

ENERGY AND MOMENTUM, #7

A 50 kg student climbs 3 m to the top of a set of stairs.

- a. Calculate the change in the student's gravitational potential energy from the bottom to the top of the stairs. Show your calculations and include units in your answer.
- b. How much total work does the student do while climbing the stairs? Show your calculations or explain your reasoning. Include units in your answer.

It takes the student 30 s to climb to the top of the stairs.

- c. What is the average power generated by the student climbing the stairs? Show your calculations and include units in your answer.

The next day the student carries a 10 kg backpack up the same stairs and again takes 30 s to reach the top of the stairs.

- d. Is the average power you calculated in part (c) greater than, less than, or equal to the average power the student generated the next day? Explain your answer.