will also learn to appreciate how civil litigation has turned our judicial system into a lottery.

The last person who actually knew how the legal system worked died in 1857. Ever since then we have learned to pretend we understand the legal system. Since at any given moment every person is breaking at least 7 laws and infringing on the rights of at least a dozen people, there will be no shortage of work.

It is rather ironic that after graduation you will be worked like a dog as a law firm associate, full associate, and junior partner until you get old enough to qualify as a full partner. By this time you will be divorced, over 50 and needing time off for medical procedures performed by all the doctors you sued on your climb up the firm’s ladder.

You will be able to afford all of the luxuries that you will not have time to enjoy. If you did have any children, you can be sure of their interest in your estate.

Student Rules

1. No guns. If you come under fire by some psycho, just show him this rule.
2. Payments must be made promptly. We are not here for our health. Pay or get out.
3. Suicide is absolutely prohibited. Committing suicide can lead to a forfeiture of tuition and a failing grade.
4. Pets. No pets are allowed. The sad creatures in our labs could use a hug, but we will not be responsible for anything contracted.
5. Tobacco. The school has a firm “no tobacco” policy. This includes planting, cultivation, and harvesting.
6. Racial and Ethnic Harassment. We have a strict policy against racial harassment. However, harassment based on height, weight, freckles, hair configuration, IQ, personality, and financial status are still fair game.
7. Solicitation. While selling yourself, drugs, weapons, and this book are illegal, selling out is perfectly acceptable.
8. Parking. There is no parking anywhere that is convenient. Inconvenient parking is \$50/mo.

Greek Societies (Fraternities and Sororities)

“I’d never join a club that would allow a person like me to become a member.” - Groucho Marx

While falling a little short of the intensity of joining a cult, a fraternity or sorority can open all sorts of doors for you. It can be a replacement family and provide activities from which you cannot normally be excluded.

You may be required to go through hazing rituals which are not very dissimilar to how you would be expected to be treated at the Post Office.

You may learn the secret handshake which you can use to identify others later in life. Actually it is the Masonic handshake, but since there are more of them than members of your fraternity or sorority, you will just have to learn to pretend you are a Mason.

If the particular field of study you have chosen does not impart a special sense of superiority and smugness, then joining a fraternity or sorority may be your answer.

If you don’t have enough money for people to suck up to you, or a winsome personality that will attract people to you, then joining a fraternity or sorority may, like a family, tie you to people who have to pretend to like you.

If this were a more expensive hard cover book, this is where the picture of the author would go wearing a jacket with patches on the elbows and holding a pipe. Instead, you got the cheap version with a caricature of the author cleaning a clogged pipe.



This is the part where the CV of the author would be listed to astonish and amaze you with all his accomplishments. While not actually having any felony convictions, the author's life has been astonishingly devoid of accomplishment. Lacking any noteworthy credentials, certifications, endorsements, or other achievements, the author can only point to his experience as grounds for accepting his unusual perspectives on American education.

While never actually having been to college, the author did at one point help someone make a collage.

In thinking of a way to summarize everything you might need to learn to prepare you for college, several things come to mind.

You might want to read the Art of War to prepare yourself for competition and conquest. You might want to read Siddhartha to learn to transcend desires.

However it is difficult to beat the Golden Rule;

Matthew 7:12a Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.

While this book is now free, the copyright remains in effect, so if you try to pass it off as your own creation you should be warned that not everyone has a sense of humor and can appreciate sarcasm.

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