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PRO

by Lydia Torrance

Well I finally got my own column, Lord knows when I'll find time to write it but these editors seemed to think it was a good idea. I talked to some girl on the phone at first but she didn't seem to realize the gravity of the situation so I got the manager and made him realize how important it is to have all sides represented. He said they only like to print short letters by people who have something to say and say it, but after I got through with him he finally said maybe if I had a column I'd be more comfortable, he said I'd have more room for my Ample Prose. Nobody ever said that to me before, but it was nice of him, so I said I could fill up that much space easy once I got started. But my time is right precious now because that microwaves quiz was really hard, it reminded me of those annual National Ideals exams at Hecuba Normal where I went to college many years ago.

Now I went to the lab the night before the quiz, like the teacher said to, but I must have got in the wrong section, because this man was cutting open a little fetal pig, and it turned out to be a malfunction, with two sex parts, boy and girl, and all the students got to giggling, and the man got mad and started talking about how he felt that way himself sometimes, and how his mother used to dress him up and then she'd get his doggie and — well, a college newspaper is no place for that kind of filth, but, truth to tell, after that I didn't feel like cooking or even *thinking* about food.

So I went back to the dorm and studied in my textbook, *Waves of the Future, Fourth Edition* about how the microwaves were first discovered (it was an Italian). But I don't see the difference between mini-macro, macro-micro, and semi-demi-micro, and that diagram doesn't even show how to get them into the oven after you've measured them out, and my roommate Lucreesh wasn't around (not that she ever is, I don't know when she ever studies) so I couldn't ask her. So I listened to the boys outside serenading us again with some pretty folksong about Rolling in the Clover and I finished my chapter of Agnes Sleigh Turnbull, she's such a comfort and the English professors don't even read her any more and then they wonder where all the literacy has gone.

Well, that quiz was pretty hard, so

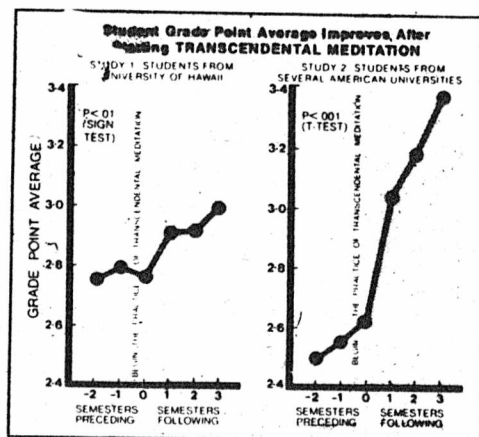
I'm behind in my studies now, and me with a headstart of sixty years you might say! But Portleigh would have wanted me to take this column, I know that. I can just hear him say "Lydia, you see the world different from most folks and you cast an eerie light wher'eer you walk," Portleigh studied the classics and he knew how to flatter a girl in proper style in spite of he wasn't always what he should be. And he, more than most, made me realize the duty I have to make people see the world the way I see it. He always said, "Lydia when I talk to other people I usually say "I know" or "that's true," but when you you tell me something I always have to say "I sure never thought of that before."

So I'm going to remind Mr. Ambrose Fierce that there's another, different way of seeing things than his sorry way. The name of my column is PRO, and I mean FOR and not the nasty foolishness in his column last Thursday. Not that a lady needs to answer his comments, but I have *never been* in Dryhump, North Dakota, though my friend Corinne Sue lived there. But I never visited her, we didn't get together much after that tenth re-union at Hecuba Normal because she brought some of her Meat By-Products girlfriends and they weren't really the Normal type. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Fierce doesn't bother me any more because he reminds me so much of my grand nephew Montgomery. Now Monty's smart too and clever, and nasty as a garter snake, and I guess I've just gotten used to his ways and figure he's bound to grow up some day and stop all this bleakness. It's a stage of his underdevelopedness, that and no friends, and bad skin I recollect. And he never changes his tee shirt. So I suppose Ambrose met him at some IQ festival or Boy Scout Jamboree (though that's the last thing Monty would join, he's too unwholesome), and I know he likes to make up terrible stories about me because he thinks it shocks me, and he must of told Ambrose these tales. Well I forgive them. If making up fantasies about his great aunt gives any relief to his lonely, pimply, trashy, slug-like existence I'm happy for him. As any good Christian would be.

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Campus committees to oppose the increase will be formed, accompanied with a province-wide petition campaign.

Tuition will triple for all foreign students in January 1977. Provincial minister of colleges and universities Harry Parron, who announced the increase early this summer, described the move as a way to save money. The savings to his ministry amount to about .6 per cent of budget.

Over the summer, the OFS executive, describing the move as appealing to a "narrow range of sentiment" in society, joined other groups such as international student organizations and the Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBI) in lobbying against the increase.