

Letters con't

no booze.

Most people would agree with me that they do not aim for an eighty average so they can attend the Dean's Dinner; however, most would agree that the recognition of the average is appreciated and the dinner is a little glory for a lot of effort. Do the students who make honor marks not deserve this mere recognition? There are seniors who have made the Dean's List for the first time last term. For them it is too late to be a First Class Standing student on graduation day but most of them were probably looking forward to their one and only chance to attend the dinner and see their name in the newspaper. It may seem rather nit picking to complain of missing a dinner but I hope the reader can see beyond the mere missing out on a dinner and see that the point I am making is that the honor students, particularly the juniors and seniors, deserve some type of reward and recognition for their sacrifice of hours of study. I expect that the dinner this year, with few exceptions, will be attended by freshman and sophomores, the majority of whom will be in the Arts program. This is not representative of the university faculties and it is not giving credit where credit is due. It's probably too late to do anything now and I expect I'll contend with the frustration of failing after succeeding, but for the next year, I think close consideration should be given to cutting costs in some other way or restricting the dinner to upperclassmen.

Signed,  
Peeved Senior

Dear Editor,

Kindly allow me to thank Mr. Emmanuel Amobi for the very nice work he is doing in his column "Matters of the Moment". His first article titled "Our hope for a more mature Student Union" greatly interested me and very many other students of this University. This was the kind of article I have been expecting in the Sun for quite long now. Thank you very much Emmanuel for this good job you have decided to do without any pay.

I strongly disagree with the view which an unsigned letter had on the column "Matters of the Moment" in the last issue of the Sun. I feel that the writer of that letter wrongly accused the editor. He was also very unfair to the person of Emmanuel, who put quite a lot of time in trying to inform the students.

It is true that Emmanuel was one of the contestants, but that article was not a campaign speech as the letter noted. It was an article on general information. The writer should go back and read the article properly. Emmanuel never told anybody that he was running for any position in the article.

I also feel that the editor was not wrong in publishing the article when he did. No other article would have been more suitable in our newspaper on an election week, than that nice article on the duties of the officials.

Thank you very much Mr. Amobi. More grease to your elbows.

O.A. Joseph

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, a small but eager group of students met at the chaplaincy centre and from there

down to the Provincial Home for the Aged, where after about an hour they experienced one of the most marvelous accomplishments of man: the ability to make someone smile.

With a little effort, some singing and music, light conversation and a few kisses and handshakes that accompanied valentines those lonely depressed, elderly people really enjoyed that somewhat special day. The fine idea of showing your love and appreciation for those close to you is beyond the folks in this place as most of them have no one close to them or if they do they are often forgotten.

I'd like for you, the reader of this letter to try and use your imagination to visualize what you would be doing in 50 years from now. How do you think you would feel, being in a crowded institution, your health not too good, bad hearing and the ever boring TV that glows from morning till night and acts like a sedative to tolerate the empty hrs. These people had been through some good times and in view of the wars some very hard times. And, after raising or helping to raise two generations, what do they have to show for it? Oh sure, some say, they have their memories but that's no consolation. Just set aside

some day to think about all you've done since you can remember. Start at 6am if you've led an interesting life and, by 9pm you'll probably run out of things to recall and start to repeat yourself. OK, so you've proved you can suffer thru it. But that's only one day, what do you think you will do for the other three hundred and sixty some-odd days left in the year? 2yrs? 5yrs? For those who have enough stamina to try this experiment they will be blessed with a very

realistic picture of what it's like to grow old.

Oh sure you'll say "I'm going to do my best not to end up like that!" But, do you really think these people worked hard all their lives just to go into an old age home?

Anyone that can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, tell jokes, play cards or just talk is more than welcome to join our group. The hour and a half spent each week is well worth the smiles and happy faces that accompany the good-byes. We leave the chaplaincy centre every Tuesday 6p.m. (bring a car if you have one). Like one sweet old lady said to me, "Thank you for caring!"


Alan Ward

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