

For And About You

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DEAR HARRIETT: I'm a young man, 24 years old, and I am anxious to further my education, but I have problems. While checking with universities, I find that my high school credits are short and my grades just average. Also, I'm not so sure about my spelling, reading speed and understanding.

You see, I attended a Southern secondary school that didn't have a lab, science or foreign language course in its program.

I'm angry and disgusted. I feel I'm being punished for something over which I had no control.

What's the matter with me? Will I have to go through high school again? Please give me some suggestions. Thank you.—**BUGGED.**

DEAR BUGGED: It's good that you are angry and disgusted about your situation. Perhaps you will do all you can to help your children and the children of others get the necessary background to qualify them for higher education.

You can see now how a person's future is dependent upon his primary education. Everything on the college level is given with the assumption that you already have mastered the basic three R's. If not, the institutions of higher learning will shake their heads and say, "Tough luck."

I suggest that you buy the book, **COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS**, the 1964 edition by Barnes

and Noble, and go through it from cover to cover. This book will give you various samples taken from entrance examinations, as well as the correct answers, so that you may test yourself and determine your weak areas.

Consult your "yellow pages" and the officials of a tutoring service. Inform them of your ambitions, deficiencies and the amount of free time so that a study program can be instituted to bring you up to par.

Apply for admission to at least two junior colleges. A junior college will accept you quicker and provide a good test of your ability to advance to the university level.

The chief thing to remember is that you really must work hard to eliminate your trouble spots. The duration of the tutoring period will depend to a great extent on your diligence.

Don't worry about a foreign language and lab science — you can take these subjects on the college level and satisfy your requirements.

It is not an easy situation to overcome — nor is it impossible.