

February 14, 1964

Mr. Dennis M. Ritchie
6 Bristol Street
Cambridge 41, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

At a recent meeting, the Committee on Higher Degrees reviewed your grade record and wishes to warn you that it is very much below the standards required of students who desire to continue their studies for the Master's degree. Unless your record improves, registration for the next academic year may not be permitted. If you have not already done so, please see your adviser.

Yours very truly,

THE COMPUTATION LABORATORY OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138



April 21, 1965

Mr. S. Kennedy
Registrar
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Holyoke Center 804
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I am writing in connection with Mr. Dennis M.A. Ritchie, a second year graduate student in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Ritchie was registered last year (1963-64) in Applied Mathematics 219 throughout the whole spring term. However, he never showed up in class nor did he do any work, and eventually he withdrew on May 21, 1964, long after the last meeting of the class. Last year's performance is apparently being repeated this term: Mr. Ritchie is again registered in Applied Mathematics 219; however, he has not as yet appeared in class nor done any work, and I imagine that by June he will again withdraw.

It is my feeling that Mr. Ritchie is not carrying a full program in the University, even though the impression is conveyed to departmental as well as University authorities that he is in fact doing so.

I am bringing this matter to your attention so that corrective action may be taken if you believe that this is warranted.

Sincerely,

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Brought down
to Registrar
office

Mrs. Abrams says, re Ritchie, that if a student isn't doing well in a course and it is too late to drop it, or if DEAP doesn't allow him to drop it, the student absents himself from the exam rather than getting a failing grade. Apparently this is what happened here. She added that DEAP always sends a warning letter in such a case (one is in folder).

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April 28, 1965

Professor Gerald Salton
Computation Laboratory

Dear Mr. Salton:

I write to reply to your letter to me of 21 April about Mr. Dennis M. A. Ritchie, and thank you for so writing me.

I am glad to be able to tell you that on 26 February Mr. Ritchie, having dropped Applied Math. 219, enrolled in Applied Math. 234. Further, since he is a quarter-time research assistant, three courses is a perfectly legal load. Therefore there's nothing amiss on this front and I guess, or at least hope, that everything is in order with him. But again thank you very much for writing me, as of course we always welcome such concern about a student.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. Elder
Dean

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cc: Dean Willanbrock

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February 20, 1967

Mr. Dennis M. Ritchie
1776 Mass. Avenue
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

At its recent meeting, the Committee on Higher Degrees reviewed your academic record for the fall term and noted that you received a grade of "Unsatisfactory" in the "300" course in which you were enrolled.

Please make an appointment to see me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

F. Karl Willenbrock
Associate Dean

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cc: Prof. P. Fischer, Cornell University
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