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Students in their last term receive notices from the administration concerned with the mechanics of graduation with the foreboding postscript or reminder that "this is not a guarantee of graduation." Whereas such a comment can be the object of humor and rather casual jokes, its ultimate effect upon the student is one of complete anxiety.

Bennington's policy re: graduating seniors seems to be based on perpetuating uncertainty. This gathers momentum toward the end of the last term when most senior projects are either fulfilled or nearing completion. The student at this time is still completely unsure of her ultimate graduation from Bennington College. This seems to be due to a disparity between the student's awareness of her academic readiness for graduation endorsed by her counselor, comments, and panel; and the faculty/administration's ambivalence in committing themselves to the student until the final voting takes place a week before graduation.

Is it fair for a senior at Bennington College who has worked steadily and devotedly on her senior project with her tutor to be subject to this nonchalant evasion of the graduation issue?

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