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Professor Sihna

Dear Professor Sihna,

My name is Adam Ghose. I am a computer science major and a freshman here at Ohio University.I hail from a small town to the north-west by the name of Columbus. I like Columbus for the most part, but I can’t accurately assess life in Columbus, as I have lived there my entire life apart from the past two weeks here in Athens. I’ve always thought that the public transportation in Columbus was lacking. I believe that Columbus is the largest city in America that does not have a train of any kind. Though I do not have an academic source to back up this claim.

Even though I lived in Columbus and went to school at a place called Columbus Alternative High School, CAHs for short. My school was not very large, with a graduating class of about 150 students. I remember because we had so few people during graduation, they did not only announce our names but our academic accomplishments and our plans for the future. They even allowed us to choose which facility would hand us our diplomas, which seemed like a lot of work to pull off in a timely manner. My school in general was a little unique. While it was a public school, you still needed to raffle in, with extra chance given to people that did well academically. The school itself was very rigorous with many high-level classes that you had to take. It was so academically focused that there were no sports at the school. If you wanted to do sports, you had to participate for another school’s team. I think because our school didn’t have a sports team it also had the lowest budget in the district. Ironic that the school with the best academic performance also had the lowest budget.

At that school I had to take many writing classes which taught me a lot about writing and reading. I have generally always liked writing. I remember when I was very young, probably around ten years old, I wanted to be an author. But, while I do enjoy writing, I sometimes can be a little bit of a pain for me. This is because I only really want to write when I am interested in something. Often, I would not really like any of the writing prompts I was given, and I would end up writing something uninspired and bland. If I am not interested in something it can sometimes be painful to write about it. This has always put me at odds with my teachers as I have often contorted questions into bizarre versions of themselves. When this happens I normally except my middling score and move on. For the most part though I try to write relatively close to what my teachers have in mind as I do want good grades.

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Description automatically generated For my picture I used this fine illustration to demonstrate my feelings on writing. The man in the image is clearly distraught, struggle with some unknown problem. However, in my case the problem is known. I often struggle with writing something that I and the teacher will like. But I also believe that there is more to the picture. If you look closely at the man’s eyes you can see a hint of pleasure in his eyes. A small spark; an innocent yearning for life. That is me with writing. While writing can sometimes be a struggle, it can be a great joy as well.

Writing is a rewarding struggle

Yours truly,

Adam Ghose

Works Cited

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