

March 16, 2007

Student Life & Leadership Awards Committee
University Center Room 202
MS 1200

Dear Committee Members:

It is my pleasure and privilege to nominate Mr. Rowdy for the *First Year Student Award* as part of the 2007 Student Life & Leadership Awards. Rowdy combines remarkable aspects of involvement, aspiring leadership and academic achievement that set him high above other nominees. I have met few students that match the traits found in this exceptional student.

My association with Rowdy in my work with the Rowdy Club and I have known him for seven months. Through Rowdy's involvement with the Rowdy club, he has showed excellent maturity and character beyond his years. I have been struck by his level of thinking, respect and honest communication. I have also been impressed with his ability to bring a group of students together with the general goal of improving school spirit. It was clear from the beginning that Rowdy would take his leadership opportunity within the Rowdy club and use it as a learning experience.

When I was asked to select a group of students to serve on a leadership board, Rowdy immediately came to mind. As a clear leader in his group, he represents both his organization and Southeast Missouri State with professionalism, enthusiasm, and class. Rowdy was a key player in developing and delivering Southeast's top rated school spirit presentation at the leadership board conference in 2001. I am positive Rowdy will continue to make a positive impact in his organization as well as at Southeast.

Rowdy's involvement beyond the Rowdy Club also articulates his leadership excellence and potential. Though only a first year student, Rowdy was elected as public relations chair for his fraternity as well as Secretary for the College Democrats. He has also been active in Student Government and plans to serve as an orientation leader this summer. Despite his busy schedule, Rowdy also maintains a 3.75 GPA, in a double major of political science and criminal justice.

I believe Rowdy has demonstrated considerable leadership in his first year at Southeast and recommend him with great confidence. Thank you for allowing me to have the opportunity to nominate such an outstanding first year student leader.

Sincerely,

Advisor of the Rowdy Club