







Old Math Beats New Math

(CPS) - - A recent doctoral candidate's dissertation concluded that students of the "new math" are clearly inferior to students of the "old math."

Stephen Roderick used the mathematics test skill items from Iowa Tests of Basic Skills used in Iowa schools in 1936, 1951-55, and 1965. The tests were administered to a cross-section of present Iowa students and compared with test results from previous years.

Roderick rated new math students as inferior in problem-solving, computation

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Pregnancy More Lethal Than Birth Control

(CPS)--Pregnancy is four to eight times more lethal than either IUDs or birth control pills, according to figures available to the ZPG National Reporter.

The maternal death rate is 25 per 100,000 births.

Complications resulting from pregnancy are both more frequent and generally more severe than those related to the two most effective methods of birth control. The Zero Population Growth publication also reported abortions are safer than pregnancy, about ten times safer in the first three months.

The dangers of IUDs (Intrauterine devices) and birth control pills have recently been the subject of hearings in Washington. ZPG fears women reading adverse testimony will give up these methods of birth control without realizing the risks of becoming pregnant.

Pornography to Get Real Hearing

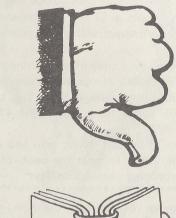
(CPS/ZNS)--As a result of the Supreme Court's anti-obscenity decision, the city of Clarkstown, NY appointed its own nine member commission to review potentially obscene movies.

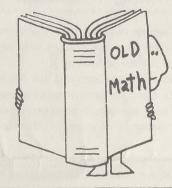
Notably the review committees chairman, Marty Synder, is totally blind. Snyder insisted he "can tell if a movie is dirty by listening to it!"

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of whole and fractional numbers, decimals and percentages, as compared to the 1936 students.

Results of the comparison lead Roderick to seriously question the effectiveness of the "new math" curriculum. He speculated that the poor showing of present students might also be connected with general attitudes of students, changing emphasis in math teaching, teacher difficulties with "new math" programs, and parental inability to help students at home







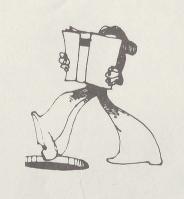
Bookstoré Requests Cooperation

In the November issue of the Polemic an article was printed in which the bookstore asked the cooperation of students in the selling and buying of books for second semester. Although many students abided by the bookstore's requests, there still were problems.

One of these problems was that of some students not remembering that books could be sold back during exam week only. This avoids a lot of confusion for the bookstore with them having to be selling books during registration to students. But this request was not just for the bookstore's benefit, it was also so that students would have a large supply of books to choose from.

When this was not followed, it was then unfair to the students who stood in line to buy books and then had to wait for someone ahead of them who was trying to buy and sell back books at the same time. Many students became upset with the people working in the bookstore, but certain rules have to be made and followed. If these rules are not followed in the future, restrictions will be made and more rigid rules set, where by, books will not be taken back after a set date for any reason.

By Sandy Mahar



His Way Parables From Life

Somewhere I heard the story of a man who thought he could beat the law. This fellow was a burglar by trade. One night he crept up to the window of a fashionable home. Gently he raised a bedroom window and thrust his arm in. He took a valuable bracelet from a table which stood by the window.

Now it was moonlight, and unknown to the burglar, the husband had awakened at the first creaking of the window. He had seen the shadowy form and had crept into another room and phoned the police. The criminal had not gone far before the police caught him.

At the trial, after hearing the evidence, the judge sentenced the burglar to two years in prison.

The prisoner protested, "But Judge I did not enter that house as I am charged.
Only my arm is gulity of entering it!"

So the judge smiled indulgently "Very well, then, you may go free - - but I will sentence your arm to two years in prison!"

"Thank you, your honor," said the criminal, "that's very fair!"

And so saying, he removed his coat unscrewed his artificial arm laid it on the table and walked from the courtroom, leaving the judge and the spectators gaping in astonishment!

But there's more to the story. A few nights later, the burglar was out once more plying his trade. Once more he thrust his good arm through the window. But as he did so the window fell shut on his arm. He struggled and pulled --but to no avail. He could not get free.

If it had been his artificial arm, he could have easily pried the window open and gotten away.

So it was that the very instrument which could have been his salvation, became by its sacrifice to evil, the instrument of his condemnation.

So it is with the human will. With it, many people for a time cleverly evade God's moral laws - - sacrificing this part of themselves to obtain a temporary freedom and a temporary security.

But God's laws will prevail. "Be not deceived,"says the Word, "God is not mocked - whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap."

Thus eventually, the very instrument which could have become their salvation, becomes, by its sacrifice to evil, the instrument of their condemnation.

For no one, you see, is ever lost to God, who hasn't willed it so. Even people with two good arms!!

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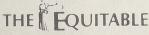
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