

## Desperate Measures

SI leaders call upon their skills to help others



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And so, the world as students now it enters a third week of the semester-long battle with vending machine stenance, clogged-up traffic and cafeteria-induced bowel movements (hopeful not in that order).

Much is expected of the weary student. After dismounting their collection of Cheetos crumbs and pencils (aka: couch), without enough energy to carry them to the nearest vending machine, and wading through the sea of humanity to get to class, students are expected to write voluminous papers stalling their understanding of the connection between knock-knock jokes, Regis Philbin and the Pilgrims' plight with gout.

Desperate for passing grades, students go to any extreme, whether it be bribing University employees, coercing leniency of grading or posing as the professor's significant other in order to pre-view tests. All of these attempts for higher grades are in vain — although the latter would probably familiarize one with exactly why the professor's nickname is "The Danish Funboy."

A hygienically and socially healthier alternative for students is the phenomenon known as Supplemental Instruction (SI).

SI sessions have been seasoned to perfection by repeated use. The first SI session was conducted when Christopher Columbus taught the concept of the world being round to early seafarers, whose typical answers to exam questions were "Booty, booty, booty!"

SI subjects have developed with time, as have the SI leaders themselves.

Essential to the SI is leadership. One must know when to take command, enforce restrictions and execute orders without mercy. Now go

forth and bring back the Ruby Slippers! Fly, my pretties, fly!

SI leaders also need to display the rare and valuable ability to educate, thereby showing their knack for reaching and conveying a complicated idea in a way that can be understood by any student, interested or bored, asleep or awake, loan-recipient or football scholarship recipient.

Most importantly, SI leaders need to show versatility in their skills. A genuine SI leader should be able to convey the content of the lecture simply, look into the students' blank stares despondently, cry like a coal-miner's widow and waste the night away eating chocolate.

These guidelines for SI leaders may seem outlandish and hard to believe. But the faithless few would find it hard not to believe if they were to know the secrets of SI leader training — this is not just nuclear research, man! This is

training to tutor a few undergraduates about why Oedipus Rex should be on "Jerry Springer!"

With such a grueling training regimen, what could the future possibly hold for the SI session?

Blossoming students will no longer struggle with learning the primary colors or the alphabet and can then concentrate on winning the Big 12 Championship.

Even the U.S. government is considering utilizing the SI session as an implement of covert governmental subjugation and a means of brainwashing the masses — but this writer seriously doubts that in this day and age of sophistication anything like that would ever \*\* !NOTNILC OT TIMBUS !YNNUF SI DABNIS !LUFITUAEB SI GNIKOMS !NOTNILC OT TIMBUS \*\*

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### ATTENDANCE

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showing up for one of the sections of class, so when she turned in the notes at the end of the semester, the second section's final time was listed incorrectly.

Bond said he believes that note taking is personal for students.

"Some students can take sketchy notes and get exactly what they need, and others can't," Bond said. "No two students are going to look at a set of notes in the same way."

Adams said she does not trust other people's notes.

"For some reason, the only notes I trust are my own," Adams said.

Keeney-Kennicutt said attendance does not bother her as much anymore.

"My job is to teach the students that do come," Keeney-Kennicutt said.

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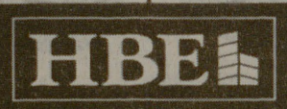
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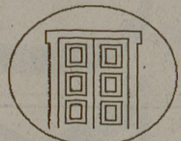
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