

Taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over, he is superior.

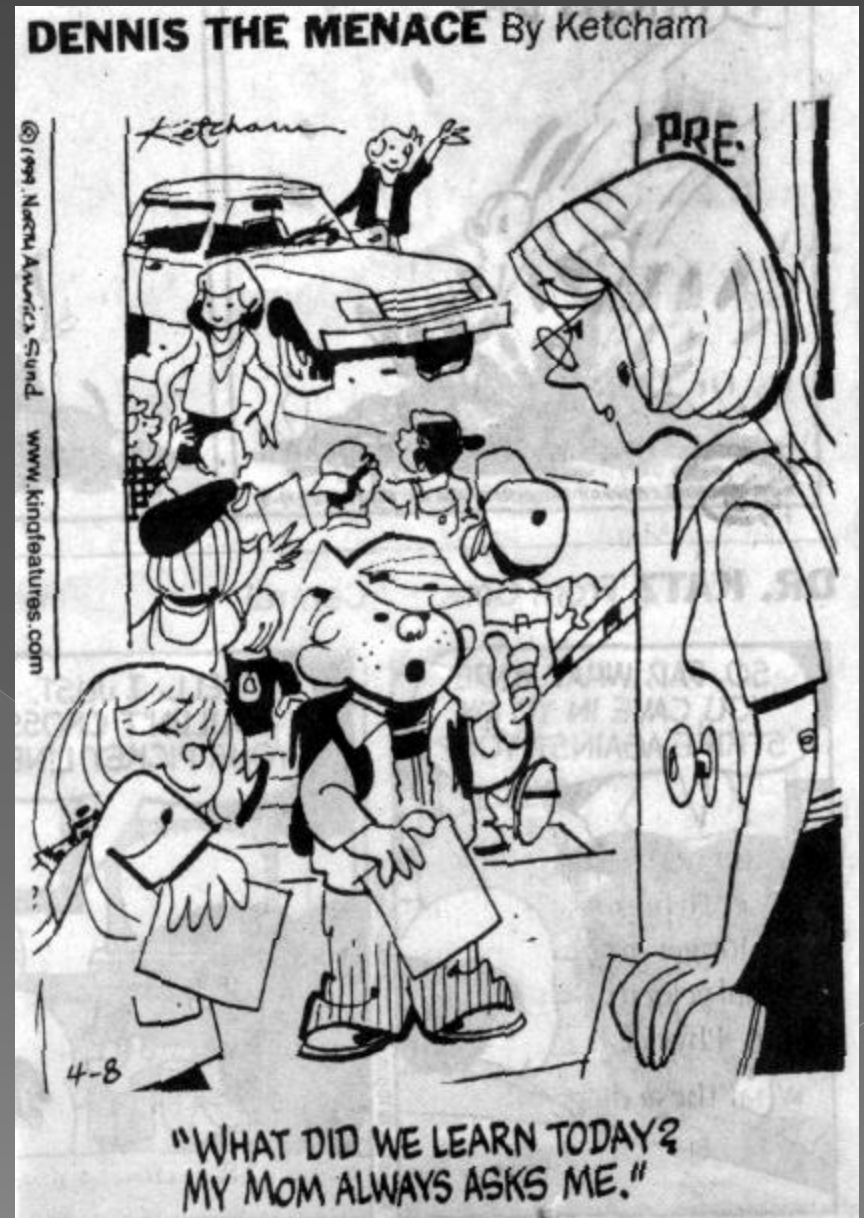
Sir Francis Bacon

Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses.

Confucius

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

The Golden Rule



Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war.

Maria Montessori

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

Marian Wright Edelman

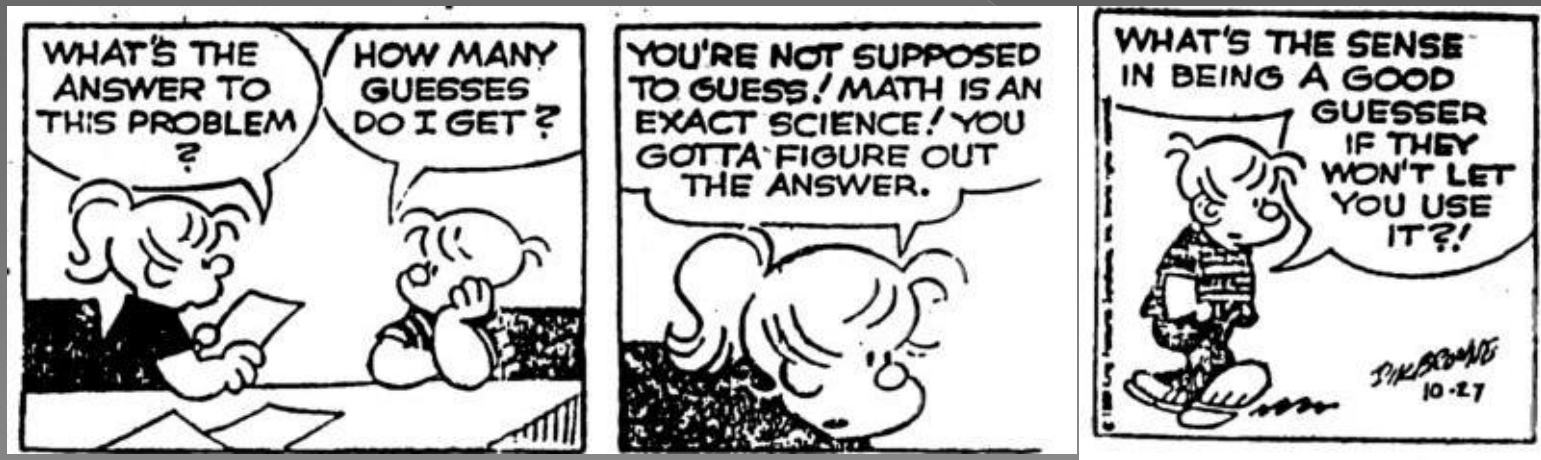
Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

Albert Einstein



I can win an argument on any topic, against any opponent. People know this, and steer clear of me at parties. Often, as a sign of their great respect, they don't even invite me. Sharks are as tough as those football fans who take their shirts off during games in Chicago in January, only more intelligent. On Valentine's Day, millions of men give millions of women flower cards and candy as a heartfelt expression of the emotion that motivates men to observe anniversaries and birthdays: fear.

Dave Barry



SIR, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SPEAK TO THE FACULTY AGAIN ABOUT GRADE INFLATION. STANDARDS ARE JUST FALLING OFF THE CHART.



THE PRESSURE TO PANDER IS EVEN BE-GINNING TO AFFECT THE MATH DE-PARTMENT!

MATH? HOW CAN THAT BE? AREN'T THERE ABSOLUTE AN-SWERS IN MATH?



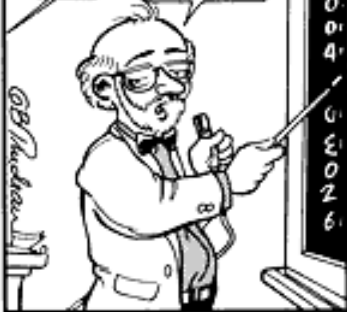
WELL, YES AND NO.

YES AND NO?



17!
39!

EXCELLENT GUESSES! WELL DONE!



GRADE INFLATION HITS THE WALDEN MATH DEPARTMENT.

NICE JOB, MS. JONES.

B+? I ONLY GOT A B+?



IS THERE A PROBLEM, MR. SLOCUM?

A PROBLEM? YOU BET THERE'S A PROBLEM, MAN! NO WAY I ONLY DESERVE A B+!



MR. SLOCUM, THIS IS MATH. YOUR GRADE IS VERY QUANTIFI-ABLE.

I DON'T BUY IT, MAN! YOU'RE TRYING TO DIS-EMPOWER ME! B+ IS A RACIST GRADE!



RACIST? BUT... BUT YOU'RE WHITE.

WELL, OKAY, TECHNICALLY, BUT I STILL FEEL MARGINALIZED!



THIS B+ IS WRONG, MAN! YOU'RE DISSIN' ME HERE BIG TIME!

MR. SLOCUM, I MERELY GAVE YOU THE GRADE YOU DE-SERVED.



CAN'T BE, MAN! THIS IS WAY OFF BASE!

AS WAS YOUR EN-TIRE FIRST PROOF, IN WHICH YOU HELD THE SQUARE ROOT OF 144 TO BE 15. IT IS, IN FACT, 12.



WELL, SURE, FROM A NARROW, ABSO-LUTIST, EUROCENT-RIC PERSPECTIVE, MAYBE IT'S 12.

SO?



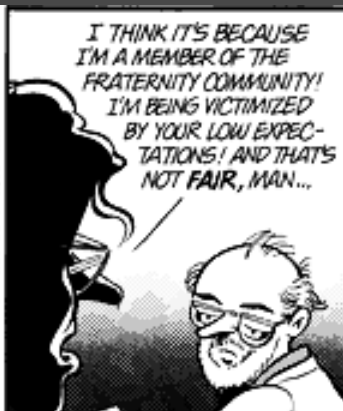
SO MY CULTURE TEACHES IT'S 15, MAN!

FASCINATING. WOULD THIS BE AN ADVANCED CIVILIZATION?





I DON'T GET IT, MAN. EVERYONE ELSE GOT AN A! WHY NOT ME? BECAUSE YOU BLEW OFF THE TEST, MR. SLOCUM. WHY ELSE?



I THINK IT'S BECAUSE I'M A MEMBER OF THE FRATERNITY COMMUNITY! I'M BEING VICTIMIZED BY YOUR LOW EXPECTATIONS! AND THAT'S NOT FAIR, MAN...



I'M ENTITLED TO STRAIGHT A'S, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE ON CAMPUS!

THIS IS INTERESTING. WHY ARE YOU "ENTITLED" TO GRADES YOU DON'T EARN?



IT'S A GREEK THING - YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.

WELL, HELP ME OUT. ARE YOU SOME SORT OF ATHLETE?



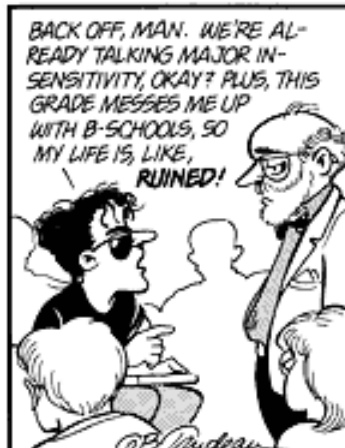
IT'S NOT JUST ME, MAN! WHEN YOU GIVE ME A BOSUS GRADE, YOU'RE SHOWING DISRESPECT FOR MY WHOLE COMMUNITY!

AND WHAT COMMUNITY WOULD THAT BE, MR. SLOCUM?



MY FRATERNITY, MAN! WHICH MEANS A LOT MORE TO ME THAN A BUNCH OF DEAD GREEK GEESKS LIKE PYTHAGORAS, ARCHIMEDES AND HYPOTHEUSE!

BUT AREN'T FRATERNITIES ALSO CALLED "GREEKS"?



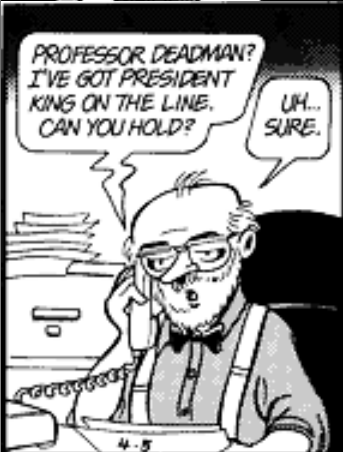
BACK OFF, MAN. WE'RE ALREADY TALKING MAJOR INSENSITIVITY, OKAY? PLUS, THIS GRADE MESSSES ME UP WITH B-SCHOOLS, SO MY LIFE IS, LIKE, RUINED!



YO! YOU SHOULD SUE, MAN!

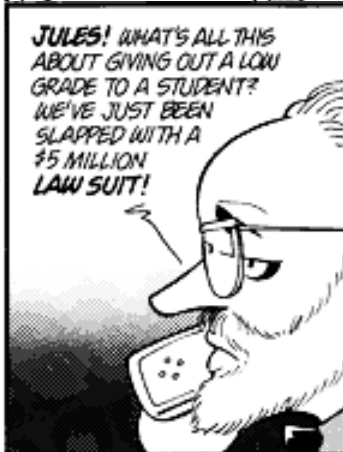
HEY... YEAH. WHAT DO YOU THINK I COULD GET?

DOES THIS GO ON IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS?



PROFESSOR DEADMAN? I'VE GOT PRESIDENT KINGS ON THE LINE. CAN YOU HOLD?

UH... SURE.



JULES! WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT GIVING OUT A LOW GRADE TO A STUDENT? WE'VE JUST BEEN SLAPPED WITH A \$5 MILLION LAW SUIT!



WHAT? THE KID SAYS HE'S BEEN "STIGMATIZED" BY HIS LOW GRADE, WHICH PERPETUATES A VICIOUS "STEREOTYPE" OF HIS CULTURE.



SIR, HIS CULTURE IS A FRATERNITY.

WRONG. IT'S THE "GRECO-AMERICAN ATHLETIC COMMUNITY."

People often say about Him: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

C. S. Lewis "Mere Christianity"

Everyone who is seriously involved in the pursuit of science becomes convinced that a spirit is manifest in the laws of the Universe—a spirit vastly superior to that of man. In this way the pursuit of science leads to a religious feeling of a special sort, which is indeed quite different from the religiosity of someone more naive.

Albert Einstein

Success without honor is an unseasoned dish; it will satisfy your hunger, but it won't taste good.

Joe Paterno

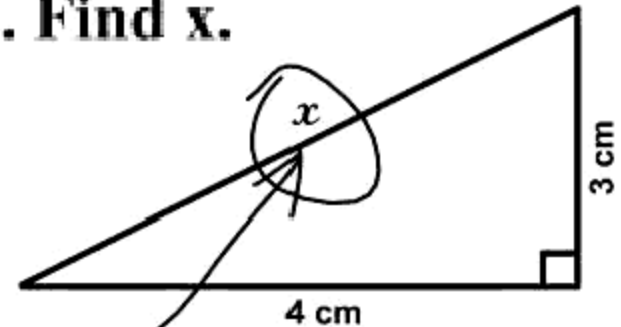
I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took any excuse.

Fred Allen

I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more of it I have.

Thomas Jefferson

3. Find x .



Here it is

Your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other thing.

Abraham Lincoln

Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

Abraham Lincoln

I'm a slow walker, but I never walk back.

Abraham Lincoln



The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.

Albert Einstein

Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.

John F. Kennedy

Responsibility does not only lie with the leaders of our countries or with those who have been appointed or elected to do a particular job. It lies with each of us individually. Peace, for example, starts within each one of us. When we have inner peace, we can be at peace with those around us. When our community is in a state of peace, it can share that peace with neighboring communities, and so on. When we feel love and kindness towards others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace. And there are ways in which we can consciously work to develop feelings of love and kindness. For some of us, the most effective way to do so is through religious practice. For others it may be non-religious practices. What is important is that we each make a sincere effort to take our responsibility for each other and for the natural environment we live in seriously.

Fun things to do in (someone else's) class:

When your professor gives you the syllabus, take it home, correct it, give it a grade, and return it to the professor. Demand extra credit.

Get the whole class to show up a few minutes early, and throw a surprise party for your professor. Insist that you can't start class until he/she has a piece of cake.

Come to class every day wearing scary Halloween masks. Try to get your professor to guess who you are. Shoot him/her with a water pistol and run around the room knocking things over and screaming "Do I scare you?"

The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans` have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.

H.U. Westermayer

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice.

Meister Eckhart

Grace isn't a little prayer you chant before receiving a meal. It's a way to live.

Jackie Windspear

Science is not only *compatible* with spirituality, it is a profound *source* of spirituality.

Carl Sagan

I never came upon any of my major discoveries through the process of *rational* thinking.

Albert Einstein

The best scientist is open to experience and begins with *romance*, the idea that anything is possible.

Ray Bradbury



Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing.

Elie Wiesel

Remember, no one is a failure who has friends.

“It’s a Wonderful Life”

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The world will never have lasting peace so long as men reserve for war the finest human qualities. Peace, no less than war, requires idealism and self-sacrifice and a righteous and dynamic faith.

John Foster Dulles

It is essential to know that to be a happy person, a happy family, a happy society, it is very crucial to have a good heart. World peace must develop from inner peace. Peace is not just the absence of violence but also the manifestation of human compassion.

Dalai Lama

Mankind must remember that peace is not God's gift to his creatures; peace is our gift to each other.

Elie Wiesel

Fun things to do in (someone else's) class:

Brush your teeth during class. While doing so, raise your hand as if you have a question, and mumble your question incoherently while brushing, spewing toothpaste all over the place. If your professor objects to your actions, go on a tirade about proper oral hygiene.

Sit way at the back of the room as far away from your professor as possible. While he/she is lecturing, shout out things like, "What!?" and "Speak up! You're mumbling!" If your professor advises you to sit closer to the front, tell him/her you can't because you're scouting the room for assassins.

Get to class early and bring a pillow, some blankets, an air mattress, and an alarm clock. Wear your pajamas. Lie down on the air mattress with the pillow and the blankets and act like you're asleep. Have the alarm set for about two minutes into class. When it goes off, very loudly hit the "snooze" button and go back to sleep. Keep doing so for the duration of the class.

Dispute everything your professor says. Try to get him/her to "prove" everything to you. Rant and rave about what a big liar your professor is. Yell at students taking notes, saying, "Stop writing down all these lies!"

Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.

Dale Carnegie

Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.

Thomas Edison

Many of life's "failures" are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

Thomas Edison

Nature does nothing uselessly.

Aristotle

I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in order.

John Burroughs

Human subtlety will never devise an invention more beautiful, more simple or more direct than does Nature, because in her inventions, nothing is lacking and nothing is superfluous.

Leonardo da Vinci

Life is good for only two things, discovering mathematics and teaching mathematics.

Siméon Poisson

The truth of the matter is that, though mathematical truth may be beauty, it can be only glimpsed after much hard thinking. Mathematics is difficult for many human minds to grasp because of its hierarchical structure: one thing builds on another and depends on it.

M. Holt and D.T.E. Marjoram “Mathematics in a Changing World”

One of the big misapprehensions about mathematics that we perpetrate in our classrooms is that the teacher always seems to know the answer to any problem that is discussed. This gives students the idea that there is a book somewhere with all the right answers to all of the interesting questions, and that teachers know those answers. And if one could get hold of the book, one would have everything settled. That's so unlike the true

Frank and Ernest



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Mathematics is the Queen of the Sciences.

Carl Friedrich Gauss

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

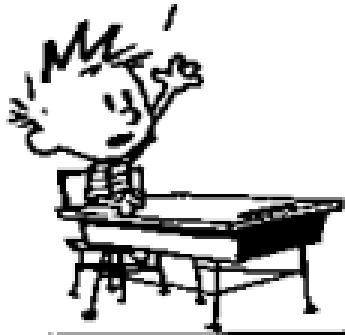
Aristotle

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yeats

CALVIN AND HOBBS By Bill Watterson

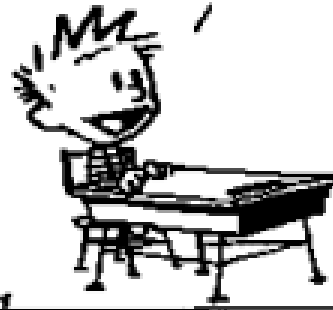
MISS WORMWOOD, MY DAD SAYS WHEN HE WAS IN SCHOOL, THEY TAUGHT HIM TO DO MATH ON A SLIDE RULE.



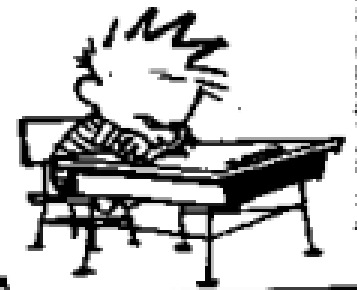
HE SAYS HE HASN'T USED A SLIDE RULE SINCE, BECAUSE HE GOT A FIVE-BUCK CALCULATOR THAT CAN DO MORE FUNCTIONS THAN HE COULD FIGURE OUT IF HIS LIFE DEPENDED ON IT.



GIVEN THE PACE OF TECHNOLOGY, I PROPOSE WE LEAVE MATH TO THE MACHINES AND GO PLAY OUTSIDE.



MY BILLS ALWAYS DIE IN SUBCOMMITTEE.



Fun things to do in (someone else's) class:

Watch the professor through binoculars.

Ask to introduce your "invisible friend" in the empty seat beside you, and ask for one extra copy of each handout.

When the professor turns on his laser pointer, scream "AAAGH! MY EYES!"

Correct the professor at least ten times on the pronunciation of your name, even it's Smith. For example, claim that the 'i' is silent.

Sit in the front row reading the professor's graduate thesis and snickering.

As soon as the first bell rings, volunteer to put a problem on the board.

Knowledge is power.

Sir Francis Bacon

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

Aristotle

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela



Tip the world over on its side and everything loose will land in Los Angeles.

Frank Lloyd Wright

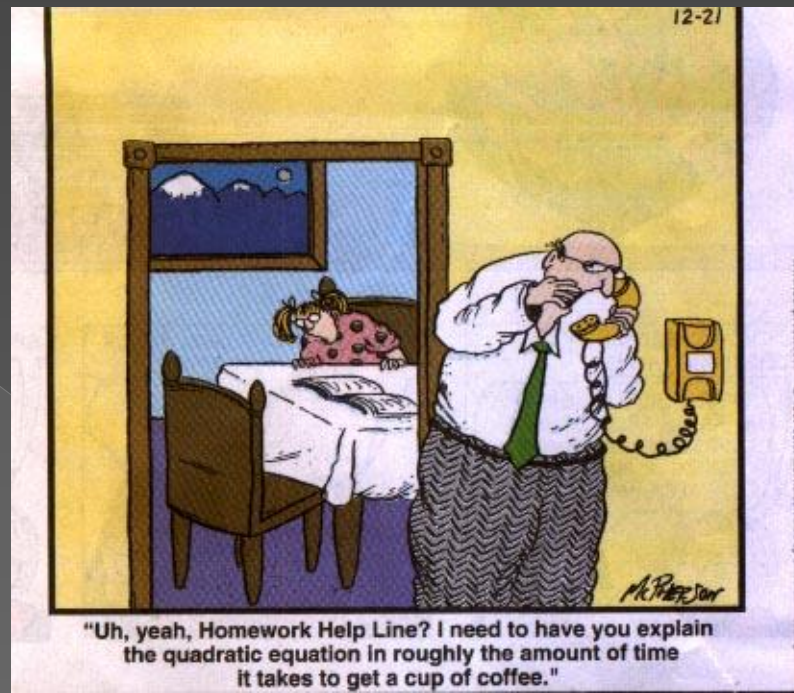
California is a fine place to live—if you happen to be an orange.

Fred Allen

Nothing is wrong with Southern California that a rise in the ocean level wouldn't cure.

Ross MacDonald



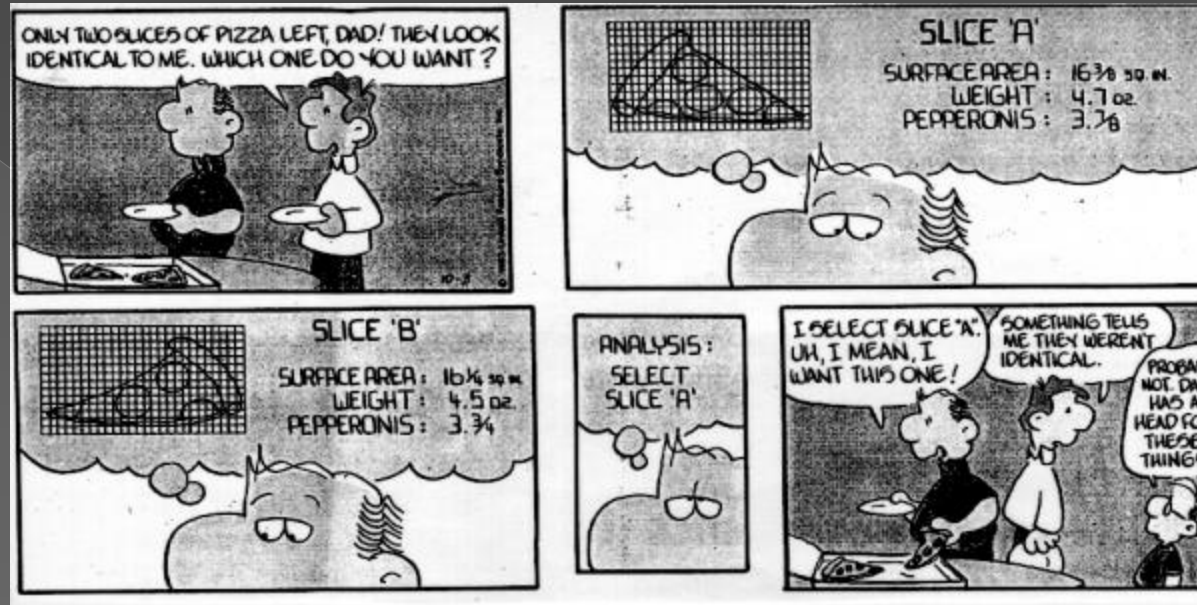


All men by nature desire knowledge. **Aristotle**

A mind without instruction can no more bear fruit than can a field, however fertile, without cultivation.

Cicero

Yes, we have to divide up our time like that, between our politics and our equations. But to me our equations are far more important, for politics are only a matter of present concern. A mathematical



Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

George

Washington

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.

Benjamin Franklin

It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

Eleanor Roosevelt

I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying.

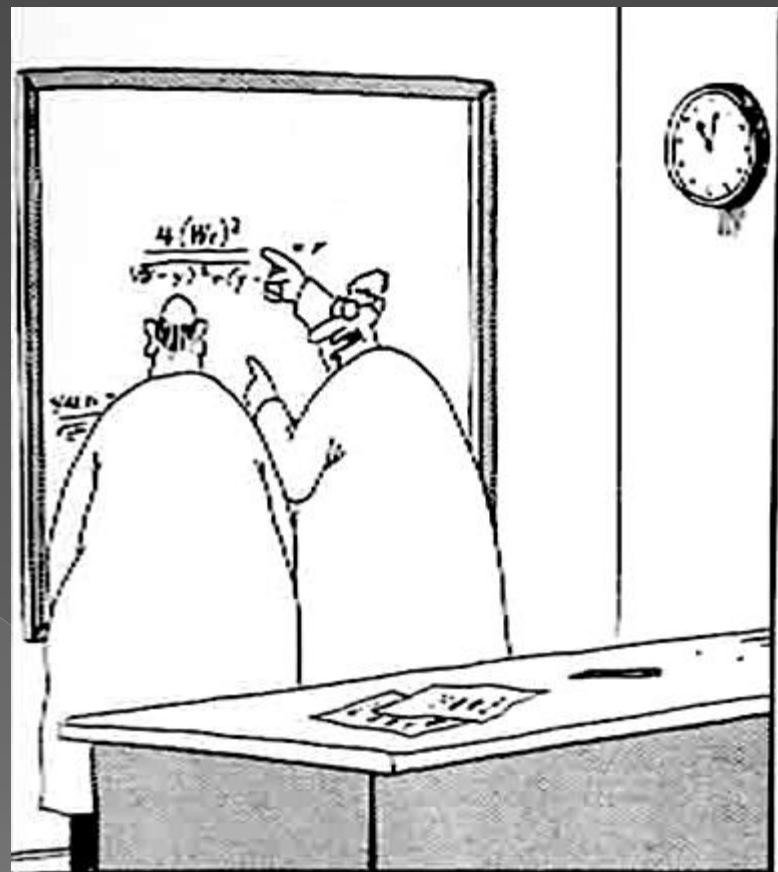
Michael Jordan

A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be.

Wayne Gretzky

I don't take pride in my accomplishments. I take pride in the striving.

Andre Agassi



"Yes, yes, I know that, Sidney... everybody knows that!... But look: Four wrongs squared, minus two wrongs to the fourth power, divided by this formula, do make a right."