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"An intellectual is a man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows."
-Dwight D. Eisenhower

Cars and You: What NOT to Drive in the UP

By Sam Schall
~ Daily Bull ~

With the normal weather of the UP being snow up to your waist, freezing temperatures and winds gusts close to hurricane speeds, you have to wonder what cars you should be driving if you live here, even just temporarily. Well, there are a few cars that could easily be driven in the UP with enough experience and are for the vehicle. Some cars are a no brainer, like a truck or SUV.

There are some cars, though, that should never touch the pavement of the UP's construction-riddled and snow covered roads. A short list of the worst five cars that should never be in the UP is provided for those who wish to avoid road trouble.

5.) Porsche Who would want to bring a nice car like a Porsche into this snowy weather and all the salt and
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Graduate Schools: The Puppet-Masters

By Mary Kennedy ~ Daily Bull

As spring approaches, it becomes more and more apparent that something is horribly awry. Students flit fretfully from class to class, email is checked several times more often than fall semester, and naturally thick-haired denizens of campus begin to look a little like Mr. Clean. Goal statements and transcripts are gone over scrupulously, keeping the already frazzled students from getting much-needed sleep. Yes, I am talking about the graduate school acceptance/rejection season.

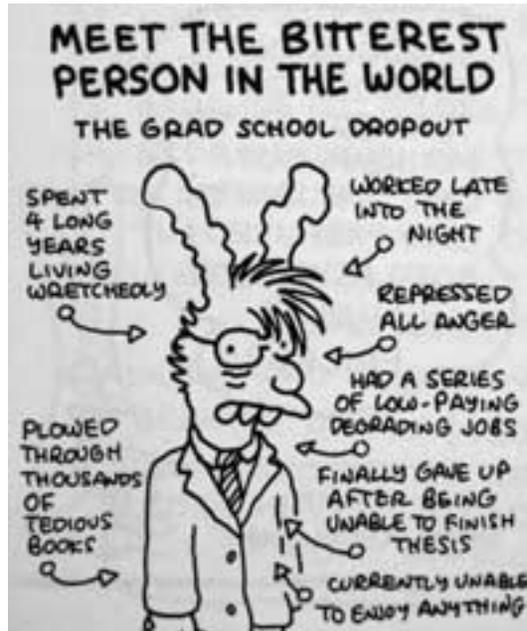
Being personally afflicted by this year's season, I would like to take some time to analyze the diabolical ways of these institutions.

1. The Fine Print

Most contracts have fine print: it's how "The Man" controls us. Graduate school applications are no different. Hunting for the specific application details for your specific field of interest may prove a challenge in and of itself. These websites are designed to weed out the dim-witted and exercise your mind. Once you have navigated the unavoidably complicated links, you may begin your application...or so you think.

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Make sure that if you commit, you don't drop out. After all, you don't wanna be this guy...



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sand for the roads? Aside from the how expensive a Porsche can be, it could easily be lost under all the snow piles. Plus, while it's a wonderful example of aerodynamics, I'm pretty sure you wouldn't want to try those top speeds in during an icy UP day.

4.) Lamborghini Take all the cons of a Porsche being in the UP, and multiply them for a Lamborghini. And with this car being

so low to the ground, the second you try getting out of your drive way, you're going to rip your muffler right out.

3.) Smart Car Aside from being ugly as sin, the Smart Car is another example of a low riding car. The engine – if you can call it that – is right underneath you. You can't drive around with any-

one more than your date - and the second you do get stuck, you're in trouble because you couldn't fit a



shovel in the nonexistent trunk. And the fact that the car is electric... the second you leave it in the Walmart parking lot to go get food, you're not getting home because the -15 F temperatures just killed the battery.

2.) Volkswagen Beetle Chances are, if you go to Tech, you're a guy. If you're driving a Beetle, you're driving a chick car, plain and simple. And although the Beetle is a small step up in seating from the Smart Car, you're not going to have any room in the car for you and your friends to go somewhere for the weekend and there still be enough room for your stuff. And, like most car mentioned above, you have 4 inches or less of clearance. And when you have a choice between rear ending the Pinto in front of you, going into oncoming traffic or into the snow bank because you'll miss the gas station, you're not going to have a drivable car anymore (or at least you'll have a very crippled one).

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1.) Ford Pinto It's a Pinto. Bad placement of gas tank + icy and slick roads = bad things. Need I say more? Actually, just don't drive the pinto ever.

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application page are several pieces of important information, any one of which may destroy you if overlooked. Goals statements, minimum required GPA, letters of recommendation—oh wait, and they want you to have a year of lab experience too? Aw shucks, you haven't done that yet. Tsk tsk, and all that navigating for nothing.

2. The Hard Deadline

Buried within all the requirements is the dreaded deadline. For some of you prepared people, this is no problem. For all the rest of us, it is what can make or break our three hour graduate school hunting session. Graduate schools can be a tad odd when it comes to deadlines. Several have the standard beginning to mid-November deadline, whereas others can be not November. It really is a crapshoot sometimes when looking at any one specific program: some do not start until late fall, and others as early as June.

The other bad thing about the deadlines goes back to #1. If you overlook one of the items that need to be sent in, you will receive one of the emails of DOOM. It is bad enough to go through the process of gathering all your application materials, but to be told you need more material is just devastating. It's like when you're ten and your mom tells you to clean your room to get a treat. You clean all day and think you did a really good job, just to hear your mom tell you what more you need to clean. Sucks, doesn't it?

3. The Arbitrary Wait Time

This is the worst part about applications. Once you have submitted all your materials correctly, you will usually be told when you should receive their decision. As usual, this is done

in the most evil ways possible: using the arbitrary wait time. "Your application will be processed in four to six weeks," or "You will be notified of your acceptance status sometime in March." No definitive date is ever given. So, all you can do is wait, and ignore the nagging feeling in the back of your mind that they accidently threw away your application and never reviewed it.

4. The Actual Waiting

Waiting definitely sucks, but it also gives us some peace of mind. Right now, you have a Schrödinger's acceptance status. Embrace it. (Even I hate myself for this advice.) Many schools will give you an outright rejection before the decision period is over, if there are

too many flaws in your application. By dragging out the time until the last possible moment, you may find yourself with the golden ticket of graduate program acceptance. Some schools, though, just tell everyone at the same time. Graduate schools like to play with us like that.

5. The Decision

Well, since I have not seen my own graduate school decisions yet, I'll leave you with this: Graduate schools = Awesome--if you get in, and graduate schools = The Spawn of Satan--if you do not. Again, it is Schrödinger's emotional state until that time comes. Enjoy the wild and wacky process while it lasts.

SHOULD YOU GO TO GRAD SCHOOL? A WEE TEST

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I AM A COMPULSIVE NEUROTIC.

I LIKE MY IMAGINATION CRUSHED INTO DUST.

I ENJOY BEING A PROFESSOR'S SLAVE.

MY IDEA OF A GOOD TIME IS USING JARGON AND CITING AUTHORITIES.

I FEEL A DEEP NEED TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF AVOIDING LIFE.

Before you go to graduate school, you should first take this test. If you answer F to any of these tests, then Grad School is probably not for you.