

Rusty and Dave



Dear Rusty and Dave:

I've reached the desperation point. I've tried desperately to get my five credits but now I just don't know. It's exam time, and frankly guys, I'm scared. I'm only mortal, what can I say. Obviously you guys would not have problems with exams so you need not worry. Can you do me a favour, though, and give a poor guy some advice.

Delirious Dick

Dear Dick:

This is just one of hundreds of letters that encapsules your dilemma. The answer is simple, so gosh darned simple that it behooves us to even receive these queries. We never have problems with exams but there is a reason. We employ ill-reputed means. In other words, we cheat and you can too. It has taken six years of experimenting and finally we have narrowed our system down to a proven and effective way to procure ill-begotten grades. Here then are the basic tenets of our philosophy:

1. Be obvious! When you want to cheat just ask your neighbors. Yell out "What's the answer?" Be daring, not confining yourself to the person in front of you. Ask the brilliant looking one who always happens to be three or four chairs away. Remember that professors keep their eyes and ears peeled for whisperers and note passers. Follow us and they will never catch you.

2. Do not be afraid to invite guests. Smuggle in a librarian with a direct line computer terminal hooked up under your desk. Why, once when we wrote a political science quiz we smuggled in John Buchanan. Come to think of it, though, that was the only exam we ever failed!

3. Take the professor out drinking two days before the exam. Ply him or her with liquor until they cannot walk. At this point they are ready to spill their guts (figuratively of course). Ask them everything about the exam. Compliment them on how great their exams are, especially the layout. When you have got him or her buttered up pretty good take them to their respective office to get a glimpse (of the exam). The excursion may cost you \$50 dollars (we all know drinking habits of professors) but it's worth it.

4. We have done special research for this one. Exams are being written in the Dal rink this year. People assume the ice will be take out but this is not true. To speed up the answering of questions all proctors will wear ice skates. As the respective proctor sails by your desk butt-end him (of course being at the rink you would have your hockey stick), stealing the answers which are traditionally hidden in his or her pocket.

5. The final hint is for multiple choice questions. Remember that the first answer is always "C" and last one "B" as proven by the oft used Rusty and Dave computer. This gives you a great start. Use your intuitive guessing for the ones in between and you are guaranteed a mark in the high B range.

Dear Rusty and Dave:

You guys have been writing your column for two years now. April has rolled around again and I'm getting sentimental. I get misty eyed when I think of the Rutabaga saga. I spent hours on your activity pages, and (I've wanted you guys to know this for some time now) I have your caricature and the Rhinoceros column pasted above my bed. Is this your bood-bye, farewell, and amen?

**Just one of the gals
from Sheriff Hall
Carol**

Dear Carol:

Life is cyclical. Things do not end, they merely merge onwards to new beginnings. Sometimes the old must give way to the new but the continuum is not shattered, merely altered. As Mary Webb once said, "We are tomorrow's past." Kehlog Albran stated "I have seen the future and it is very much like the present — only longer." But then again Carol, Charles F. Kettering says "My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there." ... uh ... what was the question again? ...

Edwina's note: We leave Rusty & Dave more or less where we found them, chewing pencil erasers and drooling over crumpled paper. Out there in the "real world" we know they'll give Joyce Brothers and Ann Landers a run for their money. Thanks guys.

J. Albrant

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