

ED STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Dear Editor and Misinformed:

This letter is written to get a lot off my mind with regards to informing the uninformed. The first thing is about the policy that the Gateway has concerning elections. For I personally feel that a student paper like the Gateway should not print things

like "THE GATEWAY SUPPORTS WENDY". I personally don't have anything against Wendy but again I'm not Wayne's greatest fan either, so this isn't my reason for criticizing this policy. This is where I shall leave this issue because if I really disagreed with the whole nature of your magazine I would have signed the petition that was going around.

Let me get down to the main reason for writing this letter, which is written to the Education students. It is to clear up some of the remarks that I've been getting about the Education Students' Association, for it was brought to my attention by some people that a number of students feel we are not doing anything as an organization.

Sure, I admit we are not working up to our fullest capacity yet, but as many students know, we are completely rebuilding the organization right from the ground up and this takes time

and patience. We have been also crying for some students to sit in the office and take down messages and answer the phone, because I myself take a full load of courses and some of the executive take six and a half courses and a day just doesn't have 25 hours in it. As to the notion that we are not doing anything, here are some of the things that we have under way and are trying to get under way.

We have introduced something new to the Faculty of Education to work for the student, and that is the Education Class Rep. This person is to function as your aid in the faculty and as a communication link, so if you do not have an Ed. Class Rep. in all your Education classes you are missing out on your right to have your grievances aired and heard by someone who can help you.

We have set up coffee parties and film fests to keep you informed of the major issues in Education. From these coffee

parties, two things have stemmed.

The first is the fact that Professor Pilkington has now asked us to set up sessions for him whereby he can informally meet with the people who cannot get in to see him during his busy office hours.

The second is the fact that I have been approached by different school divisions suggesting that they will be glad to foot the costs for having coffee parties in the evening so that the students can get information from the different school divisions. This would be in regard to how many students or teachers they can hire, etc.

We have duplicating and photocopying equipment available for those people who want this service. We have three Education Beer fests in the making, but these are pending the decision of the Dean of Men.

We are working on the internship program right now, so if you have any ideas or questions about the program come down and see us. We are arranging for the different counties to hold their interviews

in our offices, if you are interested in this contact us.

We offer many more services (ask those poor students whom we helped through part five of registration during the third week of university, because they were so completely lost with the system that they did not know whether they were coming or going.)

We will, also, be offering more services to you as soon as students council gives us the grant they promised us, and as soon as we get the manpower we need, for our main aid is to help the Ed. student in any way possible.

So from one tired student who put many late hours of work, in the office and away from the office, but who would be interested in hearing your reactions personally, I shall close. Any other information can be warmly obtained from our offices, (EDUCATION BUILDING B-69).

Rots of Ruck,
Don C. Kondrat,
President
Education Students' Association

Lettitors

active apathy

Dear "The Hawk":

I am responding to your obscure, generalized, and rather irritating rant in the last issue of the Gateway, not as a representative of "two or three or thousand students (out of 18,000) who read this letter,"

but as the voice of one single "me".

If I read you correctly, your main bitch is that I (as one of the 18,000) am one of "the most apathetic, anti-intellectual group of morons in our entire society". Your reason? Because I don't plan to attend the Western College Bowl at Clarke Stadium! Instead, "anti-intellectual moron" that I am, I prefer to "sit back there...in Cameron

Library". Now really--wouldn't it have been wiser to have reread your letter at least once before thrusting it in my face?

If you had reread it, I'm sure you yourself would have realized your own blatant inconsistencies. I quote you, Hawk:

"Is university 'spirit' so obscure that our of 9,000 people at a football game last Saturday, I'll bet only 500 were proud

enough to be Number 1 and to express it."

1. Since when is sitting on a bench for two hours with 9,000 strangers, drinking and yelling at some guys playing a game the way to self-actualization? You have confused active participation with grunting "block that kick" in unison.

2. I do *not* want to be Number 1, just as vehemently as I do *not* want to be Number

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683783. The latter is an unavoidable product of administrating a university of this size, but the former is not. What better way to lose your individuality than to be one of the 500 "Number 1's" (significantly nameless), bleating in time to the big bass drum?

If you would cool down your rahrahzitboobahhh mentality for a minute, you might gradually come to accept the fact that not everyone here in this university gets his or her respective rocks off in the same manner.

I *actively* dislike the mindless, faceless herd mentality that packs 'em in at the Friday Social and that used to draw busloads of lobotomized pompom girls and backthumping armchair athletes to "Varsity football". Therefore I *actively* decide not to attend. Thankfully, such mass gatherings are declining in popularity, as the need to be "with the gang" is replaced by the desire to develop as an individual person.

I have never met you, "The Hawk" and, since you did not even have enough courage of conviction to sign your real name, I am forced to assume that you are already well on the way to living the "stereotyped, apathetic life" of which you so self-righteously accuse me of being a part. If you are interested in finding out what it is I am actively in to in the battle to keep from losing *my* integrity, *my* individuality and *my* mind in this massive place, come up to me and ask me. But not at the Social or the football game; our voices would be lost in the roar.

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