

TO THE FACULTY OF THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:

I wish to say a few words in my own defense concerning Dr. Gribben's charges against me.

1. After years of therapy, I have come to regard my face as an irreversible genetic problem and its derivative expressions are interpreted at the reader's risk. I accept no responsibility for such readings.

2. I deny having an attitude problem. I will admit to an altitude problem. I'm rather sick and tired of being 5' 5½" tall, or, as I prefer to state it: "Just 6" inches shy of 6'!"

3. I plead guilty to intervening in what might have developed into an assault upon a member of the English department faculty. I, despite subsequent events known to us all, all too well, would probably do it again.

4. I am disappointed that so few of you expressed any interest in hearing my side of the story. It seems that while I have been keeping my mouth shut in the interests of the department's sorely afflicted reputation, precious few of you expressed any concern for mine. If I were a truly belligerent person, I'd be disgusted with the lot of you. As it is, after two weeks, I must admit that I am not macho enough to pretend that I am not hurt.

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