

Miniskirts: sure-shot grade getters

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Does that girl in the miniskirt sitting in the front row stand a better chance of getting good grades than the boy in the back row?

The answer is yes, according to Robert D. Brown, Educational Psychologist of the University Counseling Center.

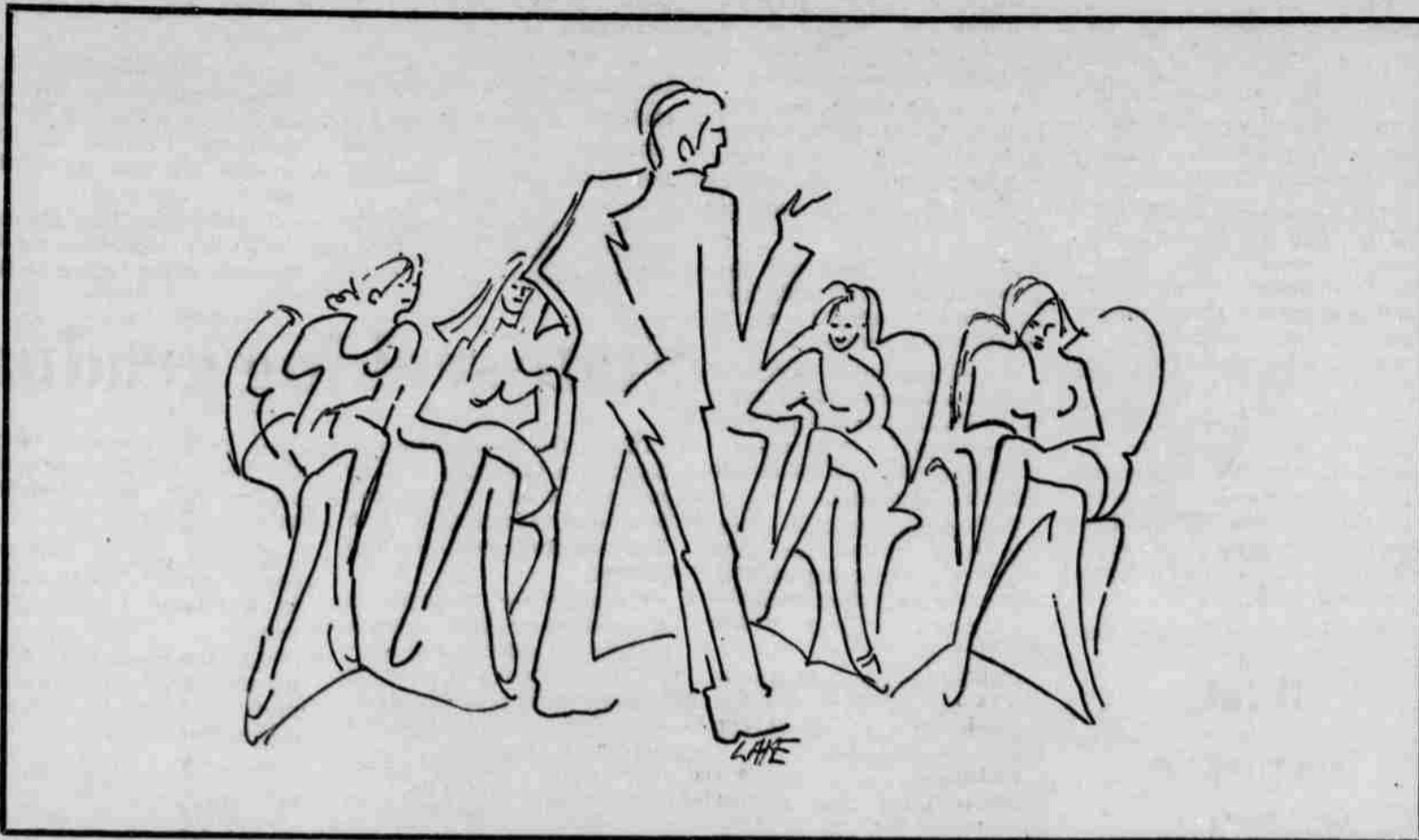
Writing in one of the Center's publications for Faculty and staff Brown said studies dating back almost 50 years show that from grade school through college girls get higher grades than boys. This pattern holds true at the University of Nebraska where the average grade point for freshmen women was 2.59 as opposed to 2.34 for freshmen men.

Brown added that there was no significant difference in Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of the two groups taken in high school.

"Two investigators have found that girls at one college were given better course grades than men despite similar performance on a common final objective examination," he said. "Some theorists have responded with the notion that girl's handwriting is clearer and explains their better grades in courses demanding papers and essay exams."

The same researchers found that their results were more accurate in courses such as biology and physics than in English courses, however. Brown added that in a significant number of cases there were more two letter differences in examination and course grades for girls than boys.

"One investigator asked faculty members to rate pictures of college female



freshmen on a 1-6 scale of attractiveness," he said. "He found a significant correlation between this measure and the girls' grades."

Brown said that the research showed this relationship to be much higher for first-born females than others. "Further

investigation revealed that first born girls are more likely to be accommodating, sit in front of the class, talk to the instructor after class and come to see him during his office hours."

Brown commented that if the girl with the miniskirt sitting in the front row also happens to be first-born in her family faculty objectivity and eyesight may be severely strained.

Though the article was meant as an eye-catcher, it generated a good deal of comment from the faculty, Brown said. He added that some faculty members are examining the objectivity of their grading. "Even though a faculty member may try his hardest, it's just impossible to be objective sometimes," he said.

Air Force ROTC ends enrollment

Students have until March 15 to enroll in the two-year program of the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps.

The Air Force ROTC currently has openings for college men interested in becoming pilots or navigators, according to Col. Norman B. Hemingway, professor of aerospace studies.

Applicants should be full-time students in good academic standing, physically fit and interested in flying, Hemingway said.

Applications and information are available at the Department of Aerospace Studies in the Military and Naval Science Building.

Larry Zink out on bond

Larry Zink, who was sentenced to a maximum of four years in prison last month for burning his draft card, was released on \$2,500 bond this week.

Zink, 23, was released on the condition that he would remain in the state pending his appeal, which is expected to take four to six months.

The Danbury native was convicted for burning his draft card and classification papers before 200 students at Hyde Park Feb. 13, 1969.

Zink said he is appealing the length of his sentence and also the lack of a judicial review over the actions of the Red

Willow County draft board in regard to his classification as 1-A.

U.S. Assistant District Attorney Duane Nelson objected to the release on bond. The chances of a successful appeal are so remote that a release would not serve any function, he said.

After visiting his parents, who farm near Danbury, Zink plans to return to Lincoln.

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