

IDIOTORAL

You're not too smart

As a new approach toward raising the academic standards of this institution *The Oswegonian* editorial board suggests that dunce caps be returned to formal education. Let's face it, in the days that our fathers and mothers went to school it was easy to tell the stupid from the smart.

In those days the stupid students had raw knuckles and wore hats that were tall, white, and conically shaped with the letters D-U-N-C-E printed boldly across the front.

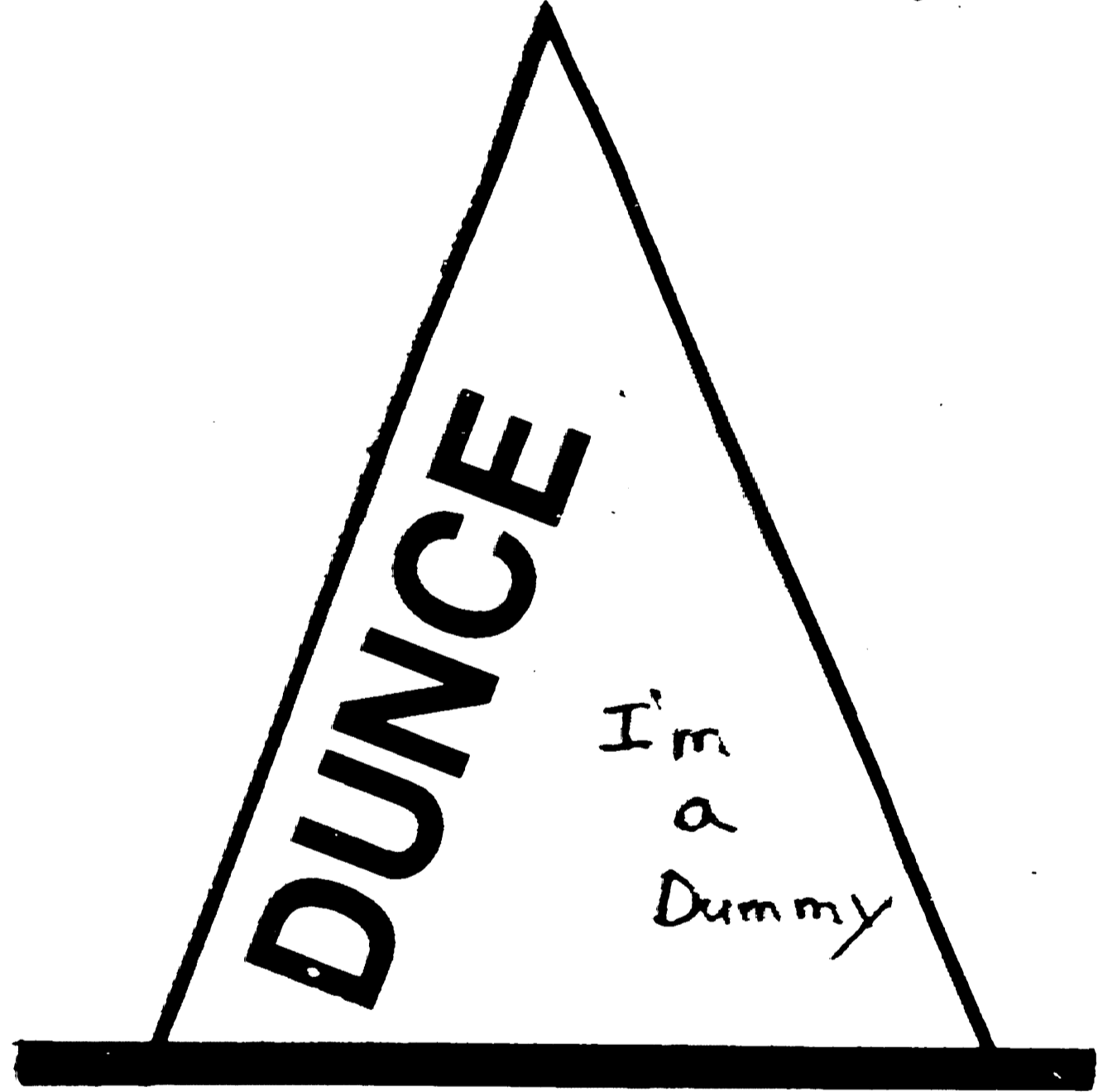
Now, we're not suggesting that our professors return to such barbaric means of education as knuckle wrapping, but that they require all students on academic warning to wear a dunce cap seems a fit and proper way of recognizing them.

It is for the benefit of intelligent people that those who are stupid be required to wear the caps. While socializing at a local watering hole those on academic warning could be instantly recognized and avoided.

They should prove to be quite visible. Of course, if those who must wear them ever find the intelligence to question why, the answer will always be, "Because."

Maybe we could learn something from Stanley Kubricks, "A Clockwork Orange." In this film an excessively violent adolescent is treated by forced viewing of extremely violent films.

Plans are in the making to require all persons with a 2.0 gpa and lower to attend special rehabilitation programs on weekends. The students would be strapped into chairs and forced to view incredibly stupid tv shows. Those with a gpa between 2.0 and 1.75 will be required to view 60 hours of *Lost in Space* and *Gillian's Island* reruns. Those with gpa's of 1.75 and lower must view *Green Acres* and *I Love Lucy*.



The problem arises that those on academic warning will refuse to wear the caps. It will therefore be required that the picture on their meal card be stamped "VOID" if they don't. However, this is a publically invisible way of identifying the unintelligent. Other ideas are being toyed with, such as printing across their forehead, in indellible ink, "I am stupid."

Chastity belts are another suggested method of restraining the thoughtless. The belts would be locked on when the students gpa dropped below 2.0 and removed only when their gpa went above it, thus keeping him or her from all sexual activity for the duration.

There are positive sides of the 'Dunce cap' legislation for those affected by it. The formation of The Stupid Student Union, for instance, would allocate academically warned students the funds necessary to drink themselves silly.

Additional funds could be raised by activities such as an Outdoor Dunce Dance and ring toss competition.

Stupid students, those of us incapable of rational thought, deserve to be ridiculed. They deserve credit for what they haven't achieved and the Dunce Cap legislation will ensure that credit is given where credit is due.

READER BLU

We've found the reason for all the

A lot of talk has been going around recently about why so many students are on academic probation this semester. Much of what people are saying is that college kids party too much, and don't really care about their classes, and as a result their grades suffer.

None of this is true. If anything, students are more concerned about their classes now than at any time since the Vietnam War. What, with the reinstatement of the draft right around the corner, every male from 19 to 24 is going to make sure he isn't declared eligible to be drafted. Also, it's common knowledge that the more you party, the smarter you get. Think about it. Whenever you've had a few, and are really starting to feel ripped, you begin to think more clearly, and soon attain the mind power of a junior Einstein. I know that whenever I get drunk, I have the ability to solve the crisis in the Mid

East, discover a cure for inflation and unemployment and even pass Calc III. Unfortunately, I usually pass out before I can write any of these solutions down, and by the time I wake up, I'm sober again, and I've forgotten everything.

No, the real cause of students failing classes is subliminal messages recorded backwards in rock music. Born Again television evangelists have long claimed that recording artists and engineers put subliminal messages into recordings to cause listeners to turn to the devil. Close but no cigar. What they really put in them is messages that cause you to fail classes.

Think about it. Why buys the most records and tapes in this country? Answer: college and high school students. So, in order to sell a lot of records, it would be advantageous to the recording industry if the college and high school population remained as large as

possible. The biggest group of consumers is going to keep the number of records sold high. Just as the record industry is slumping, and Michael Jackson's records are selling more than fans visiting a memorial museum, those on academic probation haven't you ever noticed the popularity of the radio stations all the same kind of music. You hear the message on the back mask

Postpone Easter till later

I don't know who this letter should be directed at, but I figured *The Oswegonian* is one good place for me to vent some frustration. I am appalled that Easter Sunday falls on the day *The Clash* will be performing in Oswego at Laker Hall. The nerve of some people!!!

I mean, come on, how often does a band like *The Clash* make it to upstate New York, Oswego no less; and a bunch of religious fanatics have to declare that every day is Easter Sunday. Maybe they have forgotten what an event like this can turn out to be. Don't these god-fearing conservatives have any consideration for the culturally-starved people of our community? Hell, I don't mind a few prayers here or there, but I can't afford to miss *The Clash* because of Easter, and I won't.

So I don't feel as if my gripes are falling on deaf ears, make that Tone Deaf ears. I have a suggestion to the BBP members and those

apostolic worshippers: why not try a little cooperation between each other? For instance, Easter could be held a week earlier or even a day earlier, that would do me just fine. Or possibly we could have Easter Sunday Mass at Laker Hall with *The Clash* strummin' *Ava Maria's*.

I heard the new lead guitarist is a born again. He might be into it.

Rock and Roll Forever,
Stan Drumman

I needed it

Costa Rica: As finance director of your Student Association, I am pleased to announce that the SA Surplus has been reduced to nothing. I wish I could have been there to announce this in person, but my recently purchased villa needs painting and my attorney advises against returning to the United States at this time.

Signed:
Her,
She,
The One,
Karin McArthur

Jesse who?

Could somebody please help me! I'm very confused. You see, I know who Michael, Jermaine, Marlon, Tito, and Jackie are, but will someone please tell me who the hell Jesse Jackson is.

I've seen just about every television special the Jackson 5 ever made, and I grew up watching the "Jackson 5" TV show, but I don't remember ever seeing a brother named Jesse. For a while, I thought he might be a secret sixth Jackson, like Murray the K was the fifth Beatle, and this made sense, because you couldn't call them the "Jackson 5" if there were six of them. Then they changed their name to just the "Jacksons", and I still didn't hear anything about him, so that shot that theory to hell.

Then I figured that he was the dad of the "Jackson 5", but then I saw a picture of him in "Newsweek" with his children and there's no way those little kids are the same ones doing the Pepsi commercials.

I'm confused as to why Jesse is doing so bad in the polls. You'd think some of Michael's popularity and success would help his image, but you know, I've heard Michael mention Jesse once. Not even during the Grammy's, and he had a lot of chances to do it too.

I think if the family got behind him, and made a commercial for him (all across the nation, it's the Jesse generation, or something like that), then maybe Jesse Jackson could win the race for president. Maybe he could even go on tour with them and make campaign speeches during each concert. It's the least his brothers could do for him, after keeping him in the closet for so long.

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P.S. Why am I living in a building named after someone who hasn't even gotten elected yet? Shouldn't we have a Jackson Hall too, to give equal time or something?

What's up?

As a junior here at Oswego I have been severely affected by Gov. Coumo's and Pres. Reagan's financial aid council. Let me briefly describe myself. I am a 21 year old domineering female and quite ambitious. I have looked around for temporary work but was unable to acquire a constant cash flow. Because of these awful circumstances I propose that we turn floors 4,5,6,7 of Culkin hall into a brothel. This venture would be quite profitable and also benefit many of my fellow companions that would patronize the fine establishment. Since the brothel would open at 9:00 and close at 2:00, we wouldn't be bothering any of the administration.

We could even make a joint venture into this profitable line of work by providing the administration with large kickbacks — plus, of course, complimentary guest passes.

love ya

Going strong

The Brothers of Epsilon Omega Phi (EOP) held their annual "Welcome All Girls" Spring Break fiesta last week and yet again the response was not a lot of people. The guys wanted me to write to the paper so that for our next party more people would show up.

This Saturday is our "Welcome All Girls" Wine blast which will be held at the Epsilon Omega Phi trailer on West First Street not far from the abandoned factory. Admission for girls will be free, admission for guys is ten dollars. We will be serving Screaming Japanese Airplane Aviator Punch. There will be another thrilling after-party afterwards. Those girls who could not make the party, be sure to hit the after-party. As a matter of fact, if the front window is on real late, that means I'm up. C'mon in.

In other news, EOP will again be accepting pledges by mail. Send check or money order to the house.

Faternally yours,

"Chachi" Heninger, President, Epsilon Omega Phi

It's just

Dear Sirs,
I came upon what might be interesting: people like this: a person who has another person's pants on. Knock it off, I am a role in my pants. I

Dear Sirs,
I don't know... I just

Dear Sirs,
I seriously doubt th

Dear Sirs,
We were as suprised as you. Our mo

Groucho, Harpo,

Dear Sirs,
A friend asked me about the consciousness of the people that are conscious of the practice ethical egoism. I have crypto-facists who practice double-think. I continue uncontested, I deproques for the military-industrial structures our existen

Oh my Gaw

I missed t

Monday

I would

Dear Sirs,
I went down south to find some sexual activity. I'm back. I'm something. Why do I do it? Maybe because I ate

From the Editor,
Hey buddy, you should be doing something in this transient world, you g