

**Duke Ellington, the World's
Unsquarest Man, and
Becoming a Master**

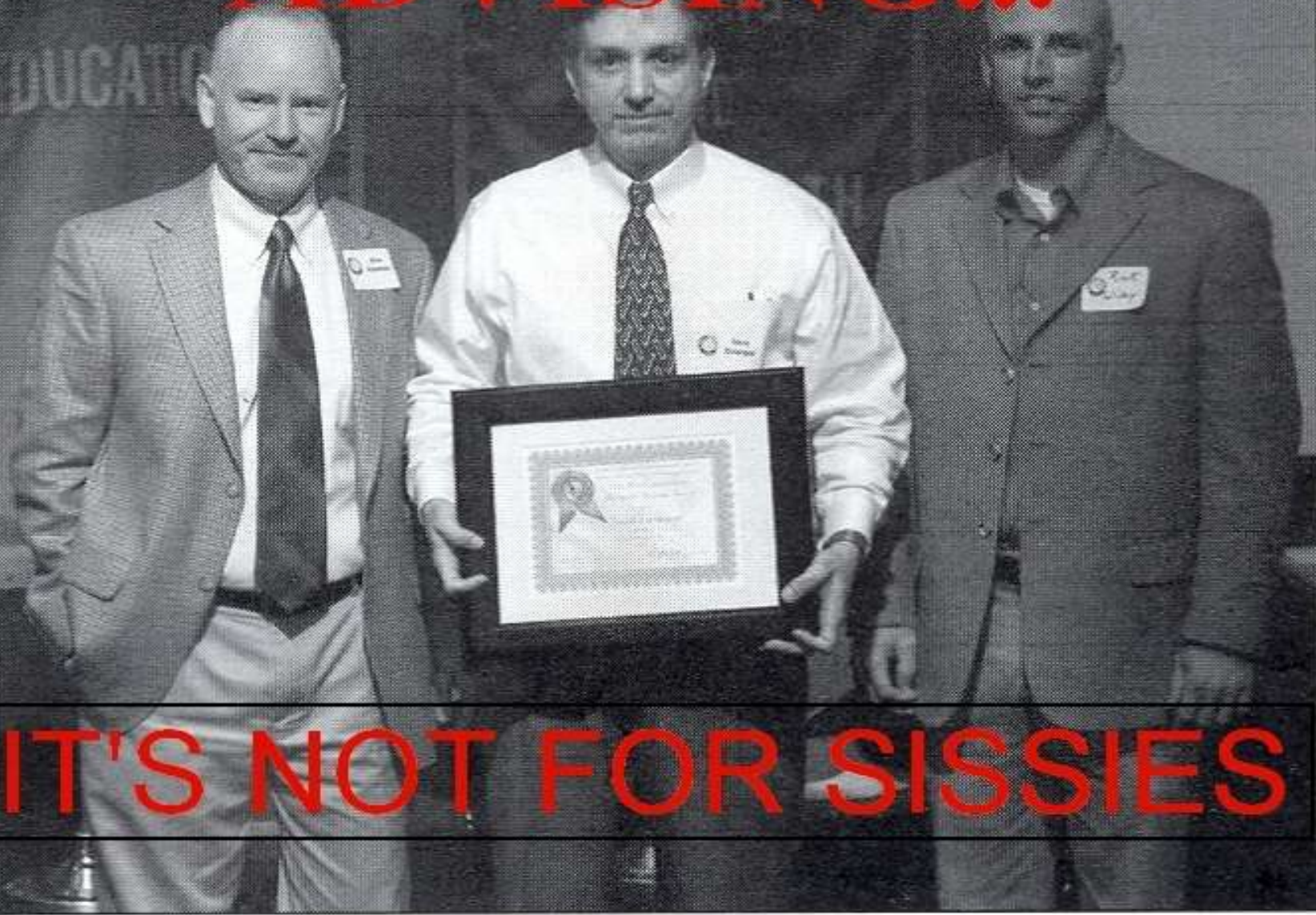
**An Introduction to the Master
Advisor Workshop Series**

What is Advising?

- “Advising is the process of helping students diminish the confusion that comes with a new environment, clarify their goals, and get the most out of their education.” (*Academic Advising for Student Success and Retention*. Iowa City: Group Noel-Levitz, 1997.)

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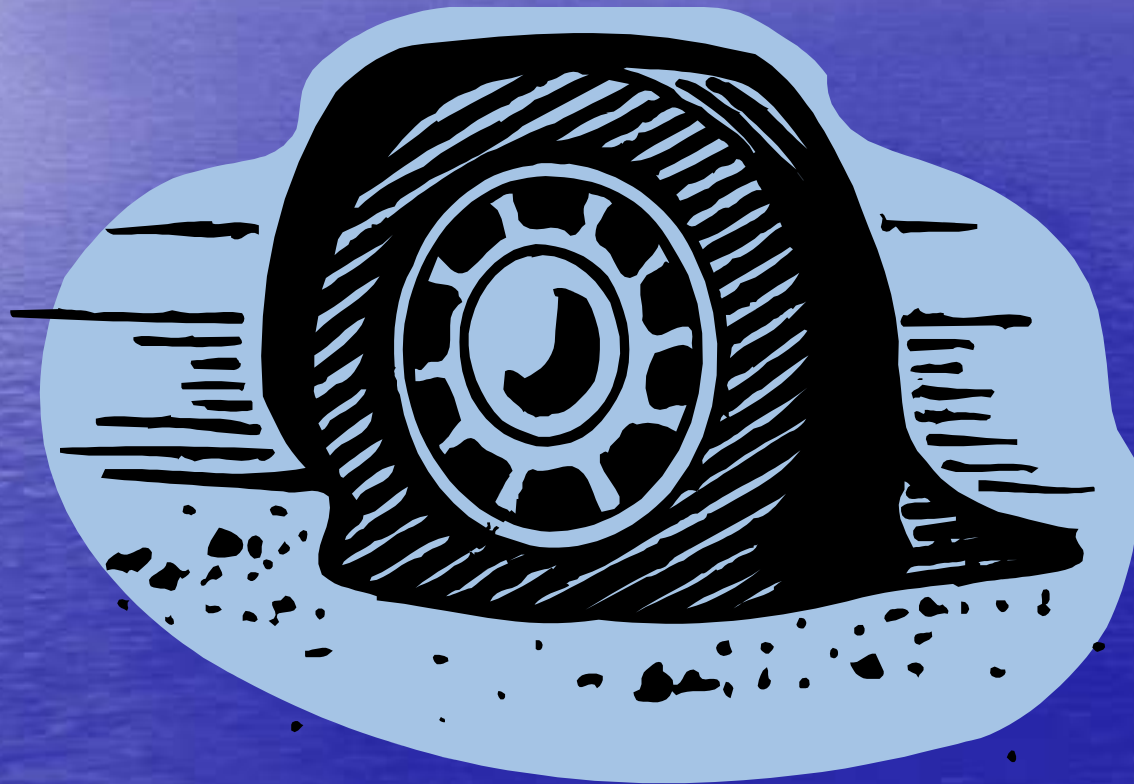
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First-Year Advising Team



- The Hub: Academic Advising Center
- The Spokes: UNIV 101 Instructors, Dept/College Liaisons, Peer Mentors
- The Rubber (where it meets the road): YOU

Without You



The World's Unsquarest Man

“Indeed, [the reader] is an apprentice, and his workshop includes the whole range of human possibility and endeavor.”



The World's Unsquarest Man



“His task is to learn from the example of journeymen”

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“and master craftsmen such skills as not only will enable him to avoid confusion and destruction, . . .”

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“but also will enhance his own existence as well as that of human beings everywhere.”



The World's Unsquareest Man



“He is, by literal and historical as well as metaphorical extension, a dance apprentice who studies postures, gestures, movements, and positions, each one of which is a statement. . . .”

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"No master craftsman ever really learns everything about his line of endeavor, of course."

"Even at best his applications are still only a form of practice. . . ."

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“The exceptional degree of expertise which he does develop, however, not only qualifies him to function on his own, but also enables him to extemporize under pressure and in the most complicated circumstances.

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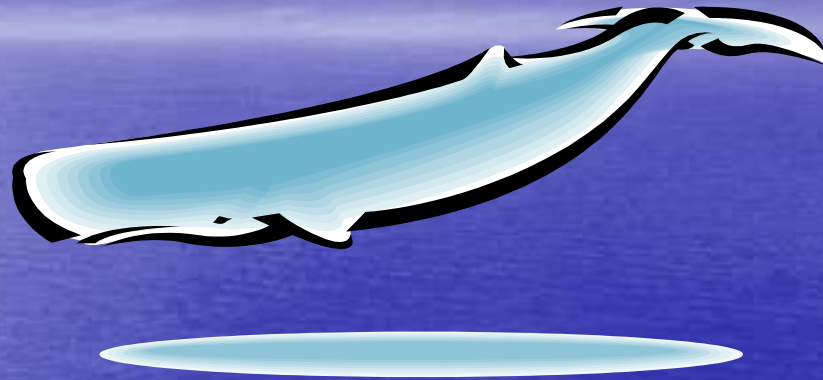
“Improvisation, after all, is the ultimate skill. . . .”

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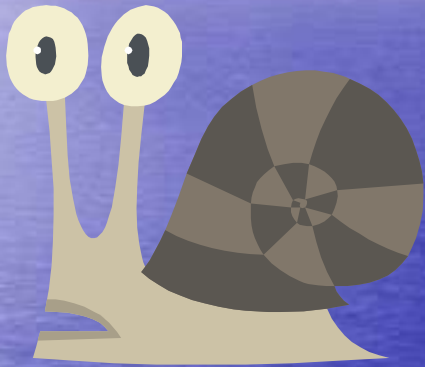
“The master craftsman is also one who, as the hero in combat and the blues musician in a jam session, can maintain the dancer’s grace under the pressure of all tempos.” (Albert Murray, *The Hero and the Blues* 23-25)

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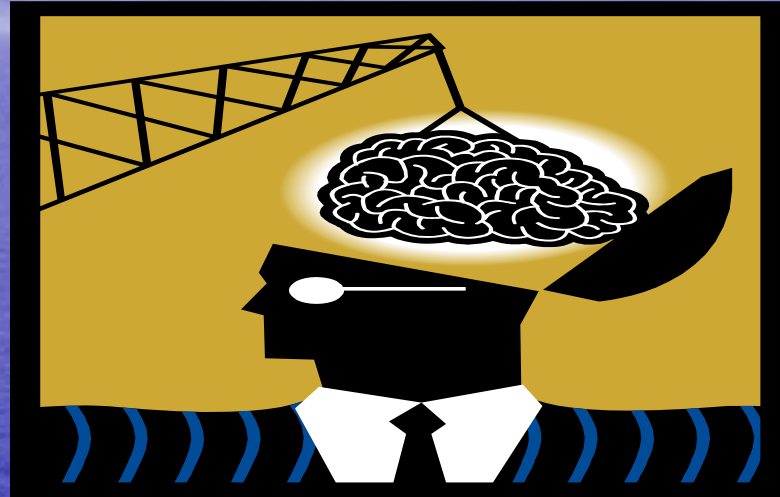
“Is it not curious, that so vast a being as the whale should see the world through so small an eye, and hear thunder through an ear which is smaller than a hare’s?”

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“But if his eyes were broad as the lens of Herschel’s great telescope; and his ear capacious as the porches of cathedrals; would that make him any longer of sight, or sharper of hearing? Not at all.”

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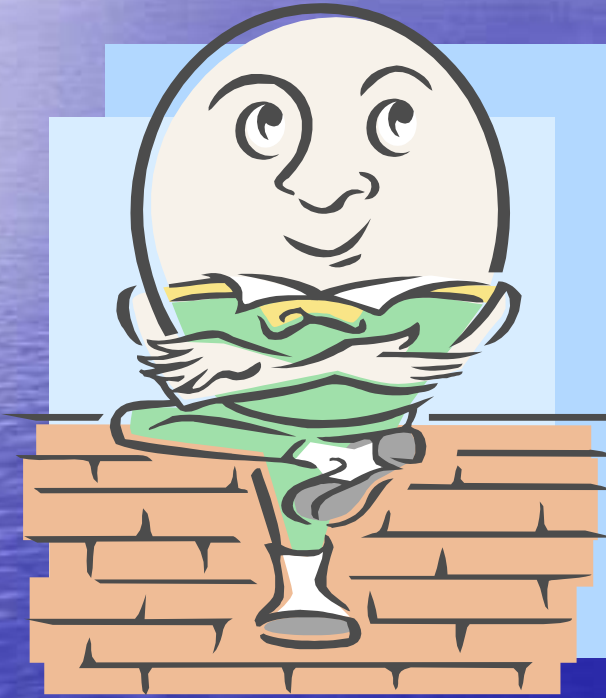
“Why then do you try to ‘enlarge’ your mind?
Subtilize it.”

(Herman Melville, *Moby-Dick*, Chapter 74: “The Sperm
Whale’s Head—Contrasted View”)

Dissonance

1. an inharmonious sound or combination of sounds; discord;
2. a lack of harmony or agreement; incongruity;
3. a chord that sounds incomplete or unfulfilled until resolved to a harmonious chord.

Critical Inquiry?



“There’s the cold in your stomach, but you open the envelope, you have to open the envelope, for the end of man is to know.”

**(Robert Penn Warren,
All the King’s Men)**

Being and Becoming



“... only that man is knowing who understands that he must keep learning over and over again and who above all, on the basis of this understanding, has attained to the point where he is always *able to learn*” (Martin Heidegger)

The Advisor's Handbook?

- National Academic ADvising Association (NACADA): <http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/> (Kansas State University)
- National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition: <http://www.sc.edu/fye/> (University of South Carolina)
- Policy Center on the First Year of College: <http://www.firstyear.org/> (Brevard College, North Carolina)
- The Joe Cuseo Collection: <http://www.uwc.edu/administration/academic-affairs/esfy/cuseo/>