

Matt's Take:**To the
BCE 410
responders**

by Matt Rutherford
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Over the past two weeks I have received many different responses from my opinion on the BCE 410 course—some bad and some good. What I would like to point out is regardless of anyone's feelings my opinion stands and will remain the same until something is done about this course.

One response deemed me as lacking creativity and open-mindedness. In my mind this was more of an insult than anything. I have an extremely open mind and anyone who actually *knows* me would be quite aware of this fact. My mind is not open to books that are for business majors and are forced into my head so I can become a better-rounded boss. I was under the impression that the liberal arts education was supposed to create well rounded people. If this is truly the case why do we need courses on how to make sure our employees are happy? Furthermore, it was my understanding that these BCE courses were under renovation and being tested—sort of like trial and error, which is one of the basics of scientific study. You would think that if something about this course did not work the first time or the students were unhappy (most of them), then the faculty who created the course would do something about it.

I would like to thank Clyde Carter and Jenny Kafsky for taking time out of their busy schedule to sit down with me and several other students to discuss our discontent with the class. They were attentive and on target, asking questions and helping the discussion. This was by far the most positive feedback I have gotten from my opinion.

I would also like to thank those of you who sent me unprofessional, belligerent emails and for your passive aggressive harassment—it has been an utter pleasure. I have never felt so good about working with esteemed staff and faculty, whom I *thought* had open minds and were able to listen. So thank you for listening and waiting to see the whole picture, because I'm sure your pride laden eyes had already given you a grand premonition of just how this mighty course would be a smashing success. P.S. I'll miss Wendy dearly.

**Encounters with
the simple mind**

by Josie Guinn
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It would more than likely amaze you, dear reader, to discover just how stupid the vast majority of individuals are when thrown into a public situation.

I work with the public quite often in one of my jobs, working the concession stand at the local theater. The sheer number of people who apparently can't read or are incapable of performing even the most basic of math functions amazes me.

For example: at our theater, the customers put their own butter on their popcorn. We got tired of people complaining there was too much or not enough, so we figured they could do it for themselves. However, the pump used is very old, and has a tendency to stick. If pushed too hard though, the butter sprays everywhere.

We have signs up warning the customer, yet it never fails to amaze me how many people manage to get everything within a few feet of the dispenser completely covered in buttery flavored topping. We've even had people threaten to make us pay dry-cleaning costs for ruined sweaters. The only thing I can do in that situation is point at the various signs and say, "Well, we warned you."

It also amazes me how people can look at the menu-board, read it and then turn around and ask me how much a particular item is. I don't mind answering when a little kid asks that question, but when it's some 40 year old wearing a suit and tie, I find it rather hard to believe that this person has managed to make

it through life without the ability to read and determine things for themselves.

It's also shocking to discover how incapable some people are of counting money. I tell someone that their total is \$4.50 and they'll hand me four dollars, fully expecting that to be enough. I then have to waste more of my time calling after them and getting them to pay the rest of their bill.

And they give me funny looks when I tell them they haven't given me enough money.

Last summer I received quite possibly the stupidest question that anyone has ever asked me. I answered the phone around ten minutes after the start of the feature, and some guy actually asked me if I could pause the film for he and his girlfriend. They were running late and didn't want to miss anything.

So please people, the next time you're out in public or making a call to a place of business, try to be intelligent. You never know where your words and actions might come back to haunt you.

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