Case 9

Judy is a chemistry major. She is doing fine so far in all of her courses, but she feels it won't last long. She must work more than thirty hours per week to survive, and she is beginning to feel pressure. She comes from a rather high-income family, but her parents are separated and she refuses to accept their help.

Should she investigate a government interest-free loan?

Case 10

Terri is confused and frustrated about her future. Everything she attempts academically seems to lead nowhere. She figures the best thing in her life right now is Hal, who wants to marry her as soon as possible. Terri is tempted to say yes because Hal is very sensitive to her needs. He has told her that if she works now to help him complete college, he will return the favour later. Terri's parents seem to like Hal.

Should she marry him?

Case 11

Mario, at age 29, feels that he is more handicapped than other returning students his age. He grew up in a family that spoke only Spanish. Although he is bilingual, his English is weak. He raised himself to a supervisory position in the factory where he works, but he does not consider this background any help to him. He dropped out of high school fourteen years ago and is fearful of the classroom, where he might be embarrassed. His long term goal is to get into upper management. He must have a degree to do this.

Can Mario reach his goal or should he set his sights a bit more realistically?

Case 12

Gil arrived on campus highly motivated, but he has slowly drifted into poor study habits. For the last three days he hasn't opened a book, although he is behind both on reading assignments and basic projects. He decides that he will set aside 8 hours every Saturday for the rest of the semester for what he calls "pressure study". As a reward he is offering himself a special dune buggy trip each Sunday- providing he accomplishes enough to met his own expectations.

Will this system work?

Case 15

Shannon feels as if she has been on a crazy merry-go-round ever since she arrived at the university two months ago. She doesn't remember exactly how her merry-go-round started but she's been whirling through one caper after another with drugs, alcohol-the works. At first she was intoxicated with her new freedom, but now she feels used and frightened and has fallen hopelessly behind in her classes. Can she make it through the semester? What will her parents say? Yesterday she gathered up her courage and had a long chat with her college advisor who suggested that Shannon pull away from her present friends and accept special tutoring.

Do you think this will save her?

Case 17

Raoul is an excellent science student. He saved a lot of money during the summer after graduating from high school. He has enough money to survive his first year without accepting any money from his parents. But he knows that at some point he will run into money problems because he plans to go to graduate school. He has thought about finding a part time job, but his science labs usually keep him on campus until late in the afternoon. He also realises that he must do well in all his first year courses in order to build a good foundation for later advanced courses. Yesterday Raoul was offered a job as an ambulance driver on Saturday and Sunday nights from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Should he take it?