

# Professor apathy is a problem for every student

What is a teacher? Is he/she supposed to establish a rapport with students, or regard them as annoying imbeciles who can't think?

Each year, I attempt to build a rapport with my instructors. Because individual participation is limited and individual distinction is impossible in lecture situations, I like to talk to my teachers in their offices. I feel this helps me establish a more personal relationship, in which students are seen by the teacher as human beings.

And of course, knowing a student's personality, work habits, achievements and interests can play an important part in the determination of final grades. A student may be a hard worker and serious about his studies, but may "freeze up" come exam time. The student's efforts should count just as much as the exam.

One particular teacher I have in mind, complains about his class size of 120 students, and how York is merely an "American university situated in a Canadian suburb". He says he'd like to get to know his students personally, and how it would help in deciding final grades.

In an effort to get to know this teacher, I talked to him privately in his office. Two weeks later I went to his office again, and as before, we talked about things concerning the class. I expressed an opinion concerning a common issue, which, he viewed as absurd. Instead of calmly disagreeing, however, he bluntly ridiculed me,

and made it clear that he believed I would not succeed in my chosen career.

When I volunteered to do extra work to make up for a test in which I had done badly, he loudly told me I was "pushing too hard" to get a good mark.

This man appeared interested in his students and I thought I could discuss classroom topics with him intelligently. Instead I was callously cut down and ridiculed. What kind of teacher behaves like this?

I consider student/teacher rapport extremely important and that an education should consist of more than just exams, papers, grades and pressure. But when a teacher sends you away, to whom do you turn?

Maxine Kopel

## Appointment for forgers

Anyone who would assume that the only "real Jimmy Page" is the one playing guitar for Led Zepelin, hasn't considered how common the name might be. On the other hand, it displays his true sense of priorities, which are in close harmony with my own.

Since "Jeff Beck" was astute enough to pick up on my deliberate forgery, I cordially invite him to room 350 Winters for a discussion on musical topics.

Finally, I hope he is not too up-

set by the fact that Excalibur printed another forged letter — his own. Page

## Jeff Beck misses mark

I intend to stone two kills with this bird. Jeff Beck, in the November 6 issue of Excalibur, writing in answer to "Jimmy Page" of several weeks back, missed-the-boat by concerning himself with the issue of Excalibur "printing any more obviously forged correspondence".

I would like to point out that there are many individuals who own names that also belong to other famous, and some not so famous, people. The possibility exists that a James Page is alive and well and writing letters to Excalibur. The issue Mr. Beck should have directed his time and talents to, is the fact that a letter Mr. Beck believed to have been written by a pseudonym was the only letter chosen (and perhaps the only letter written) to refute the opinion submitted several weeks before Mr. Page regarding CKRY, better known as Radio York.

CKRY is not found everywhere, and it can be evaded all too easily.

CKRY has the potential however to be an alternate source of campus information. It is time people gave this gem a chance to shine. A diamond is only a hunk of carbon subjected to pressure. Thanks Ex-

calibur for this bird's opportunity to squawk.

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