

## Confessions of an egotist who thinks he is human

By GARY E. STAIRS

Lots of students often wonder what it's like to be perfect. Since there is no one more qualified to tell them than myself, I guess it's my responsibility to keep people informed.

Actually, it's the most perfect feeling in the world. To realize that you have wealth, expensive cars, ravishingly good looks, a wardrobe like Liberace, and the silver tongue of a potential Trudeau, is a very omnipotent sensation. Political influences, student office, and a multitude of acquaintances add up to make life on this planet a great big plus. Perhaps you've had the golden opportunity to read the article I wrote for The Bruns, wherein I described my political motivations, and consequently have realized the benefits accruing to my office as V. President of the Students Council.

Maybe you students have heard by now about my trip to Cape Cod, and my stay in the luxurious Hyannis area. Did you realize thirty five of your sweaty bucks sponsored my little trip? Here in my ivory tower, I look over your grubby faces and dream of ways to eat all my sugar plums. By now you've caught on to our latest egotistical ploy. We've (the Executives) taken over your very own newspaper, and use it to publish our smiling faces and gleaming dogma.

Very few of you morons out there have heard of Kurt Vonnegut. So maybe you've heard of Richard Brautigan. He said,

The man's so mean,  
he'd sell a  
rat's asshole  
to a blind man  
for a wedding ring.

He wasn't talking about me, but to quote another friend of mine (I'll try not to drop her name) - I'm so vain, I thought the poem was about me. W.H. Auden wrote this one, maybe you'll recognize the personality.

### Epitaph on a Tyrant

Perfection of a kind was what he was after  
And the poetry he invented was easy to understand.  
He knew human folly like the back of his hand,  
And was greatly interested in armies and fleets.  
When he laughed, respectable Senators burst into laughter  
And when he cried, little children died in the streets.

Yea though I walk...I am the meanest son of a bitch in the valley!  
What I want to do with this article, is to get you moronic jellyfish all fired up. If you've got the crackers to find this office, come in, I'll pick your brains, and send you home - if you remember where that is.

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To quote P.T. Barnum, "There's a sucker born every minute." To quote Shakespeare, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women, merely players. They have their exits and entrances, each man in his time, playing many parts."

Yes students, I confess, I am a human, and as a human, possess more weaknesses than strength (although Georges P. Vanier would say "in weakness, strength.")

You see, some of us take longer to grow up than others do, and in your dealings with egotists (both self-professing and unprofessed egotists), it is wise to keep our insecurities in the forefront. Remember that often those people who seek attainment and recognition as ultimate goals are the people who invariably feel the most inadequacy. This is a psychological paradox. Achievements are usually motivated by a great personal vacuum.

This paradox is unfortunate, since we consequently cloak our psychological mechanisms in hopes of hiding our Achilles tendons. Surely it requires a patient, compassionate person to cope with our bullshit, our role playing, and evasive techniques.

During the past week, three letters from three close friends have reached me, their purposes very similar. Then, listen with me, while I quote from sources more central to my system.

"I was frustrated, I have been trying so hard, during all those weeks I knew you; I wanted to make you realize that there are other people in this world besides yourself, and that the world should not center around 'Gary'. I saw so much in your character, if only you would let others see it, instead of masking it with a veil of egocentricity and dominance."

Now, perhaps those of you who may have tried to get through my mask will realize that behind a mask, are eyes, ears, a nose, a mouth, a person, with a genuine heart. The roles egotists play sometimes are intended to provoke reactions, stimulate input, and often simply to entertain.

Those of us who are student leaders (or who refer to ourselves as such) are very real people, although we may have trouble modulating our personalities, thereby missing the boat. In our roles, one of the first realities we cope with is the source of genuine strength. The greatest source of political strength is student input, and only through ideas and support from our peers will we be able to be effectual. With student input, the only basis we have for our strength as representatives, the strength we could have, would not really be ours, but yours!

Remember this - you are the people who pay me!

Nothing is Indispensable  
Grook to warn the universe against megalomania

The universe may  
be as great as they say.  
But it wouldn't be missed  
if it didn't exist.

- Piet Hein



### What's afoot

### in the Student Council

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#### Current projects:

Validation of identification cards.  
Ratification of all student organization constitutions.  
Negotiations for cable television on campus.  
Progressive developments in the areas of increased student bursaries, and loans.

#### Future Activity:

Survey of student attitudes toward entertainment and entertainment facilities.  
Tri-Weekly movie program.  
Possible cabaret with live entertainment and steakhouse menu.  
Housing survey to enable a new focus on housing.  
Coffeehouse programs, with folk music format.  
Possible outing association, to encourage both downhill and cross country skiing, excursions, hiking, mountaineering, horseback riding, and other outdoor recreational activity.  
Portable concession booth, for football games, soccer, etc.; to provide smokes and snacks for all student events.  
A dynamic new speakers program.  
A new publicity director for the SRC to provide innovative publicity programs relating to council activity.

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