

WheatBread magazine

"Where Ignorance is bliss, wisdom is folly"

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*Submissions, insults, and overbearing
editors are always welcome.*

Now smile.

A reaction to the reactions to this issue, before you have the chance to react.

WheatBread is possibly one of the most talked about organizations on campus this year (whether or not this is a good thing is indeed debatable). However, it occurs to us that with only one issue out this year, freshmen, along with many other members of the student body for that matter, don't really know what we are. Terms such as "alternative publication," "other newspaper," and "piece of shit" are often used to describe us. So here is our first fully, definitively staffed issue this semester, and it is a doozy. Due to the wide range of subject matter within this issue, along with all of the circumstances surrounding it, this editorial is going to try to gauge the student body's reactions, and write a reply to them. I guess in actuality that's more of an explanation than anything, but that doesn't sound quite as snazzy. So here it goes.

The cover and central theme to the issue are undeniably going to at least annoy and at most enrage a fair amount of students and administrators. The source of the idea has to be understood within the context of the printing of this issue. There is no such thing as subtlety on the Clark campus, and there certainly was no subtlety in the administration's and Student Council's opinions upon the investigation of WheatBread. Tempers flared at StudCo meetings over how we are to run our paper, information from the enigmatic executive session has been leaked to the student body, and hints of disappointment over our "lack of punishment" have been muttered by StudCo members.

So if your reaction was one of the aforementioned, here is our response: Our utter lack of subtlety on the cover (and in this editorial) is nothing more than two months worth of frustration over misinformation and paralysis rearing its ugly head. The assertion that WheatBread was not aptly punished seems to us both silly and misleading.

HOWIE OF THE MONTH

Casey Frantz is our first Howie of the Month for the events of September, 1997. Casey first started rumors that he was stepping down, then counter-rumors that he wasn't, and ultimately did step down with nothing more than rumors left to explain why. He also managed to be mentioned in a number of *Scarlet* articles without ever giving *The Scarlet* a decent quote. Casey, you are truly "packing a Howie."



Zack, Mac, and Tom Gibson's hairy legs. Just another meeting.

It's silly because we have been reduced to one of the most unproductive groups on campus, publishing only once all semester before this issue and having one of our new projects, "The Mothership" defunkdified. It's misleading because, since you, the member of the student body are not allowed to know what went on, our "lack of punishment" intimates that WheatBread is an organization that has committed a horrible injustice. All we want to do is publish, is that so wrong?

So what the hell is this issue, you may ask? Well, we have a ready-made reply for that, as well. This issue began as a presidential elections issue; remember way back when, with the ubiquitous Josh Duksin posters and sketchy Rob Clark flyers? It has now evolved over two months into a hodgepodge of old news and new bitterness. If you're still wondering what WheatBread is, then come find out. There will be a general interest meeting at the beginning of the spring semester. Wheatbread is an organization full of new people with new ideas who just seem old because we bitch so much. WheatBread is your publication, work on it, write for it, write to it; the worst you can do is just sit back and wonder what goes on behind closed doors. We want your voice, we do not want to keep you in the dark. We'll leave that to Student Council.

