It's That Time of the Term: Get Your Caffeine and Run

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We're at that point in the term where nobody has the time to slap themselves out of their brain-fuzzed stupor and think for a minute. We've all got that Night of the Living Dead attitude, moving in straight lines from point to point on campus without thinking, just constantly moving onto the next class, the next test, the next problem set, with our eyes just constantly moving, leaving you to pull an Indiana Jones squeeze along the side or suffer along behind them.

Of course, this is exactly the type of behavior that I would laugh at in others about any other time of the year. But, dammit, now I'm busy, and the 8.7 seconds I save each time I walk through the Infinite Corridor add up. There's more to it than that, though. Has anyone else noticed that there is some kind of proportional relationship between the slow pace of any group of people and their sheer width? You never get a group of skinny people walking really slow in single file; nope, it's always a group of wide human beings walking, minimum, three abreast, leaving you to pull an Indiana Jones squeeze along the side or suffer along behind them.

A similar trick which saves myself and others hundreds of milliseconds each day is making coffee illegal tomorrow, I'd gladly sell my hand and it's党委书记ing you to pull an Indiana Jones squeeze along the side or suffer along behind them.

There's yet better proof that people will do anything for a caffeine hit. Caffeinated sodas are a favorite. Jolt seems to do it for a lot of people, but I suspect Jolt is just for show, and it's not a soda you'd commonly find in a store. Besides, Jolt just has an ordinary cola flavor; more impressive to me is Mountain Dew. It kills me that we'll drink carbonated urine if a company cans it and adds caffeine.

Caffeine and the above time-saving techniques have bought me enough time to write this very column. Now you've wasted time reading it. Don't you have a test you should be studying for?

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