

Scheduling Stress

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It's that time of year again when the student body is required to make their own personal schedule of classes for next semester. God, how sweet the smell of stress. All around me are people walking around with schedule books, planning at the Gorge, or devising in classes. I see them trying to somehow work that course that's only being offered once this school year into their class agenda. I notice the people endlessly searching for another time to take that 8:00 class even when there is no other time offered. This is all too familiar a sight.

Do I have any solutions? No, that would be impossible. I can tell you to meet with your advisor and place all of your stress onto him or her, or I could tell you to try to seek out the help of a good

friend who seems well organized in daily life, but I'm not going to do that. First of all, I've realized that there are two distinctive types of people. Type A people are the people who look organized but really aren't and can't handle the least bit of stress in their life without panicking. Then there are the Type C people who look like their life's one big mess and usually handle work, school, play and dress in the same manner.

Now take me for example. On the outside, I look neat and orderly (or at least I try to). I attempt to keep my papers in one place with their own little divisions in my binder and holes punched into them so they stay in there and I can find them whenever need be. But AHA! Come into my room! Yes, there you will find such a myriad of . . . of . . . stuff that only I know what I'm looking for and where I will find it. Anyone else's feeble attempts

to try to find something in my room will be useless, just as those insignificant efforts to try to conform me to some hierarchy of cleanliness would be a waste of time. These are the people to ask for help - not some neat freak or some slob - the Type B people, just a clean but "creative" person in between. This is because these types of people can have the best of both worlds by being neat in someone else's sense and neat in their own. Trust me, I know what I'm talking about. All my life people tried to make me follow their standards of cleanliness and I don't know why, but it never worked. They thought that if I was "messy" I wouldn't be able to control my schoolwork or my social activities or anything else. But AHA! In the midst of my creative niche arose a person who was not only able to find everything they needed when they needed it, but also a

person who could manage their time in work and play! Those silly restrictions did me no good and this is where I am - one of the few people in college who can do their OWN schedule in less than 20 minutes! There is a method to my madness! HA! HA! HA! POWER!!!! POWER!!!!

Sorry about that, my mind escapes me sometimes. But anyway, if you either a Type A or a Type C person, look to a Type B person to help you out because they are very organized. Alas, they are very secretive about their techniques so it may be hard to find one as well as get one to help. Although you should go see your advisor anyway (it's always good to drive the older people nuts), try working out a schedule with a "B" friend or, hopefully, your advisor will be a Type B person. Good Luck!

Multi-culturalism is a failure

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The greatest scandal facing America today is the schism separating blacks from whites. Although organized racism of the kind that existed under Jim Crow is history, its legacy leaves America divided against itself. White Liberals attempted to solve the problems of Black America through social programs and affirmative action. Such programs only worsened the fault line between the races because many people both black and white began to lose respect for the family structure. Black Americans, having been the victims of economic deprivation and organized racism were particularly hardest hit. Prior to welfare most poor blacks kept close knit families and struggled hard to survive. However the well meaning Northern White Liberals saw an opportunity to gain a political advantage by handing out welfare and other government benefits to many poor Blacks. This is not to say that only Blacks were affected, but more Blacks as a percentage of their racial group were in poverty than whites. This is not strictly numerically speaking. Many poor Blacks saw welfare as an easy way to make a living, hence the work ethic in certain portions of Black America began to crumble. As the sense of responsibility decayed so did the family structure and with it came and increase in crime.

Between 1960 and 1990 the illegitimacy rate amongst Blacks rose from around 23% to 68.1%. It is also interesting to note that all of these alarming statistics that we hear about began to take a dramatic upturn. It is for sure that the White Liberals had good intentions, but their solution was the equivalent of throwing gasoline on a smoldering fire. Matters only became worse. White Liberals marched singing "We Shall Overcome," but the solution was "We Shall Try to Forget." The problems of race never were completely solved because blacks and whites are more divided today than they were 30 years ago. No amount of university sponsored multi-cultural days will unite the races. That is especially true when it is forced upon students, and not as a free exchange between the races.

Liberalism has been about easy cosmetic papering of the rift separating white from black. Multi-culturalism is not about giving Black America a separate identity or inventing a feel good mentality. Of course there is some of this present, but it is a way that White Liberal Elitists attempt to pacify Blacks by trying to make them just feel good. Multi-culturalism fails to bring together Blacks

and Whites to heal the travesty of the economic deprivations experienced by Blacks. Who blames Blacks for being angry with White America because White America turns its backs on them and pretends the problem is not there. White Liberals smile at Blacks and say, "I feel your pain," yet nothing constructive is accomplished. Feel good strategies are like drugs, they peak and fall.

I cannot experience this first hand, but I know that many Black acquaintances feel patronized by White Liberals. They talk about diversity, preach tolerance, and post signs that say stop the hate and begin the love. We just cannot give lip service to diversity in public events and on signs, we must practice it. When I go into the lunchroom I could almost think that it is 1955 again. Whites eat only with whites and blacks with blacks. What kind of diversity is that, it looks as if the Administration of Penn State University is more interested in statistics on paper than establishing trust and cooperation between the races. Penn State's Diversity policies do not foster cooperation, but rather it breeds resentment and indifference on the part of many white students. Dr. King said, "I have a dream today...that white men and black men will not judge each other by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." Forcing students of both races to walk the walk and talk the talk is like dragging a small child kicking and screaming. It breeds defiance and sadly hatred.

Another institution used by White Liberals to placate Blacks is Affirmative Action. Affirmative Action often places Blacks into capacities that they are not prepared to handle. This fares badly for the best qualified Black workers because it implied that he or she could not have gotten that job themselves. White Liberals again use their symbolic feel good remedies to keep Black Americans under their tightly clenched fist. Blacks are not to blame for this monstrosity that imprisons them in the scorn of many of their white colleagues.

Rather than marginalize Blacks, White Americans must look at Blacks as their countrymen of another shade. Forget about boiling out Mexico and the Third World because there are mountains that need to be moved in Black America. We must invest our money in poor rundown neighborhoods to provide employment for its residents. If we modify the Tax Code, establishing low cost enterprise zones to foster investment by corporations and black entrepreneurs, White Americans must reach out financially and materially to their Black brethren, so that the power of hope and opportunity will lead to the reawakening of America as a whole. Black Americans must pool their resources together in the same way that the Italians or Jews did a century ago so they could take advantage of the low tax and interest rates. Economic recovery always had the net effect of reducing illegitimacy and crime.

This alone cannot heal the schism separating the races because bridges of trust and fraternity must be built up first. We must be able to say to each other, "I experience and stand with your pain because your pain is my pain." White Liberal solutions are almost like Klansmen viewed through "rose colored glasses." They hide behind their failed solutions while Black America slowly sinks. The band-aid remedies are of themselves evil and racist because they allow Blacks to remain marginalized and separated from White America. Rigged panel discussions accomplish nothing because the only thing that happens is angry Black folk and White folk go at each other without bringing both sides together. As it stands Penn State in my view is guilty of allowing the spectre of racism to persist through its so-called Diversity programs that only enhance the mutual resentment. As it stands Blacks and Whites harbor deep seated fears and suspicions about one another, and multi-culturalism acts as a shield to reality because it allows both sides to remain separated. Multi-culturalism and Diversity is like Jim Crow only more subtle and more clever. It is racism pure and simple. We must face our fears together, not as Blacks or Whites but as Americans. White Liberals need racial division because without it they have nothing. Where Black America falls, the rest of America falls with it. We must change or face the consequences.

