

A Docketful of Wry

(or The Freshman Expresses Himself)

This is the title of a book edited by William Betts, Jr., Professor of English at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Some excerpts are printed below. He encountered these gems while reading years of student compositions.

"I realized my map was misleading when I began going out with men."

"Things went along rather smooth the rest of the year. It was like any normal day."

"After waiting all spring, July 4 finally arrived."

"Least but not last, Mrs. Elmer Galley spoke to the group."

"In my childhood I always thought about going to college, but I kept putting it off and putting it off."

"I reported my findings on a mental record and blissfully left the South knowing that the people of this land are happy to be alive both yesterday and today."

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OPPORTUNITY COST

Three guys decide to play a round of golf: a priest, a psychologist, and an economist. They get behind a VERY slow two-some, who, despite a caddy, are taking all day to line up their shots and four-putting every green, and so on. By the 8th hole, the three guys are complaining loudly about the slow play ahead, swearing a blue streak, and so on. The priest says, "Holy Mary, I pray that they should take some lessons before they play again." The psychologist says, "I swear there are people that like to play golf slowly." The economist says, "I really didn't expect to spend this much time playing a round of golf."

By the 9th hole, they have had it with slow play, so the psychologist goes to the caddy and demands that they be allowed to play through. The caddy says O.K., but then explains that the two golfers are blind, that both are retired firemen who lost their eyesight saving people in a fire, and that explains their slow play, and would they please not swear and complain so loud.

The priest is mortified; he says, "Here I am a man of the cloth and I've been swearing at the slow play of two blind men." The psychologist is also mortified; he says, "Here I am a man trained to help others with their problems and I've been complaining about the slow play of two blind men."

The economist ponders the situation--finally he goes back to the caddy and says, "Listen, the next time could they play at night."

How many conservative economists does it take to change a light bulb?
None. If the government would just leave it alone, it would screw itself in!

How many mainstream economists does it take to change a light bulb?
Two. One to change the bulb and the other to assume the existence of a ladder.

How many Chicago School Economists does it take to change a light bulb?
None. If the light bulb needed changing, the market would have already done it!

How many liberal economists does it take to change a light bulb?
A baker's dozen. One to change the bulb and a dozen others to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to apply for the job.

How many econ grad students does it take to change a light bulb?
One. She is writing her dissertation on the economics of light bulbs, and she'll have an answer for you in 5 years.

Advice To Our Readers

Don't eat anything in a TV set

Don't sleep in the fishbowl.

Don't juggle cactus

Don't make love at a busy intersection.

Don't pick up hitchhikers wearing a ball and chain and carrying a sawed-off shotgun.

Don't transport Jello or ice cream in your back pockets

Don't plant ducks

Don't stop to deliberate when someone asks if you love them.

Drano is not a mild laxative

Murphy's Laws

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and a fool something to stick in his mouth

- Never Argue With An Artist
- The Other Line Always Moves Faster.
- If It Jams - Force It. If It Breaks, It Needed Replacing Anyway!
- There Is Always One More Bug!
- Friends Come and Go, But Enemies Accumulate
- It is Morally Wrong to Allow Suckers to Keep Their Money
- You Will Always Find Something In The Last Place You Look
- Nothing Is As Easy As It Looks
- When a Broken Appliance Is Demonstrated to the Repairman, It Will Work Perfectly.

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