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Just What The Doctor Ordered...

Perspective

people with all the existing human ratios remaining the same it would look something like the following:

There would be:

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 14 from the Western Hemisphere (North and South)
- 8 Africans
- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male
- 70 would be non-white
- 30 would be white
- 80 would live in substandard housing

70 would be unable to read
50 would suffer from malnutrition

1 would be near death, 1 would be near birth
1 would own a computer.

The following adds further perspective to the world beyond Northeast Michigan...

If you woke up this morning healthy rather than with an illness... you are more fortunate than the one million who will die this week.

If you have food in the refrigerator, a roof overhead and a safe place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of the world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and some spare change in a dish somewhere, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you are reading this article as a student at Alpena Community College, you are among the top 1% of educated citizens in the world.

As my unnamed source suggests "when we consider our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for both acceptance, understanding, and education becomes glaringly apparent."

Or, as a remarkable Native American, Chief Joseph, reminded us so many years ago: "We are all connected with those who have gone before us, and with those who will come after us, right here, right now."



JENNIFER WEBB
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INSTRUCTORS RUINING THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

or what? Is it necessary to force us to be here by hanging our grade over our heads?

I must, however, commend those instructors that allow us to assume our rightful place as adults in this world. It's nice to see that at least some of you around here recognize that we are capable of assuming responsibility for ourselves.

I do understand that some classes around here require you to participate in group activities, but I have found that instructors seem to milk it for all its worth. Give me a break. In a four-year university, the "baby me factor" goes right out the window. They could care less if you're there and pass or not, as long as they get there money.

Why should it be any different at a two-year? Do you think that your helping us by treating us like we're still in the 10th grade? And lets be honest, does it really help the students attendance to nag at them like you're their parent. If I wanted to be nagged, I'd call my dad.

I think that it should be a requirement of all instructors to use the "Black Board" internet site to ensure the independence of the students. If instituted properly, instructors would be free of the hassle of

copies, repeating assignments and long agonizing lectures about homework, as well as receive feed back from their students. I, for one, would be more willing to contribute to more instructors if my thoughts weren't going to be made public knowledge. The freedom of voicing my opinion to just the instructor is, in my case, more appealing than making a group discussion of the matter.

College should be a time to find and achieve a newfound sense of independence, free from nagging parents. The college experience is one to be looked back on as a time of self-discovery, and a time when you are coming into your own as a person and as a productive member of society. I know that we don't always act like adults, but that is all part of the process. Give us a break; some of the "adults" around here don't even act like adults.

So the next time you're in class and an instructor jumps your case about attendance, you can tell them to refer to this editorial. To set the record straight, this editorial is not meant to offend or anger (well maybe on some level it will) but only to serve as motivation to insure our independence. If you really want to help, let us be responsible for our own education.

Angry? Frustrated? Inspired ?

Drop us a line to let us know what your thoughts are. We always appreciate input from our fellow students. Has something we've said motivated you in some way; let us know. All contributions can be dropped off at the Lumberjack office in BGT 106 or e-mail us @ the_lumberjack_news@hotmail.com



ERIC BENAC
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ERIC BENAC ATTACKS SCIENTIST'S EGOS

Not in a Monty Python way. More like a Charles Manson way. They think they understand a lot of things. They think they just about have all of the universe's secrets unraveled. Well, I got some news for you; you don't.

Sure, you guys have figured a lot of stuff out. Like how to send men to the moon,

or twenty thousand leagues under the sea. Another big thing scientists have achieved are computers. They have made life better, in there own way, working with the limited resources we have.

But what about the universe? Where'd it come from? What was there before the universe? Is time travel possible? What's at the center

of a star? If anti-gravity exists, where is it? What are atoms's made of? What are the things atoms are made of, made of? What happens after we die? Are psychics real? Is Jerry Springer real?

All of these questions, and many others, are difficult to answer. In fact, scientists haven't really answered them at all. They have a lot of

theories and ideas, but no definite answers. Who can say, though, if these theories aren't just bull? The average person can't understand things like the theory of relativity or black holes. Only other geniuses can understand these theories. How can we be sure that they just aren't scientist lies?

Not to say we

haven't gone far. We have. The thing that bothers me is the scientist's attitude that they have just about everything figured out; it's just a matter of time before we're masters of the universe, much like He-Man himself. Well, I'm sorry, but until scientists can figure out why people buy Briny Spears CDs, I'll keep the same attitude. Ciao!

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