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Study: After-School Activities

(CPS) — Students who took part in a lot of extracurricular activities in high school make the best college students, a new study by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) asserts.

The study, prepared for ETS by research psychologist Warren Willingham, found that high school class rank and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores are still by far the best measures of students' academic potential, extracurricular activities are the truest indicators of all-around college success.

But it is students who dedicate themselves to one or two activities—not those who may dally in a medley of activities—who go on to do the best in college, Willingham found.

In essence, the study results tell students to "work hard, do well academically, and, if you want an edge, pick one or two extracurricular activities and do them well," says David Perham, dean of admissions at Colgate and head of the committee for the nine colleges that participated in the study.

Although the study focused on extra-curricular activities, its findings "don't take away from the importance of the class rank and SAT score," in evaluating students' potential, Perham maintains.

"Class rank and SAT scores will always be number one in importance to admissions officers," Perham says. "This study suggests admissions counselors give a serious look to extracurricular activities.

While Perham says Colgate has stressed the importance of such activities, the study's findings have prompted him to "pay a lot more attention to the stick-in-the-wet-weather kids rather than the spread-yourself-thin kid!"

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Sex Harassment Fears

by Bryan Abas

CAMBRIDGE, MA (CPS) — When Harvard students filed toward Prof. Jorge Dominguez' Latin American History class on the first day of classes this fall, the first handouts they got weren't from the professor.

They were instead from a grad student standing outside the classroom, distributing papers reminding them that in 1983 Harvard had disciplined Dominguez for reportedly sexually harassing a junior faculty member.

What used to be a scandal barely whispered about on the nation's campuses clearly has come out of the closet.

Dominguez, one of the first college teachers in the country who had been disciplined for sexual harassment, was also among the first to try to pick up the pieces of the career he returned to campus this fall.

And Dominguez, who refused to respond to College Press Service's interview requests, also may be the first to encounter what seems to be a new generation of sexual harassment problems on American campuses.

"The issue has been heating up tremendously over the past two years," says Julie Ehrlhart of the Project on the Status and Education of Women of the "Association of American Colleges (AAC) ... everyone is scared about it now," reports D'Ann Campbell, the executive director of women's Indiana University who last summer performed the first nationwide study of collegiate sexual harassment.

"They don't brush it off the way they used to," she says.

"Where institutions have made it clear they will not tolerate harassment, 80 percent of the complaints have disappeared," adds Bernice Sandler, the director of the AAC's women's project.

Now people are complaining about other aspects of sexual harassment, however.

Students since September have been forcing colleges to wrestle with unanticipated problems like what to do about well-publicized sex harassment cases like Dominguez', once they’ve happened, how to get campus women to use new grievance procedures, how to define just what harassment is, and how to know if reform efforts really are working.

At Harvard, which has one of the nation's best institutional sexual-harassment policies, some graduate students, for example, want to keep punishing harassers.

They want to give students the option to refuse to take courses taught by "convicted" harassers for five years.

The same student group says the decision to have Dominguez co-teach a class with the graduate-student chairman is an unfair attempt to restore what one student calls Dominguez "legitimacy."
EDITORIALS

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Editorial: Holiday Thoughts

The Thanksgiving holiday is ancient history. Final exams loom before us. For most of the college community, Thanksgiving is only a very short recess, a necessary break, between mid-terms and finals. We do not have time to give thanks. We are filled with anxiety over upcoming exams.

Students and teachers don't really give thanks until Christmas. The Christmas break, unlike the summer break, allows us to become completely school-bored—is not so long as to cause us to downshift our scholarly pursuits. But it is long enough to pause and give thanks. We can be thankful that final exams are finished and that we passed them; or give thanks that our teachers thought enough about our education not to pass us. We have time to reflect on past mistakes, bad habits and learn from them. We can resolve these problems, plan new study tactics, organize for the new semester and renew our intent to become involved in life on campus. We can look forward to new books and new teachers. We eagerly await the challenge of new concepts, ideas, brilliance, and innovation. New loves and old and old friendships.

The Messenger staff wishes you all these things. And a joyous holiday season. Most of all we wish you to rekindle your scholarly spirit.

Dear Editor:

Although the Architecture program currently has 228 students enrolled, it is the second largest major in the college and in the 92nd accredited school of architecture in the United States (the first new school accredited in the United States or Canada in six years), the Talisman staff has seen fit to totally omit any mention of the program in the 1984-85 yearbook.

Although the Architecture Program was granted divisional status within the college by an overwhelming Faculty Senate vote in November 1983 (effective January 1984), two faculty members are listed, as are those from the second largest major in the college.

Dear Editor:

During the last school year, students signed a petition in support of a R.I.P.R.G chapter at RWC. Democracy in action? Unfortunately no. The Student Senate at the end of last semester voted 5-4 against the establishment of a R.I.P.R.G chapter here on campus. What happened? First some background.

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Our school should be a part of this movement and contribute our resources to the fight for the extension of the environment and the advocacy of consumer rights. Many students take interest in why research a subject that will benefit the people of this state? Some of you may contend that your home is elsewhere but remember that you spend most of your year in a state with over two hundred toxic waste dumps (5th worst record in the nation).

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Mark Williams

DIJA Ever Wonder

by Whit Hill

So, Joey's Lunch hit the big one? I suppose it's just as well, the place never seemed to be open. Anyway, I wonder if the insurance premiums are all paid up. Anyway, I wonder... nope, never mind, I'm not going to start, that was last time.

Anyway, let's see, so far a few people have approached me out of the blue and congratulated me on my promotion, others have told me they were amazed, by its continuity, and another person, who I suppose has taken offense to something I wrote, refuses to even acknowledge my existence, but there's perhaps one person who actually approached me and expressed a problem with something I wrote. It was concerned, the point I was making about the reaction of SLO and the Dean of Students. Well, everybody stop. Please excuse this interruption, but there is something I have to know before I go any farther. Just exactly when the hell did the Dean of Students Office acquire division status? Do they offer courses? Do they accredited? I wonder if this "improvement" makes Karen Haskell a division coordinator as well as the Dean of Students.

Once again, I apologize for the disturbance, but that question has been bothered me for a while now. From now on, I have to stop breaking up the article in this manner, but hey, it's the last issue, and I'm allowed to say anything.

R.I.P.R.G Concerns

Dear Editor:

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Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the recent series of articles by Andrew Miller, Mr. Miller has been using unrelated headlines to grab the attention of the readers, and unfortunately all of his articles have been useles, boring and immature. The use of unrelated headlines didn't even work. The only reason I read his articles is because I didn't believe him. After reading it, I had to agree. The rest of his articles have been embarrassingly bad. I could take all of the coherent thoughts that are not to be taken lightly or to be considered slandering. It is at least as much a real concern as that if not the students, certainly those who make the decisions concerning who lives where and student life in general. I'll ask the question again and not just rhetorical; What is the reaction of SLO and the Dean of Students when the first case of AIDS is discovered on campus?

Okay, enough of this serious stuff. Did you ever wonder why Almeida doesn't seem to be able to maintain electricity for more than two weeks running? Speaking of running, how about our Student Senate President? Is it common practice for people to be selected to such offices when they're freshmen? I wonder how well he would have done if he hadn't handed out those cute little pins. It's amazing, what a little bit of money in the right places can do.

A couple of years ago I closed my last issue article by borrowing a quote from the little fat dude who scoots around in his sleigh. This year I'm going to be a little different. First of all, let me just say happy holidays and vacations to all, and, as Bill Harris (you know, the guy who said it) would say, "We'll talk again."

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Screening of R.W.C. Students Films. Dec. 16th at 7 pm in Lecture Hall #129. Everyone welcome to join us.

Happy Holidays
Drunken euphoria. The vandalism Barbara Joslin Denise Kline life. Yet many people don’t think E. Roth. with Bristol County Interfaith Choir to write about bitious lately. architectural club. on campus, the ASC—but as far as the yearbook staff is concerned, To begin with, if they were sober, presumably they wouldn’t have broken the window; likewise, I don’t suppose that if they were celebrating something wonderful and came out of the bar in a festive, drunkened, vandalistic mood, probably would not have occurred.

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I am also willing to bet that, while these guys probably don’t moonlight as Bristol County area. This year’s concert features Shawn Belyea in the role of Sir Thomas More with Karen Lunde as Lady Alice More, Liz Saazama as Margaret, Ed Hart as Thomas Crowell, Dan Sulger as Richard Ruti, Robert F. Carwell Jr., Thomas Henry VIII, Jim Erwin as Signo Chapos, Chris Feddy as Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury. Tickets are $2.00 for students and $3.00 general admission, and are available at the door or by calling 231-1040, extension 2015.

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Alternative Music

by Douglas Clavater

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Feeling Good

by Andrew Miller

Frankly, I think I’ve been too ambitious lately. Trying to fuse light humor with topical and sensitive issues is a lot to do while also constantly being on the lookout for anything bitious. Actually, lately I’ve been fixing on running a column that starts this way: “I couldn’t think of anything else to write about this week so...” I guess I could get away with a spring-kicking kind of column for a few issues on a variety of subjects.

Finally the frisbee gods smiled upon me and offered me the opportunity to stay in the house. My apartment one night and watched two drunk guys come out of a local bar and vandilize a car enough to have been pretty upset about something, huh?

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Datcher's Ambitions
by John Mongillo

In a dead-pan tone men's basketball head coach Dwight Datcher will tell you that crossbreeding academics with athletics can be done quite successfully here at RWC.

"We have a gym here that seats two and three thousand people with ease," says Datcher, a warehouses' coach. "Why can't the whole program (basketball) move up without ever losing academic values? If the Georgetown and St. Johns' can do it, why can't Roger Williams?"

Datcher's ambitions of producing "a very good team" and packing the stands, of course, will take time. He knows it. Yet his main regard for escalating the basketball program lies with the college community, "I'm still not sure whether or not the same interest is in the school that we had when I went here," says Datcher. He adds, "You see sometimes we can grow while other things fade out. I and havn't gotten the feel yet of whether the school, as a whole, is behind the athletic program."

In one way or another, Dwight Datcher has always been behind his basketball. As a player for RWC, he helped lead his team to the college's only NAIA national appearances in Kansas City in 1973 and '74. As a 6'1" point guard, Datcher scored 1,486 career points, and because of his outstanding play, his #25 jersey was subsequently retired.

After graduating from RWC in 1974, Datcher was an assistant coach for John Thompson at Georgetown, where he learned about "hard work and putting time into it." Three years later Datcher brought his basketball philosophy to St. Anthony's High School in Washington, D.C., and compiled an impressive 144-44 record.

Datcher hopes to achieve some key factors, which will help contribute to a successful basketball program at RWC. "I want to bring the level of ball up and start putting some people in the stands. That's the key to a winning program," says Datcher.


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Sophomore Class Commentary

by Ann Pare

The sophomore class officers have been working hard for their class and really deserve a bit of recognition and praise. To begin with, all the officers are new. Up until their election the students were faced with a $251 deficit. Due to the allowance of $200 from the Student Senate, the deficit decreased to a mere $51. They quickly got out of debt by selling hamburgers during Homecoming Weekend. Approximately $80 was made through the hamburger sales.

ICE CHIPS: Ever wonder what Hawk hockey player holds the record for most goals in a year? Ken Fox (forwards) from the 1981-82 squad. In a game against the UMass-Lowell River Hawks, Fox scored 7 goals—that amounts to a whopping 2 hat tricks (6 goals) plus an extra goal for the measure. In that same game, three other players scored. They were Dietz, Jones and Greene. Dave Curran and Dave Brackett. What was the final score? RWC 19, Univ. of Mass.-Lowell 3.

MORE ICE CHIPS: In the six games the Hawks have played, their opponents have outscored the Hawks. They have lost two games by a one-goal margin, two games by three-goal margins, and another by five goals.

SPORTSLINE

by Anne Lamorelle

Director of Sports Information

With the winter sports schedule just a month old, the RWC hockey team has already had its share of setbacks.

As if it isn't enough that the Hawks have failed to win their first six games, the team has just suffered its six starts, forward Kevin Blanchette sustained a broken neck during a game with the St. John's Red Storm in the middle of December.

Up to the point, Blanchette and forwards Jeff Cordeiro were tied with points as the top two goal scorers with 45 points. He was at the time Coach Allan Sallee's leading receivers and had their best month of last year's schedule (14-8-0).