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Responses to "The University as a Learning Park," by Newt Smith, 12/1/01

Newt, I've just read your 12/1 essay. . . lovely, exciting, energetic, sound observations and suggestions. . . . Thank you for taking the time and energy to communicate them. I'm going to add the questions you posed and the way you posed them (so important, the rhetoric, eh?!) to my front-burner for spring 2002.

Marsha Holmes, English

I certainly agree with the major point of Newt Smith's well-crafted and reasoned essay. I had what I consider to be remarkable and rewarding success with my Freshman Seminar class in the fall semester by "accentuating the positive"--not always easy to do, either, especially in the wake of the 9/11/01 episode. Ironically, as teachers, we so often concentrate on finding and pointing out the faults, rather than on finding and praising the virtues, of our students' responses--whether in written or oral form.

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