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Mathematics, Immaculata College, Immaculata, PA 19345-0648. *Practice Makes Almost Perfect.*

Most students consider themselves virtuous if they start their paper a week before its due date, pull an all-nighter, hand it in, and collect their grade. My hardest task in senior seminar is to disabuse them of this notion. My philosophy is "practice makes almost perfect" and the best way to diagnose a current state of imperfection is through both teacher and fellow student feedback. Hence, I strongly emphasize the writing process of rewriting and revising, the practicing of presentations, and the importance of helping one another. I will discuss my current strategies and future plans to motivate students to supply the extra thought and work to turn a fair paper into a good one and a passable presentation into an interesting one. (Received September 15, 2000)