

Editorial Comment

SEARCHING FOR SOLID GROUND

By Roger A. Harris

There's probably no feeling more reassuring than the peace of mind of truly knowing who you are, where you're going, and most importantly, that you stand on solid ground. With respect to FSU, last year's staff writer Earl Moniz eloquently framed the ideal of what a university should be. Building upon the philosophical basis of "The Idea of the University," I will question and provide the focus of this editorial in coming editions. Put quite simply, I will try to examine and answer the probing questions "Where do we stand as a

university?" and "What is it that we truly have and offer at FSU?"

From Admissions to Financial Aid to Registration to Customer Service to Administrative Staffing, we've all heard the horror stories told of unfair and improper treatment--some of them perhaps fiction but still some of them fact. It is with the cases of fact that I am most concerned. What happened? What was done to rectify problems? What will be done to ensure that these problems don't recur? These are the relevant questions that must be asked of situations that descend into the clouded arena

of conjecture.

To be sure, problem areas at FSU, as in any other business (yes, a university is yet a business), do exist, can be isolated, pointed out, and critiqued. However, these phenomena have more to do with the natural interaction of human beings than with any purposeful effort on the part of a business to deny service or hinder progress. What can be labeled purposeful inaction of those involved to acknowledge or rectify the known area of complaint.

Timothy Bodkins (leader of MASK; reference your student

handbooks!) has argued publicly and in private that students should concern themselves more so with self-development and academic success than with the sometimes shadily perceived actions of a particular dean, faculty member, or campus administration. I see merit in his position but argue for a more balanced position and approach. You see, we students (not the administration, not the faculty, not the chancellor) are the single most important factor that will determine and ensure the present viability and future success of this

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