Essay 1 Final Draft

When I wrote my personal statements, I wanted to express with great details who I was as a person. What woke me up every day, what motivated my drives, what I wanted to be and who I was. If the college administration did not accept me for who I was as a person then so be it. When I was deciding what college to go too, I did not have much of an opinion. If the weather was not to bad and it was not too far. If the college gave a computer engineering degree, it did not matter where I attended and where I received the degree from. With that in mind I wanted to do my best to express my personality in my personal statements. I wanted to be accepted to a college that would accept me for who I am. While I was writing my personal statements, I imaged who would read my personal statements, I thought of college recruiter looking for solid well-rounded students for their college.

The personal statements for me is a way to express yourself to colleges. Your grades, and test scores can only express your academics. This is what I think colleges wants to see in your personal statement. In the last paragraph I said well-rounded, what does that mean though. I’ll paint a picture. Someone who does sports, who pushes themselves past their limits, who is passionate in the things they love. College are looking for someone who volunteers and cares about their community, someone that thinks positive, someone that can give it all they got. That is what they want, that’s what they are looking for.

In my personal statement I expressed myself. “If I am really interested and passionate about something, I will stay dedicated and have an overwhelming amount of motivation to improve and get better at it until it is tangible and presentable.” This is how I expressed myself in my personal statement. I think it was a good way to show colleges if they want you or not. With the way I wrote I probably didn’t think about masculine or feminine writing because it was kind of a mix of both in my writing through it was a lot more masculine then feminine writing. One example of feminine writing from my personal statement is, “What I loved the most was the family dynamic that was created on the team of nearly 175 runners.” This is feminine writing because I talked about my love for the family dynamic. So what I’m trying to say is the personal statement is masculine but there can be some feminine writing.

Overall in my own experience, the writing does bear out Magee’s thinking on the admissions essay as a masculinized genre. I talked a lot about my achievements, I was the captain of a sports team, my summer internship, and my skills were all masculine writing. I agree with Magee’s thinking on the admissions. In all honesty, I have never thought the admissions essay as way to be masculine or feminine. When I was writing the admissions essay, I just thought about how I would brag about myself and what to brag about. I was surprised to hear there was a masculine and feminine way of writing in the personal statement. Which makes sense given with the prompts that are given.