

Apathy

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As harsh as it may sound, some people simply do not care.

There are those who choose not to take pride in the recent slew of victories for the Department of Computer Science – intra-university, regional, national, and even international competitions, all conquered by DCS students and faculty. There are those who choose not to give the UP Alliance of Computer Science Organizations (CS Network) even the most modest of respects. There are those who choose not to be thankful for the presence of the foremost venue for DCS students' views, *The UP Parser*, choosing instead to carp at the presence of advertisements, which in the first place allow the effective dissemination of information vital to the DCS' growth.

On the other hand, the people who choose to care are hurt by their colleagues' (sometimes) blatant display of apathy. They are left to think, is this a sign of things to come, an ominous future where it is standard protocol for orgs to give each other the cold shoulder, where service and sacrifice is met with ratcalls and under-appreciation, where people are concerned only with their own affiliations and snub the bigger family that is the Department?

This publication does not wish to enforce its opinion on anyone. It merely implores to those concerned to give even the littlest of efforts to understand all

sides, to probe each circumstance, to do away with tactless and injurious words, and to respect the differences among affiliations.

Because ultimately, it is not a cadre of organizations nor persons which will benefit – it is the Department itself.