

Letter to *The Daily Collegian*

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~~The (not so?) obvious cheating issues (and solution!?)~~

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Students who cheat are likely to get caught and will only hurt themselves

~~Both s~~Students ~~and instructors~~ should avoid the temptation to cheat when the going gets tough. Students, because education does not boil down, of course, to getting a good grade; it's not even about getting a good job ~~(on the basis of a hopefully well-deserved diploma)~~, but about being able to keep a job by demonstrating continuous-learning skills and problem-solving tools. ~~And instructors, because by dumbing down our courses to an unreasonable level (especially in today's fiercely competitive global economy), we not only eliminate the temptation (and necessity!) to cheat; we also delude ourselves that the students are learning and deceive the students (as well as their prospective employers!) that they have acquired the necessary skills. So t~~

~~The~~ responsibility of the students is not to bite more than they can chew and to manage their college years more efficiently. ~~And our responsibility is to teach, and insist that the students learn, only what is absolutely necessary and sufficient in today's information-saturated world.~~

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