

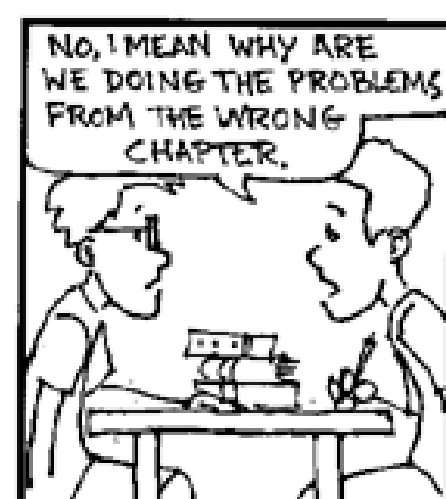
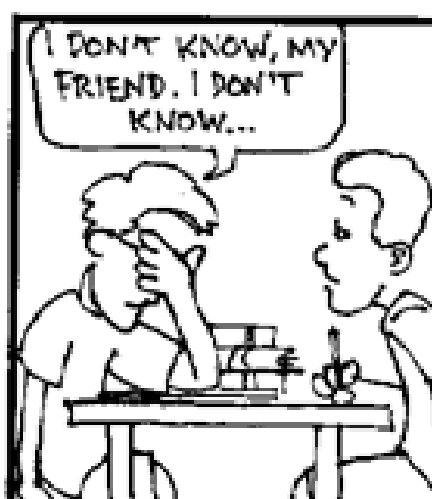
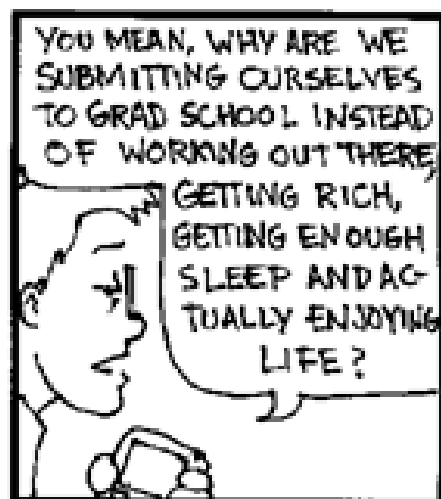
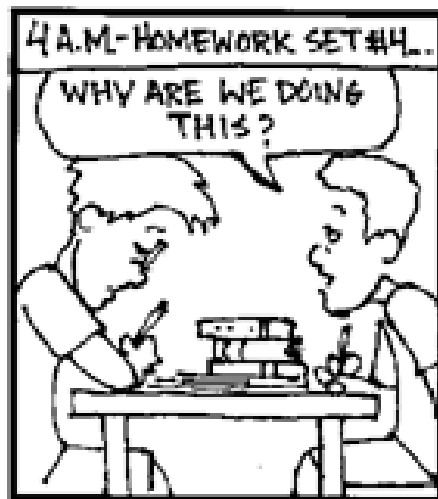


New to PhD?

Life (or the lack thereof) in
Academia



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HOW GRAD SCHOOL IS JUST LIKE KINDERGARTEN

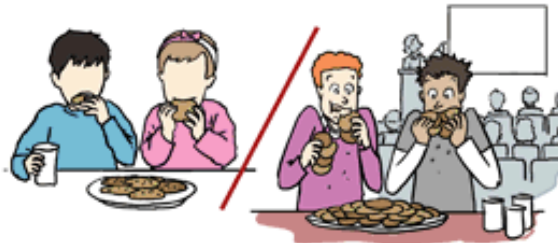
ALL DAY NAPPING IS ACCEPTABLE



THERE IS CONSTANT ADULT SUPERVISION



YOU GET COOKIES FOR LUNCH



MOST COMMON ACTIVITY:
CUTTING AND PASTING



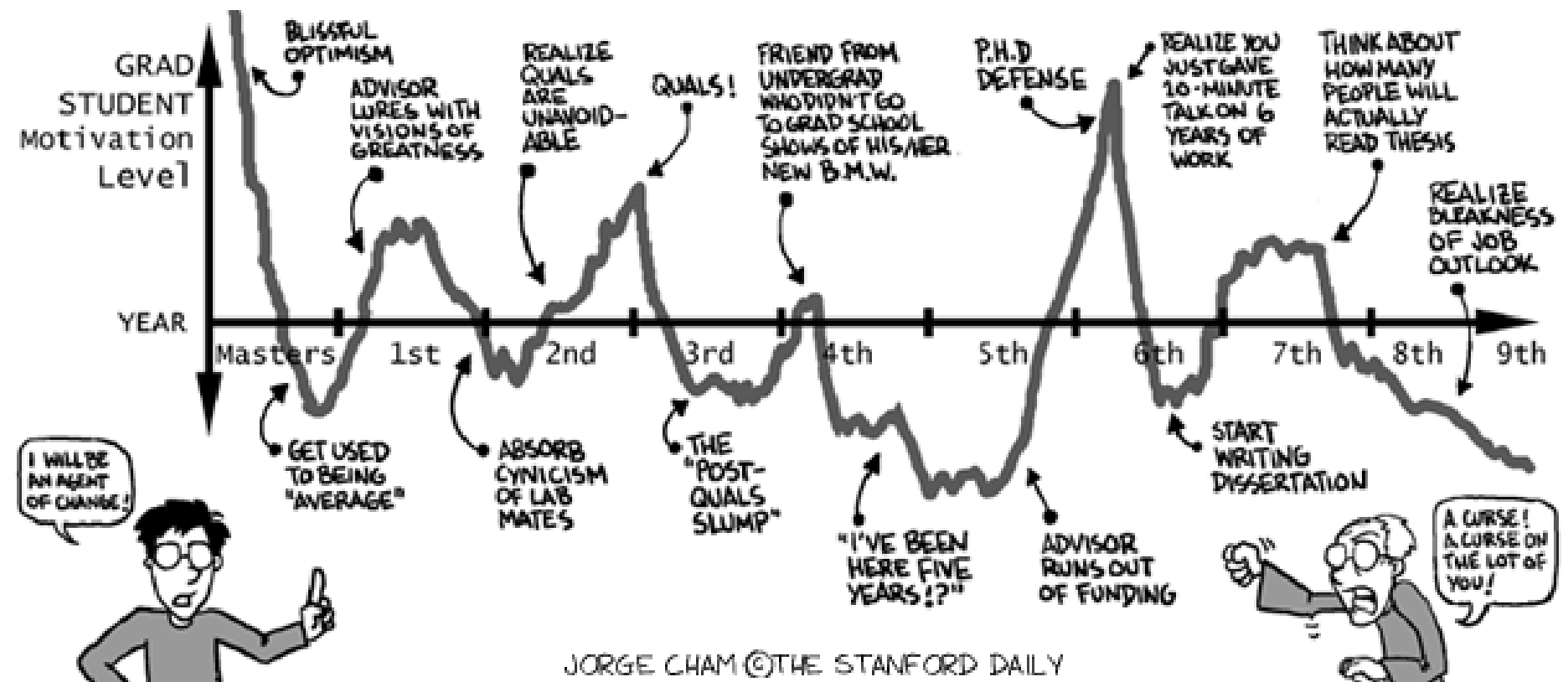
THERE ARE NO GRADES
(YOU JUST HAVE TO PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS)



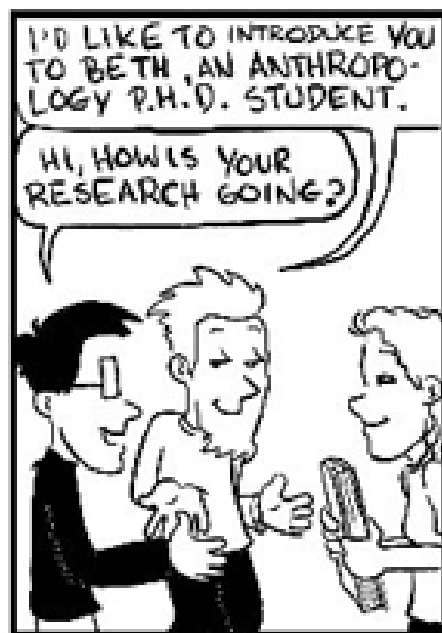
CRYING FOR YOUR MOMMY IS NORMAL



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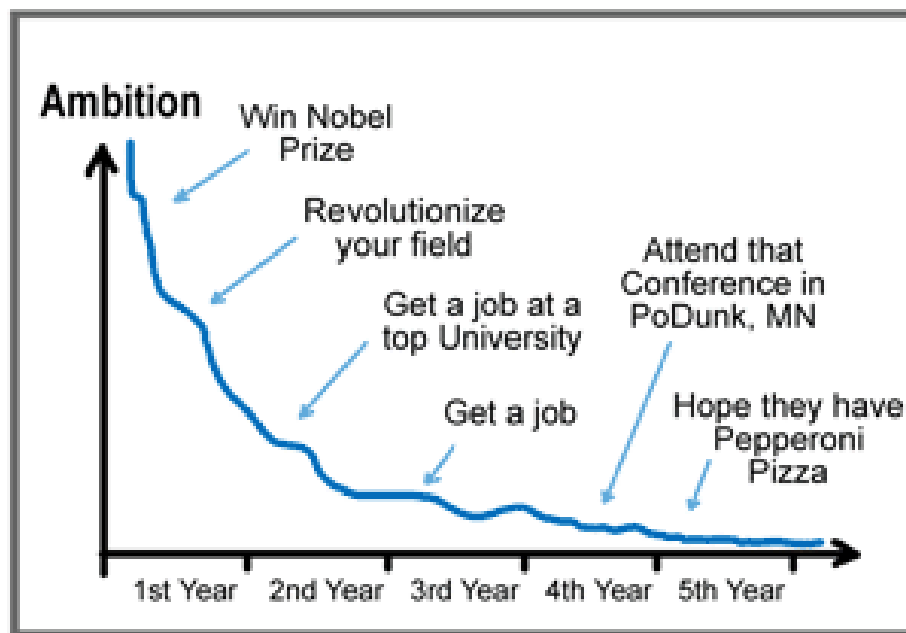


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YOUR LIFE AMBITION - What Happened??



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AVERAGE TIME SPENT COMPOSING ONE E-MAIL

PROFESSORS: 1.3 SECONDS

YES.
(SEND)

DO IT.
(SEND)

SEE ATTACHED.
(SEND)

NO.
(SEND)



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GRAD STUDENTS: 1.3 DAYS

DEAR (?) PROF. SMITH,

I WAS WONDERING IF PERHAPS YOU MIGHT HAVE POSSIBLY GOTTEN THE CHANCE TO POTENTIALLY FIND THE TIME TO MAYBE LOOK AT THE DRAFT PAPER THAT I AM AT THE MOMENT IN JUST IN CASE). I AM NOT SURE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WHATS UP. DON'T HESITATE TO



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THE ORIGIN OF THE THESES

MARRIAGE vs. The Ph.D.



Marriage

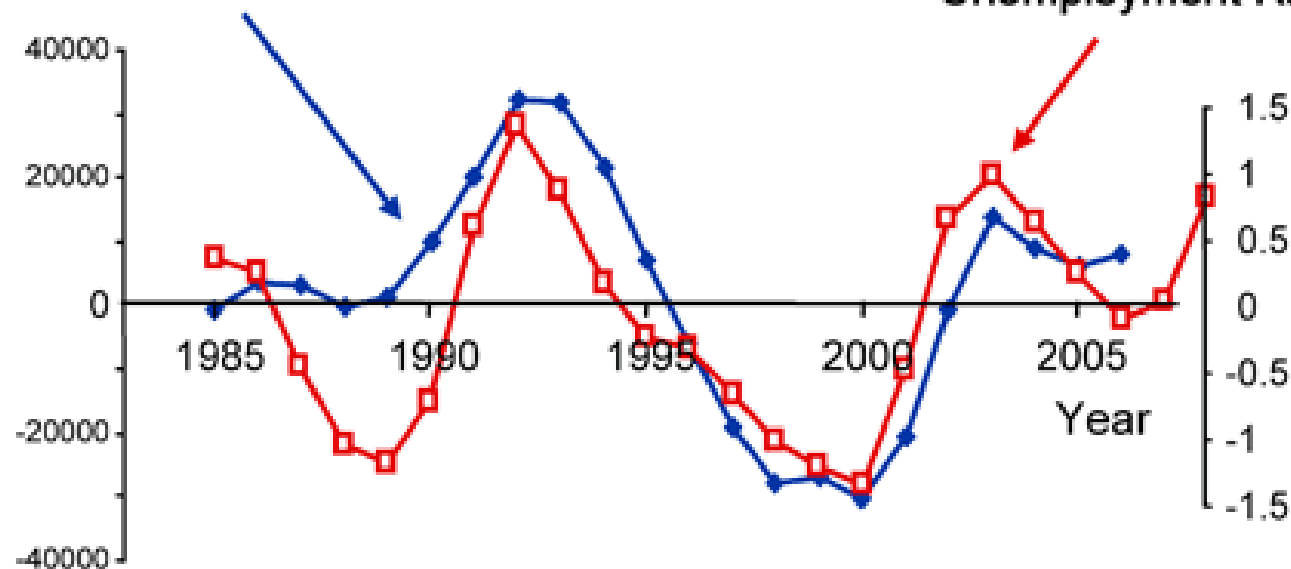


Ph.D.

Typical Length:	7.5 years	7 years
Begins with:	A proposal	A thesis proposal
Culminates in a ceremony where you walk down an aisle dressed in a gown:	✓	✓
Usually entered into by:	Foolish young people in love	Foolish young people without a job
50% end in:	Bitter divorce	Bitter remorse
Involves exchange of:	Vows	Know-how
Until death do you part?	If you're lucky	If you're lazy

Fluctuations in Grad Student Enrollment (Science & Engineering)

Fluctuations in the Unemployment Rate



Correlation
Coefficient:

$$\rho = 0.75583$$

(that's pretty high)

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grad school is for
suckers! wall street
here i come!



Guess Who's Coming to Grad School?

Sources: NSF/Bureau of Labor Statistics. Fluctuations obtained by subtracting the mean regression line from the absolute values.

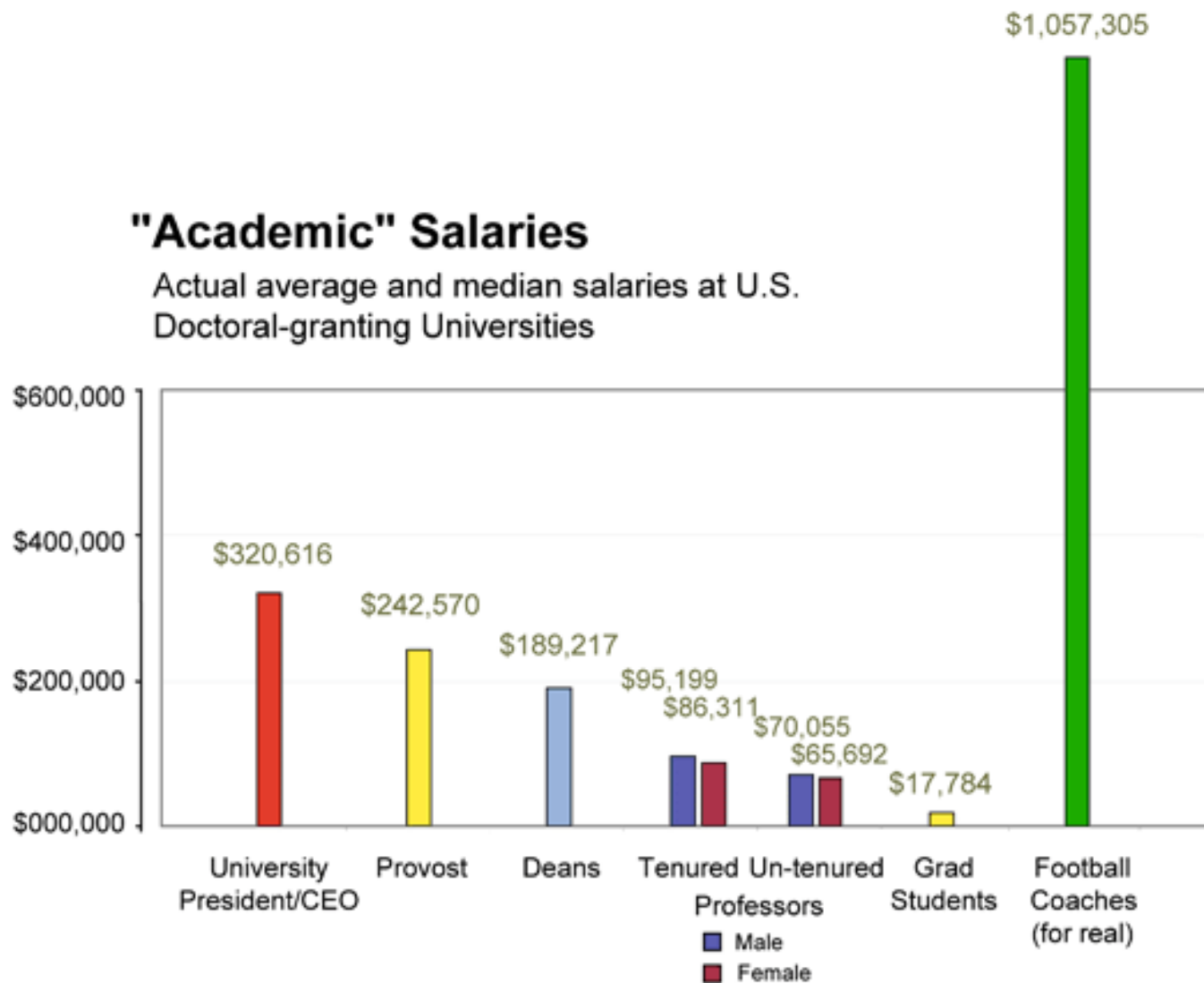
i always wanted
to go to grad
school...



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"Academic" Salaries

Actual average and median salaries at U.S.
Doctoral-granting Universities



Notes: Administrator figures are medians salaries, the rest are averages. All figures in 2008 dollars. Sources: College and University Professional Association for Human Resources 2005 Survey; American Association of University Professors 2007 Survey; The Chronicle of Higher Education 2001 Survey of Graduate Assistants; USA Today Survey of Div. I-A College Football Coaches Compensation 2007.

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$$E = MC^2$$

- Efficiency of a PhD
- Motivation of PhD studies
- Consumption of time by student
- Consumption of time by professor

